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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 30 June 2021

Income	11,449.03
Expenses	4,488.21
CU GPM General Account	23,317.90
CU GPM Savings	55.00
Total	$23,372.90

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, or by Zoom Teleconference at 2 PM.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND

April 11, 2021
The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; Recording Secretary David Pivin; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Members at Large Jim Delton and John Perez; Guest Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 14 March 2021 - Motion to Approve by John Perez, seconded by Richard Morris, approved at 2:03 PM.

Old Business
• ExComm Elections - Judy Herrmann will volunteer to be chair.
• GYC - Starting Over - Lost the volunteer, will have to send another request in the eUpdate.

New Business
• Testing - Steven B, proctor asked about local testing. Local venues are not quite ready.
• Reopening Events - Joint Intertel-Mensa monthly meeting will restart next month. Pete suggested that we should begin planning a GPM event for all members. David Sebesta will ask if there is any promotional money available from national.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Updated spreadsheet today: Total funds $22382.55, Checking $22327.55, Savings $55.00.
All others - NTR

Next Meeting
9 May, 2021, by Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Dave Pivin, John Perez seconded. Motion passed at 2:29.

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May 9, 2021
The meeting was called to order at 2:01 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, 11 April 2021 - Motion to Approve by John Perez. Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:01.

Old Business
• Member Event - Pete Costantino & Jim Delton site research. Talked to Hilton, price $300 for the room, plan to use wrapped food so no touching needed. Reserved for 17 July. RSVP needed. Member + fam or guest. Using the Scottsdale room. Jim to create write up. Dave Pivin to send out to membership to garner RSVPs. Pete & Jim to put together financial proposal - rough estimate $1000. No deposit done yet, need to know Hilton's timing of payment. Vote to approve next month. Get draft of what Hilton will need for a contract.
• Elections - Have one new at large interest. Marni Landry and John Perez have indicated they would continue to serve.
• Open Volunteer Positions - GYC, Proctor Coord, and Northern AZ currently working on those. Marni Landry may have a GYC volunteer but the person needs to become a member.
• Annual Financial Declaration - Done and put on Google Drive. https://drive.google.com/file/d/13KivbYJTZKZrSxtzndd9zoHOLR_3NCxm/view?usp=sharing

New Business
• None

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Total funds $23372.90, Checking $23317.90, Savings $55.00.
All others - ntr

Comments by Members or Guests
NTR

Next Meeting
13 June 2021, 2 PM as Zoom Teleconference

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Chris Ingle, Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed a 2:24.

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June 13, 2021
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 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; Member at Large Jim Delton; Members Zoe's Kids and Jim Giunta. Guest Peter Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 9 May, 2021 - Motion to Approve by Marni Landry. Dave Pivin seconded. Motion passed at 2:02.

Old Business
• Elections - List presented to by Judy Hermann. Spreadsheet to be forwarded list as follows:
– LocSec - David Sebesta
– AsstLocSec - Marni Landry
– Treasurer - Chris Ingle
– RecSec - Dave Pivin (to be appointed since term limit applied)
– Editor - Dave Pivin (to be appointed)
– Member at Large 1 - John Perez
– Member at Large 2 - Gene Holmerud
– Member at Large 3 - Amy Sansing
– Parliamentarian - Richard Morris (to be appointed)

New Business
• July Event - 17 registered for 26 people total. Budget of <$1000 motion by Chris, Jim 2nd. Motion passed 2:10 PM
• Thanksgiving Get-Together - Full 3-day is not planned. Pot Luck would need a coordinator. Hilton has been asked for a quote for Scottsdale room. DaveS proposed single day in Dec. for a dinner or pot luck. Will seek quotes for that.
• July Budget Planning Session (2021-22 Year) - Chris needs to update numbers in preparation.
• Need to establish successor info for Webmaster.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Total funds $223372.90 Checking $23317.90, Savings $55.00.
MAAM Editor - GPM Quarterly will go out at the end of the month.
IScomm - Will create full templates for Agenda/Minutes.
LocSec - New RVC9 on the board. Possibly trying to drop print newsletter from national bylaws?
All Others - NTR

Comments by Members or Guests
NTR

Next Meeting
11 July 2021, 2 PM via Zoom Teleconference

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris, Chris Ingle seconded. Motion passed at 2:47.

Screenshot from Zoom ExCom June 13th



GPM Virtual Meetings
While many events have resumed in-person meetings, the ExCom and two regular virtual events continue. 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 3:00 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, RSVP - Reservations should be made, contact Judy Herrmann, MensaDinner@gmail.com.

What Next?
As we begin the second half of 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.

- Dave Pivin, GPM Editor

First meeting of Dine Out Group after COVID-19





Regional Coordinator Letter – July 2021

From Rachel Kibler - Region 9 Vice Chair

We're fully into summer now, and this is exciting. I hope you're camping, if that's your thing, and socializing in person, if you can! It's been a long year and change of Zoom calls.

July is normally the time for the Annual Gathering, but this month, there's still time to register for the World Gathering at the end of August! Join me and a bunch of really great people in a week of talks, games, and socializing. You can find out more at https://ag.us.mensa.org/.

At the national level, we're starting to put things together for the new term. Our first meeting is July 9th and 10th in Dallas, and we'll spend some time getting oriented and (I hope) bonding a bit. We have some returning faces and some new blood, and I hope we can work together to build something amazing.

For the region, I'm planning on getting to all of your local groups in the next year. If you want to join in some Utah activities, I'll be down in Cedar City for the Utah Shakespeare Festival (and the Perseids) in August, and it's not limited to Utah Mensa! Hawaii, look for stuff in October, Tucson and Greater Phoenix, January, California (yes, all four groups), February, and Southern Nevada, I'm thinking March. I'd love to meet as many people as possible.

I want to give a brief reminder that we are a community of volunteers. If you are wondering how to get involved, I'd recommend checking out this video by Jennifer Morris: **https://www.us.mensa.org/volunteer/**. Jenn is a long-time volunteer who is engaged at every level of the organization, and she's encouraged people to "find their fit", both through exhortation (mostly gentle, haha) and through leading by example.

As always, if you have thoughts, concerns, or want to vent your spleen about something going on in Mensa, I'm available at **rachelregion9@gmail.com**.



Remembering Mel Anderson

Mensa Life Member, Mel Anderson (5/17/45 to 5/31/21) of Phoenix, AZ passed away surrounded by family. Mel was known and loved by many as the funniest guy they'd ever met. Preceded in death by his parents Marge and William Anderson and children Michael and Jeffrey Kipnis. Mel is survived by his two sisters, Carole (Michael) Galloy and Mary (Steve) Lauer; the mother of his children, Nancy Ellegood; and his children Susan Brown, Lana Mannion, Johnny (Carrie) Anderson, Karen Lee, and Lisa (Kevin) McMenamy; and many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Potluck was held on Saturday, June 5 at 3 PM.

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. - Ajo Al's Mexican Cafe, 5101 N 16th St, Phoenix, AZ 85016 2nd - Barro's Pizza, 3141 E Indian School Rd #106, Phoenix, AZ 85016, 3rd - George Yang's Chinese Cuisine, 6048 N 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85016. 4th - Texaz Grill, 6003 N 16th St, Phoenix, AZ 85016, 5th - Cold Beers & Cheeseburgers, 3950 E Indian School Rd #150, Phoenix, AZ 85018, Contact Bill Taylor otherbill60@hotmail.com 480-897-0803

Monthly Event Details

2nd Sunday

- MO - Executive Committee (ExCom), 2 - 3 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, or via Zoom Teleconference. ***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. (Location may change due to Keegan's closure) Michael Riordan 480-335-9890 or PHXRiordan@gmail.com

4th Friday

- ME/P - Mensa Forum, (on Summer Hiatus) 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, (on summer Hiatus) 9 - 10 pm - Humble Pie Pizza, 6149 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250. Contact Forum Coordinator (above) for info.

3rd Saturday

- ME/P - Dine Out Group (D.O.G.) - 6:30 - 8:30 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 - RESUMPTION SCHEDULE TBD. 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.



Mid-Summer MADness Is Scheduled!

Celebrating the return of many in-person events by reviving our popular Member Appreciation Day, Live and in Person on **Saturday, July 17th.**

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM - MO - MID-SUMMER MADNESS - GPM will be hosting a Member Appreciation Day (MAD)
Members and their Family, or Members plus one guest are invited to the always fabulous:

Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix Midtown
4000 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

Parking is in the lot to the east of the Hotel. We will be in the Scottsdale Room (RG Hospitality Room) and adjoining patio by the pool. So come visit with old friends and maybe make new ones. Join GPM for lunch and chit chat and enjoy old acquaintances you may not have seen since donning the mask.

Menu will include, Bagel Hot Dogs, Angus Cheeseburgers, Chicken Burgers, Vegetarian Burros, assorted chips and candies, soft drinks and beer. All food and drink will be individually packaged, all condiments individually packaged.

Masks will be in accordance with Hotel policy which is optional in our part of the hotel, required in the public areas of the hotel at this time. Check signage as you enter.

We would like to get a head count and approximate idea of menu choices so we need you to RSVP. Please call or text the info to Jim at 602-980-2774. We need your name and number in party for families or your name and if your are bringing a non-family guest.

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