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Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter

GPM Quarterly

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COVID-19 UPDATE

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Treasurer's Report YTD as of 31 March 2021

Income	9903.49
Expenses	3933.02
CU GPM General Account	22,327.55
CU GPM Savings	55.00
Total	$22,382.55

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, or by Zoom Teleconference at 2 PM.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND

January 10, 2021
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Marni Landry; Treasurer Chris Ingle; Recording Secretary David Pivin; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Members at Large Jim Delton and John Perez; Members Zoe's Kids.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 13 Dec 2020 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris, seconded by John Perez, approved at 2:01 PM.

Old Business
• Approval of Budget/Finances - Currently updating spreadsheets, will be completed by the time Treasurer Report is made.

New Business
• GYC Appointment - Candidate in the application process.
• Critical Member Renewal Program - up to two members may be nominated for dues coverage for those having COVID-19 related or similar financial hardship preventing renewal. Dave Sebesta will forward copy for eUpdate and LocSec email blast.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Updated spreadsheet today. Treasurer spreadsheet: Total funds $21131.08, Checking $21076.08, Savings $55.00.
MAAM Editor - GPM Quarterly published, uploaded, and shipped. You should see it this week. Suggestion from Jim Delton to send out a “Get well card” to all members. We should evaluate whether it is cost effective to send hybrid email/mailing.
All others - NTR

Next Meeting
14 February, 2021, by Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Chris Ingle, John Perez seconded. Motion passed at 2:27.

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February 14, 2021
The meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Marni Landry; Treasurer Chris Ingle; Recording Secretary David Pivin; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Members at Large Jim Delton and John Perez; Guest Peter Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 10 January 2021 - Motion to Approve by John Perez. Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:07.

Old Business
• Postcard program - Jim Delton provided a draft to be forwarded to me. Discussion about whether we mail to print only members or everyone. Jim moved to send to all, John Perez seconded. Timing discussed, sooner or later? Tabled due to uncertainty of resuming in-person activity.
• Critical member renewal update - David Sebesta - only got one response and it was supported by RVC.
• GYC Update - Candidate application paperwork is in process at NO.
• eUpdate blurb needs updating. Richard Morris will provide blurb copy.

New Business
• Regional Gathering - David Sebesta - Some LGs doing virtual. Have not started discussion with Hilton. Ideas proposed of a significantly scaled back one-day event. David will look into options with the hotel.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Total funds $21,131.08, Checking $21,076.08, Savings $55.00.
Assistant LocSec - Went to AMC virtual meeting of LocSec. Other LGs are open to outside attendees.
LocSec - LDW meeting attended this past week. Similar concerns about volunteers to serve on ExCom. Some Zoom fatigue. Our own joint meeting with Intertel has 10 to 12 members regularly attending each Saturday.
All others - ntr

Comments by Members or Guests
NTR

Next Meeting
14 March 2021, 2 PM as Zoom Teleconference

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris, John Perez seconded. Motion passed a 2:36.

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March 14, 2021
The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Marni Landry; Recording Secretary David Pivin; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Members at Large Jim Delton and John Perez; Members Zoe's Kids. Guest Peter Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 14 February 2021 - Motion to Approve by Marni Landry. Richard Morris seconded. Motion passed at 2:08.

Old Business
• Member Postcard - Tabled last month. Timing depends on an upcoming major event. Jim Delton proposed we have a MAD at Margaret Hance park in mid May. Also possible when the weather cools off in October. Maintain 60-90 day notice. Richard moved to postpone MAD to Fall. Chris Ingle Seconded. Motion passed at 2:10 PM
• GYC - No updates
• Smaller Scale RG - David Sebesta is working with Hilton to workout availability for whatever scale event we would do there.

New Business
• Reopening Events - Chris said he would think about restarting Games night in a Month or 2.
• 2021-22 Elections - David Sebesta said he would reach out to Judy Herrmann to chair Election committee.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Chris Ingle will update all financials before the quarterly is due. Total funds $21,131.08 Checking $21,076.08, Savings $55.00.
MAAM Editor - GPM Quarterly will go out April 1.
IScomm - Renewed domains.
LocSec - Developing a leadership development workshop deck.
All Others - ntr

Comments by Members or Guests
NTR

Next Meeting
11 April 2021, 2 PM via Zoom Teleconference

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris. Jim Delton seconded. Motion passed at 2:30.

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GPM Virtual Meetings
This has been a challenging year for all of us. When the first restrictions on gatherings and restaurants began in mid-March, the ExCom began meeting remotely using Zoom and held our first meeting in April. We are expecting to resume more in-person meetings and events after April or May with the Member Appreciation Day picnic after the Summer heat subsides and some level of RG in November.

We have two regular weekly events that would normally be in-person, but have transitioned to Zoom for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis. This might be a good time to try and join one of these meetings. They are attended well by many GPMers you already know. Full details on how to join are available on our web site:

http://phoenix.us.mensa.org/Info/index.html

Sundays at 6:00 PM
VIRTUAL IDEA EXCHANGE discussion group. You may propose anything of interest to you. We discuss the topic(s) of most interest. A book, movie, news item, TV report, idea - ANY TOPIC of your choice. Join Zoom Meeting (visit the detailed link above for details) Pete Costantino, pete@usa1944.com, will run this meeting. Audio and Video required for participation. Contact: Jim Delton, jimntempe@yahoo.com. Feel free to email Pete (cc Jim) with your proposed topics.

Saturdays at 4:00 PM
MENSA / INTERTEL VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR - Even introverts get tired of being by themselves after a while! Are you getting tired of only talking to your pets? Connect virtually with other introverts on Zoom! (visit the detailed link above for details) Use the Zoom app, or use Zoom in your browser, or use the audio on your smartphone. Just follow the links on "Join Zoom Meeting". Audio and Video required for participation. BYOB - Bring Your Own Beverage, Owl - $ Contributions are in order, RSVP - Reservations should be made, contact Judy Herrmann, MensaDinner@gmail.com.



Regional Coordinator Letter – April 2021

This spring seems full of hope that we may be coming to the end of this pandemic. We've been forced to adjust to a new way of doing things: to gather virtually instead of in person, to keep our distance and mask up, and to maintain mental health in forced isolation. It's been hard for many of us. Some days, the most I've been able to manage is brushing my teeth and staying awake to watch TV. But now, there's hope that we may be able to gather by the end of summer!

Registration for the World Gathering at the end of August is still open, and I hope you'll consider coming. It will be the first in-person Mensa gathering I will have been to since the AG in 2019, and I'm so excited to see my friends again. Over the past year, I've become closer to people in Mensa through SO MANY ZOOM CALLS, but nothing beats meeting in person when it's an option.

One thing you can do before the WG is vote in our election! Voting opens up on April 15th. We have four national positions that are contested – Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, and Treasurer. My race is not contested, so you'll have me as your Regional Vice Chair (Region 9) starting in July. I currently have a voice but not a vote as your Regional Coordinator, and this election will give me a vote as well. Please consider your vote carefully. The direction of our organization matters, and we need solid leadership to guide us into what a modern social organization looks like.

If you're looking for a musical outlet, Bill Paisner out of San Diego has put together a Region 9 virtual choir. We do about one song a month, the instructions are clear, and the finished product is enjoyed by many! Email him at **wpaisner@post.harvard.edu** if you're interested. We're especially looking for men to join us.

Stay safe and healthy, and let's meet in person soon!

Rachel Kibler, Region 9 Coordinator

What Next?
As we begin 2021 we expect that we will be continuing Zoom ExCom meetings for at least the next quarter. We will be giving two weeks notice of the resumption of in-person meetings.

You will note that nearly all GPM events and news are now available on your computer or mobile device. Due to continuing COVID-19, this coming year will have the same challenges to in-person events. If you haven't tried Zoom or any other method for video conferencing, we recommend it as a way to interact with GPM friends or your own family. It's not just for the geeks or young people as you can see from our ExCom. Email me at editor@phoenixmensa.org or give me a call at 602-677-6129 so I can help you with personal support in doing this.

- Dave Pivin, GPM Editor

Screenshot from Zoom ExCom March 14th



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/**

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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

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 - 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.

3rd or 4th Saturday

- ME/P - 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM - ME/P - GPM ROAD BIKERZ - Various road biking locations throughout the area. Contact Dave Pivin, mrpiv@me.com for info.

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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