October - November - December 2019

Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter

GPM Quarterly

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Treasurer's Report YTD as of 30 Sept 2019

Income	10,368.47
Expenses	2,100.41
CU GPM General Account	24,115.57
CU GPM Savings	55.00
Total	$24,170.57

The Mensa Voucher Program is back! Use the code below to invite someone you know to test, or submit their qualifying test scores, for **FREE!** New in 2019: We've made some tweaks to the voucher program, thanks to your helpful feedback, that we think will make it more effective and easier to use. There's no long, complicated code to remember; instead, every GPM member will be able to use the same, unique-to-the-group code **as many times as they like**. Your Mensa Voucher Program Code **ItsADryHeat19**. Pass this code along to a friend with this link: **http://phoenix.us.mensa.org/Info/mvp,** that has full instructions on how to use it to get a **FREE** Mensa Test Voucher or **FREE** Prior Evidence Review.

GPM ExCom Minutes

Submitted by David Pivin, Recording Secretary

The ExCom meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, at 2 p.m

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND

July 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM. Present were LocSec Richard Morris; AsstLocSec Lynn Floyd; Treasurer Marni Landry; Recording Secretary David Pivin; Parliamentarian Chris Ingle; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Proctor Coordinator Al Krever; Members at Large Jim Delton, David Sebesta, John Perez; Members Lyn Stinnett, Jennifer Goldberg, Jim Giunta, and Zoe's Kids.

Approval of Minutes

ExCom Meeting 9 June 2019 - Motion to Approve by Lynn Floyd, John Perez seconded. Motion passed at 2:01.

Old Business

- Welcome to ExCom officers - Richard Morris - Appoint Chris as Parliamentarian
- AG report - All - Foundation - Jim Delton - The Mensa Foundation sold the building, looking for a new home, now renting. Looking for a 12Ksqft building. Why so large compared to old 5K? Jill Beckham running the acquisition. Jim had questions that they were not forthcoming with answers. Did a study that they would not share with us. Why do you ask? No reply. At board meeting question was put to the board during the AG meeting. Still denied the information. Question raised to RVC9 who will "look into it." Jim will follow up with Alton Hitchcock, RVC9.
- New Times story - All - Kudos to Jennifer on article that was shared with Dave Cahn and Desiree Elliot.
- RVC9 - All - He was attentive at the meet and greet session.
- Mensa website - Dave Pivin, Richard Morris Summary of discussion.
- Vouchers - Richard Morris - Can vouchers be given to the local group? Yes. First three months of the program, but may not do it this year.
- MVP Program reprise - Only 500 members were added last year. Suggestion to give vouchers to LGs who then solicit nominations from the membership
- Can members buy vouchers? Yes, sort-of. Very difficult.
- GYP: How can we help? - Julie, All - Not present.
- RG Report - David Sebesta. Need to postpone meeting till next Sunday at 2PM.
- Voucher Deals - Al Krever, Richard Morris still working on trying to get vouchers to distribute.
- MailChimp status - David Pivin. Continuing with status quo until MailChimp tells us we have to make further changes.
- Lapsed Member Promotion - Richard Morris. Some money will be provided for our effort plus $3K for hosting the AG.
- Expense report form - Richard Morris, Marni Landry provided Form Link. Up and running well.

New Business

- Adoption of '19-'20 budget - All - Motion to approve by Marni, seconded by David Sebesta. No discussion. Motion carries at 2:42.
- LG Scholarships - Lynn Floyd - Had 3 volunteers For notification to NO will need LG Chair's name, member number, email, same for asst. Vice Chair if there is one. Motion by Jim Delton, seconded by Chris. Motion carries at 2:44.

Officer Reports

Treasurer - Checking balance $16,506.19, Savings $55.00, Total balance $16,561.19. New PayPal account is active. Payments for RG have been received and transferred into checking. Vanguard $5.71 check addressed to American Mensa.
MAAM Editor - Quarterly went out. Found typo on RG registration for dates of price breaks. Need to resolve and notify. Error was in the column headings for the price breaks.
RecSec, Members@Large, Assistant LocSec - NTR
Proctor Coordinator - Problems for candidates getting vouchers. AG testing we were expected to provide Proctors, notified at the last minute. We tried and then we contacted Allison to explain why we had to provide. Notice should have been given in February. Allison said committee would provide. No Proctor showed up on Wednesday session. Saturday was covered. Schedule of tests to be one every other month and one at RG.
ISComm - Added Budget information to member's web site.
Parliamentarian - Brought PayPal Reader to be enabled. Will do after meeting. Suggested a presence on SnapChat to promote testing. Chris will provide.
LocSec - Nothing further.

Guest Question

Jennifer - had a lot of fun at AG, well done. Going to KC. Question if we have AG-like SIG Suites at our RG? No.
JimG - had a great showing at his presentation at the AG and got some clients.

Next Meeting

11 August 2019, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Chris Ingle. Lynn Floyd seconded. Motion passed at 3:14.

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August 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 PM. Present were LocSec Richard Morris; AsstLocSec Lynn Floyd (absent excused); Treasurer Marni Landry; Recording Secretary David Pivin; Parliamentarian Chris Ingle; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Members at Large Jim Delton, David Sebesta, John Perez; GYP Coordinator, Julie Gunnigle; Members Jim Giunta, Zoe's Kids, and Julie Gunnigle.

Approval of Minutes

ExCom Meeting, 14 July 2019 - Motion to Approve by Chris Ingle. Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:21

Old Business

- RG Committee report - David Sebesta. et. al. -
- Hotel - News: Code on bathroom locks. Will need to get this from hotel.
- Rate - $89
- Registration code - Coming tomorrow, will publish when I get it. [provided later: C-MENSA]
- Paypal conundrum - Chris, Marni, David S., Dave Pivin. - Set name to American Mensa Ltd. dba Greater Phoenix Mensa, then submit to PayPal.
- GYP - Julie Gunnigle. - Seeking funding from govt. to support gifted education in schools. AAGT upcoming meeting Parent Institute. Lynn & Dale Floyd may be interested. We would like to have a table. ($50) Budget is $1,500 for all GYP use.
- Kids track for the RG - Same person from last year is interested.
- AG stipend: Have we gotten it? - Marni - Not as of 8/11/19 Richard will inquire.
- MailChimp adjustments - Dave P. - Created new account for GPM All eList to be used by LocSec.

New Business

•Do we want to have a MAD before the RG? - All - Motion not to have a MAD before the RG by Chris. Seconded by JohnP. Motion carries. Discussion about a New Member meetup instead.
•Return of the MVP program - All - Re-designed program where LGs get a single code to be re-used. To be officially announced on 3 September. Marketing plan to be created, but depending on final rules. Richard wants to work through local educators and organizations, Julie Gunnigle will help there. Al to send an eBlast to the prospect list. Notices on FB Group page.

Officer Reports

Treasurer - Checking balance $18,550.65, Savings Balance $55.00, Total Funds $18,605.65.
ISComm - Made adjustment to MailChimp.
Members@Large - JimD MeetUp raising their rates. Asking if we should continue spending $200. Motion to terminate MeetUp. Chris moved, DaveS seconded. Motion carries.
Parliamentarian - PayPal fee is 2.8%
All others - ntr

Next Meeting

8 September 2019, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Dave Sebesta, Chris seconded. Motion passed at 3:10

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June 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. Present were LocSec Richard Morris; AsstLocSec Lynn Floyd; Treasurer Marni Landry; Recording Secretary David Pivin; Parliamentarian Chris Ingle; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Members at Large Jim Delton, David Sebesta, John Perez; Proctor Coordinator, Al Krever; Members Barb Lytle, Helen Goldman, David Coast, Zoe's Kids, and Julie Gunnigle; Guest Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes

ExCom Meeting, 11 August 2019 - Motion to Approve by John Perez. Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:01

Old Business

- MVP Program - All - Richard Morris delighted with response. Messages sent, responses - Dave Pivin -
- Multiple MailChimp Campaigns were queued up and began launching on September 3rd according to a marketing plan. First one sent to GPM Members (903 subscribers) from LocSec, initial email blast sent, 36% opens. Monthly reminders set for October, November and December.
- eUpdate September 6th: (825 subscribers) members were supplied a copy/paste link with the code and instructions on how to use it for them to post to any social media channel they routinely visit. Same info may be sent in a direct email to possible candidates. Included here for reference: "Free Mensa tests for everyone! Share with friends and foes alike. Follow directions and use code "ItsADryHeat19" at this address http://phoenix.us.mensa.org/Info/mvp.html
- Full instructions there on how to use the code to get a FREE test voucher or FREE Prior Evidence Review."

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Phoenix Phiesta XXXVII:
"The After AG/RG"
55 Years of Greater Phoenix Mensa
GPM Regional Gathering (RG)
November 28-30, 2019

Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck Buffet

30-Plus Programs to Inform, Stimulate and Amuse:
- Interesting Speakers on many subjects
- Games Galore!
- Parties After Dark (pack a bathing suit)
- Romance! Sex! Adventure!
- **Awesome Kids Track – All Day!**
- Endless conversation and an infinity of puns
- Saturday Night Banquet with awesome entertainment!
- **AND MUCH, MUCH, MORE!!** (Subject to confirmation or change)

Hotel Information:

Hilton Garden Inn – Midtown Phoenix, 4000 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012
Hotel Rates: TBD + Tax per room/night, single or double
Includes: free self-parking, free in-room internet & free Fitness Center entry.
Hotel is 100% non-smoking.
Phone: 602-279-9811 (1-800-446-6677), Code: to be determined
Contact David Sebesta, 480-798-9409, for hotel room rate and discount code.

Regional Gathering Prices:

Full Registration: ***Includes all meals***

	To Aug 1	To Sep 15	To Oct 15	Thereafter
Adults*	$95.00	$110.00	$125.00	$135.00
First Timers*	$85.50	$99.00	$112.50	$121.50
Kids 7- 14	$47.50	$55.00	$62.50	$67.50
Kids Under 7	Free	Free	Free	Free

*GPM Members and recent transfers who joined or arrived after December 2018 are eligible for a 10% discount off these Adult prices.

Day Rates:

Friday	$60
Saturday (Including banquet)	$80
Banquet only	$40

Cancellation Policy: 100% through September 1, 50% through October 15. No refund except in special cases thereafter.

You may register and pay with credit card:
https://tinyurl.com/gpm-rg2019

*Terms, conditions and other folderol:
The rates applicable are determined by the date the registrations are submitted or the postmark of the envelope if hard copy. And if you've ever been arrested for drinking chocolate milk in a suspicious manner you may not claim a discount.

Registrant Information:

Name:_____
Badge Name:_____
Address:_____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone:_____
Mensa #:_____
Date: _____
E-Mail:_____
Age if minor:_____

Full Weekend: $_____ (Price depends on age group)
Partial:
Fri. Only _____ $60
Sat. Only (Incl. Banquet) _____ $80
Banquet Only _____ $40

Extra Credit questions (If to get the 10% Adult price discount):
First RG? _____
New Member or
Transfer into GPM this year? _____
Member #_____
(First registrant only)

T-Shirt: $15 (high-quality 100% cotton T-Shirt with RG Logo printed)
Youth: ___ M (10-12) ___ L (14/16)
Adult: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL
Adult: ___ 2XL and up $18
None___

Total enclosed for this registrant: $_____

Please make your check payable to **Greater Phoenix Mensa**

Mail to:
RG Registration
P.O. Box 60456
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Mensa Acronyms & Calendar

AG: Annual Gathering (convention)
AMC: American Mensa Committee (Nationally elected/appointed Officers)
AML: AmericanMensa,Ltd. (National Office Employees)
ASIE: Action Still In Effect (Existing AMC or GPM policy)
ExCom: Executive Committee GPM Greater Phoenix Mensa
LDW: Leadership Development Workshop
LocSec: Local Secretary/President
M/Ms: Mensan/Mensans
MERF: Mensa Education & Research Foundation
MIL: Mensa International, Ltd.
NO: NationalOffice
RG: Regional Gathering
RVC: RegionalViceChair
SIG: Special Interest Group
SIGHT: Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers

Calendar Event Codes

MO: Mensans, guests and prospects only.
ME/P: GPM Event, public welcome.
PE/M: Public event, Mensans welcome.
GYP: Event hosted by our **Gifted Youth Program** to support our youth members, families and guests.

IMPORTANT NOTE: As of the time the calendar was printed, the following information was current. For more current information and updates, please go to the website **http://www.phoenix.us.mensa.org/**

Weekly Event Details

- ME/P - Whine and Dine Happy Hour, Wednesdays 5 - 7 pm - Location varies, 1st Wed. - Desert Jade Kitchen, 3215 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, 2nd & 4th - Wildflower Bread Company, 4290 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix (602) 850-8585, no alcohol, 3rd - Manuel's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina 2820 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85016, 3rd - Manuel's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina 2820 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85016, 5th - Aunt Chilada's 602-703-9324, 7330 N. Dreamy Draw Dr, Phoenix 85020, Contact Mike Johnson 602-956-0180
- MO - Tuesday on Thursdays! - Thursdays 5 - 6:30 pm - Ruby Tuesdays, 27 S McClintock Dr,#15, Tempe. Gary & Gail 602-790-8626

Monthly Event Details

2nd Sunday

- MO - Executive Committee (ExCom), 2 - 3 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. ***MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!***

2nd Tuesday

- ME/P - Ahwatukee M Happy Hour, 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Keegan's Grill, 4723 E. Ray Road, Phoenix. Michael Riordan 480-335-9890 or PHXRiordan@gmail.com

1st Thursday

- ME/P - Westside Lunch Group, 1 - 3 pm at Little Bite of Italy, 15456 N. 99th Ave (at Greenway), Sun City. Contact Jean Barton 623-546-3180 or Bartrabbit@aol.com
- ME/P - The Idea Exchange, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Denny's, 3315 N. Scottsdale, Rd Scottsdale. Contact Mike Johnson at mensamike@gmail.com or 602-703-9324.

4th Friday

- ME/P - Mensa Forum, 7 - 8:45 pm Topics Vary. On Hiatus November and December Paradise Valley Town Hall, 6401 E Lincoln Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253. Contact Forum Coordinator, Jim Delton, jimntempe@yahoo.com for info.
- ME/P - Post Forum Debriefing, 9 - 10 pm - Humble Pie Pizza, 6149 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250. Contact Forum Coordinator (above) for info.
- PE/M - Contradance, 7:30 - 10:30 pm at Irish Cultural Center, 1106 N Central Ave, Phoenix. Contact Peter B. 323-788-4883 or 1bergonzi1@gmail.com

1st Saturday

- ME/P - Casino Lunch, 12 - 3 pm - This alternates the location each month. About $18. Call 602-703-9324 or MensaMike@gmail.com

2nd Saturday

- PE/M - Contradance, 7:30 - 10:30 pm at Kenilworth School, 1210 N 5th Ave, Phoenix. Contact Peter B. 323-788-4883 or 1bergonzi1@gmail.com (off in July)

3rd Saturday

- ME/P - DINE OUT GROUP (D.O.G.) - Building on the friendship and dining experiences of Din Din with Lynne (Vest) and Mary Prior's East Valley Dine Out SIG (DOSIG), we are starting anew with monthly meals at various locatons. Contact Judy Herrmann at MensaDinner@gmail.com.

4th Saturday

- MO - 6:00 to 11:00 PM - Original Games Night! Owl is $2.00 per person. SO, WBC. New host, Chris Ingle may be contacted at christopher.ingle@yahoo.com or by cell at 520-240-9810 for detailed directions to location near Baseline Rd and Loop-101 in Tempe.

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- Mensa Test Information eList: "Prospect" list used for test announcements (936 subscribers) sent from LocSec with 25% opens, 5% clicks. Announced MVP program and requested an email response to LocSec to be given the code. Around 80 requests from prospects currently received.
- Social media - Richard asked that ExCom please post the above info.
- Libraries - Richard Morris a poster to be made and distributed to libraries.
- Participation - The more the merrier, look for more outlets, we can provide materials.
- Results to date - about 75 prospects have requested a code.
- RG Report - David Sebesta - 30 signups. Hilton bathroom code 111222# Current count - 30 registrations, similar to last year's count at this time.
- T'Day Pot Luck - Richard Morris - looking for volunteers, Helen suggested we buy a turkey if we don't get enough. We have a microwave and refrigerator.
- Sept. 21 conference - Lynn Floyd said she would change her schedule to cover. Julie unable to call in. Ordered bookmarks.Support materials, MVP offer cards, Richard to print them.

New Business

- Gift from Nurnberg LocSec - Lynn Floyd - Attended EMAG was presented with "Event Tracker" with official stamp to mark attendance.
- Business cards for ExCom - All - Richard researched, 500/$28. Worthwhile? General ExCom with write-in area. Motion to purchase generic cards for ExCom by Chris Ingle, seconded by Marni Landry. Passed at 2:50 PM
- Scholarships - Julie Gunnigle, Lynn Floyd - Starts 15 September. Guidance received from NO chair. Posters ordered. Will use current web info and tickler on GPM Home Page. We need to send $550 additional to NO to fund. Motion to fund, Jim D, DaveS. Motion carries 2:58. David Coast suggested we do fundraisers for next year's scholarships.

Officer Reports

Treasurer - Total Cash: $23,483.32, Checking: $23,428.32, Savings: $55.00, $3,000 was rec'd from NO for AG on 8/16/19
MAAM Editor - Need more input to MAAM
Member@Large - Jim Delton Forum started up, September and October scheduled
Parliamentarian - PayPal reader up and working.
All others - ntr

Next Meeting

13 October 2019, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by John Perez, David Sebesta. seconded. Motion passed at 3:03 PM.

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