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Treasurer's Report YTD as of 31 Dec 2019

Income	17,278.14
Expenses	18,121.68
CU GPM General Account	15,331.90
CU GPM Savings	55.00
Total	$15,386.90

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 pm

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND

October 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM. Present were LocSec Richard Morris; AsstLocSec Lynn Floyd; Treasurer Marni Landry; Recording Secretary David Pivin; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Proctor Coordinator Al Krever; Members at Large Jim Delton, David Sebesta, John Perez; Members Jim Giunta, and Zoe's Kids.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting 8 September 2019 - Motion to Approve by Lynn Floyd, John Perez seconded. Motion passed at 2:05.

Old Business
• RG Report
- Registrations to date - 40 signups to date.
- Treasurer - $3103.85 rc'd RG Registrations.
- PayPal issue - Marni Landry, Chris Ingle. W9 with EIN received from NO 9/24. Submitted to PayPal 9/26. Submitted 3x - no response. Submitted customer service email 10/13/2019
• Programs - Lynn - 4 - 5 slots open.
• Pot luck interest - Chris not present.
• Pete Costantino asked where the fridge is, Zoe has it.
• AAGT 9/21 meeting - Lynn Floyd, Setup table and banner gave bookmarks and brains and the "How to Join" card. Good traffic, about 25 visited.
• MVP Program - All - Richard Morris says 95 have been given the code by his response to request.
- Posters to libraries - Phoenix City Libraries
- Hand out cards printed - Lynn distributed some at AAGT.
• Last test session - Al Krever - 5 total tested.
- Next test session - Al - 2 on 19th October, 2 on 5th Nov.
• ExCom business cards - Richard brought cards for re-distribution
• Stealth Recruiting cards - Richard brought bookmark cards for re-distribution

New Business
• AAGT 2/6/2020 Conference, is it worth while? - Marni Landry - Booth may be available, need a volunteer. Julie Gunnigle needs to be contacted to see if we can get a free table. Thursday 6th and Friday the 7th at Black Canyon Conference Center near I-17. Reg closes Feb 5. Will pursue later.
• Recruiting new Proctor Trainees - All - We need more Proctor Trainees. Al Krever and Richard Morris will draft a pitch.
• Test in December? - All - Al Krever - it depends on the response to next two.Feeling from ExCom was that there may not be needed for the holidays.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Checking balance $23,055.13, Savings $55.00, Total balance $23,110.13. MAAM Editor - GPM Quarterly posted on 1 Oct.
RecSec - NTR
Proctor Coordinator -
ISComm - NTR
Members@Large - Jim Delton sent RVC another email re: Foundation. No response. Richard Suggested that we take it more public, e.g. Letter to the Editor of Bulletin. Letter to the Board? Dave Sebesta said we haven't heard anything from NO.
Assistant LocSec - Scholarship period is open. Judges can't see essays till December 1. Publicized at schools and libraries. Will be sending out more emails. Could use another judge.
Parliamentarian - absent
LocSec - NTR

Guest Question
Jim Giunta said "Hi Everybody!"

Next Meeting
10 November 2019, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by John Perez. David Sebesta seconded. Motion passed at 2:46.

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November 11, 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; GYP Coordinator, Julie Gunnigle; Members Jim Giunta, Helen Goldman, and Zoe's Kids. Guest: Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 13 October 2019 - Motion to Approve by Lynn. Marni seconded. Motion passed at 2:02.

Old Business
• RG Update - David Sebesta., et. al. Over 60 attendees registered.
- Programs - Lynn Floyd - all filled up, has extras. Data being entered and will be complete tonight. Draft of program to be sent to Richard before Thursday this week.
- PayPal - All Setting aside until after the first of the year.
- Live with current patch until Jan. '20.
- Hotel bill payment arrangements - David Sebesta - Banquet menu due soon and payment being done by Dave with his own CC.
- Hospitality front money - Pete will continue to use his own card.
- Kids Track - David S. Plan B needed as the past presenter was not being responsive.
• Interest in Pot Luck - Chris - 7 showed interest on reg form. Estimate 40.
• AAGT meeting - All - Julie Gunnigle says booths are expensive may be able to get a discounted booth. Keep Richard in the loop. Opportunity to have a booth and a breakout session. February 6 & 7th.
- Volunteer Richard Morris said he would volunteer booth duty. Zoe said she may be able to participate

New Business
RG Registration - Marni - Set exact parameters for committee & ExCom costs for next year. Communicate the actual Committee price widely.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Checking balance $23,237.06, Savings Balance $55.00, Total Funds $23,292.06.
ISComm - Began the transition of GoDaddy email accounts to new server at their request. Cost remains about the same, but we got a discount on the first year by renewing for 3 years.
Members@Large - Jim Delton - Proposed to continue using PV as Forum location. Talked to Alton about Jim's issue with the new building, but did not get a firm answer to pursue.
LocSec - So far so good
All others - NTR

Next Meeting
8 December 2019, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by John, Chris seconded. Motion passed at 2:38

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December 8, 2019

(Minutes approval is pending January 12, 2020 ExCom meeting)
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; GYC: Julie Gunnigle; Members at Large Jim Delton, David Sebesta, John Perez; Proctor Coordinator, Al Krever; Members: Jim Giunta and Zoe's Kids; Guest Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 10 November 2019 - Motion to Approve by David Sebesta. Lynn Floyd seconded. Motion passed at 2:01.

Old Business
• Pot Luck Dinner - All Lynn said hospitality setup was wonderful
- Attendance - Richard Count at any given time was 30-40, estimated total 50
- Cost - Richard/Pete $240 by Richard, Pete spent ~$45
- Settling up - All - Done
• RG Post Mortem - All
- Attendance - 74 total 12 same day
- Finance - All Full accounting to be added to GPM Budget file.
- Receipts - Marni/Chris/David S./ Richard $1640.68
- Expenses - David S./Pete $1377.28
- Hotel cost $8971 on DaveS cc
- JimG - $88.34 for banner, came in under budget.
- Programs - Lynn - Some feedback that one presenter was more of a sales pitch. Question about having 2 rather than 3 tracks. Was Visual Trivia too hard? No. JulieG said Kids' Track was successful.
- Venue - All - Lasagna was gummy? Banquet Meal cost $37/head + tax and 18% gratuity. Totes for drinks disappeared after setup. Should do a walkthrough the day before. JulieG considering we may need more space or split among older and younger kids. Noise was a concern. 11 kids attended.

New Business
• Go Navy 12/14 - All right thinking people
• Next year's Scholarships - All - Lynn agreed repeat as Scholarships Chair
• Next year's RG - All DavidS agreed to repeat as RG Chair. Will have a meeting with the hotel next week.
- Merit of beginning planning soon - All
- Volunteers - You know who you are
• Owner's Manual Rewrite - All
- Need - Richard needs a replacement.
- Volunteer - You know who you are. Dave Pivin volunteered to edit. Lynn Floyd will rewrite content with input from ExCom due by next May.
• EXECUTIVE SESSION - ExCom, Pete Costantino, Lyn Stinette., Julie Gunnigle. Discussed aberrant behavior of members at the RG.
- Topic - Security, past and future.

Officer Reports
Treasurer (Including today's changes) - Total Cash: $23,646.79, Checking: $23701.79, Savings: $55.00,
MAAM Editor - MAAM Digest just went out.
Member@Large - David Sebesta - Please change Member at Large name from Jim Giunta to his info by sending info to Becky at NO.
Assistant LocSec - Still can't get to scholarship essays, delayed till next week?
All others - NTR

Questions or Comments by Members or Guests
Julie Gunnigle - Have $2,000 of AAGT money to give to teachers that hasn't been given out yet to grant a gifted endorsement. Welcoming any suggestions for possible candidates.
Lyn Stinnett - paid full reg price as a committee member. Will get a pass for next year.

Next Meeting
January 12, 2020, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by David Sebesta, Chris Ingle seconded. Motion passed at 3:25 PM.

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From RIchard Morris, GPM LocSec:

'What's In It For Me?'

Mensa has just completed a promotion called 'MVP,' Mensa Voucher Program. It may have been a thumping success for GPM. We know that 100+ people got the code that allowed them to get a voucher for a Mensa test or verification of prior evidence.

Your LocSec did a little retail marketing of the promo, and the question he most often got from prospects is 'What's in it for me?' His answer was that Mensa is 'sandbox' for smart people. We can make it into anything we want it to be.

Which is true for all Mensans, not just newbies, including those reading this Quarterly.

A worthy bit of wisdom is that in the long term you can't take more out of a system than you put into it. That applies to nearly everything, from national economies to Mensa memberships. Since you get to make it up to suit yourself if all you want is the membership card, all you have to put in is your dues. (Damned expensive plastic!)

Want more? Make it happen. ExCom will help in any way they can, but the initiative needs to come from folks who want more than just the card. Is that you?

To discuss your ideas, email locsec@phoenixmensa.org

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 602-703-9324
- 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. 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.) - 2:00 - 4:00 PM Hey you! Get out of the house and make new friends! Monthly meals at various locatons. Joint meeting with Intertel. RSVP by Wednesday before to 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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