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Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter

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COVID-19 UPDATE

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Treasurer's Report YTD as of 30 Sept 2021

Income	13,575.35
Expenses	5,092.77
CU GPM General Account	24,894.66
CU GPM Savings	55.00
Total	$24,839.66

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

July 11, 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 and MAAM Editor David Pivin; Treasurer Chris Ingle, Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Guest Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 13 June 2021 - Motion to Approve by Marni Landry. Chris seconded. Motion passed at 2:03.

Old Business
• Update on Thanksgiving Event - Hilton not catering for the rest of the year. Outside catering suggested by Hilton, "Alexi." Discussion around the idea of catering. Move that the Thanksgiving day feed be fully catered by Richard Morris, seconded by Chris Ingle.Motion passed at 2:14 PM. Pete Costantino will follow up with catering arrangements, Dave Sebesta will work with the Hilton. Dave Pivin suggested having a Friday event with activities like games and mini-forum, also with catered food. Tabled to next month.
• July MAD Event - Dave Pivin to send list of registrations to Jim Delton on Wednesday. About 70 guests have registered so far.

New Business
• Officer Appointments - Motion to approve appointments Marni, Richard Morris, motion carried 2:22 PM
• Budgetary Session - 2021-22 Chris will close out 2020-21 Budget and create a proposal for 2021-22 to be reviewed in August ExCom.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Total funds $24,189.24, Checking $24,134.24, Savings $55.00.
All others - NTR

Next Meeting
8 August 2021, by Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris. Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:41.

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August 8, 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 and MAAM Editor; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Member at Large Gene Holmerud; Guest Peter Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 11 July 2021 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris. Gene Holmerud seconded. Motion passed at 2:03 PM.

Old Business
• Recap of July MAD Event - Good turnout of the usual suspects. $1024.10 spent.
• Thanksgiving Event - Pete Costantino has 3 quotes based on 50 people. Shamrock - $2325.00, Sharko's - $1106.72, Fresh from the Kitchen $2530.60. Pete will entertain any questions from ExCom to be forwarded to vendors. Decision next month.

New Business
• 2021-22 Budget Review - Posted in ExCom Documents. Linked to

• 2021-22 Approval - Richard Morris moved to approve, Gene Holmerud seconded, passed at 2:27 PM.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Total funds $24,894.66, Checking $24,839.66, Savings $55.00.
Members@Large - Gene Holmerud informed us that Ron Button passed away. Celebration of Life to be at the end of September.
Assistant LocSec - Has new credit cards that were sent to her as previous Treasurer.
All others - NTR

Comments by Members or Guests
NTR

Next Meeting
12 September 2021, 2 PM by Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Gene. Chris seconded. Motion passed at 2:35 PM.

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September 12, 2021 (pending approval)
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 and MAAM Editor; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Member at Large Gene Holmerud; 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
• Thanksgiving Dinner Update - Pete forwarded quotes to ExCom. 60 dinners, $1167, lowest cost chosen, Sharko Catering. Need final count by Nov 15th. RSVP forms to be sent out in advance. Beverages and snacks to be provided by Pete separately. Richard moved to accept this quote and proceed, David Pivin seconded, passed at 2:09.

New Business
• Scholarship - 2021-22 David Sebesta proposed continuation of $600 local contribution. Richard Morris moved to fund, Gene Holmerud seconded. Passed 2:10 PM
• Zoom Renewal - David Sebesta announced that the Zoom subscription is due this month and recommends we renew. So moved by Gene, seconded by Chris. Passed 2:28 PM.
• Testing - Dave Pivin proposed Mensa-contracted Private testing become our default mode of testing and presented to candidates on our How To Join web page. Also proposed was a rebate of the difference between the Mensa Test cost at the time of the test and the $99 fee charged by Pearson. This to be paid to the candidate if they both pass the test and join GPM. A cap of $1000/year would be enforced. Dave Pivin to create a detailed proposal and review the process with NO. Gene moved for Dave to investigate and present a proposal, Richard seconded. Passed 2:27.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Total funds $24,894.66 Checking $24,893.66, Savings $55.00.
MAAM Editor - eUpdate format has changed a bit. Main purpose is to announce changes, accompanied by Upcoming Event Perpetual Calendar.Website continues...
All Others - NTR

Next Meeting
10 Oct 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 September 12th



GPM Virtual Meetings
While most 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, Contact Judy Herrmann, MensaDinner@gmail.com.

What Next?
As we begin the last quarter 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

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September 18th meeting of Dine Out Group





Regional Coordinator Letter – October 2021
From Rachel Kibler - Region 9 Vice Chair

Happy October, Region 9! This is my first column to write since the World Gathering, and I want to recap a few things. We had a fun Meet and Greet on Friday, and it was lovely to meet some of you in person. We have a really great region with a lot of variety. All of the local groups were represented!

One of the things that I'm proudest of was how utterly boring our board meeting was on Thursday afternoon. If you've tuned in to board meetings in the past, some of them have been a little spicy. The new board dove into collaboration and communication and solving problems behind the scenes. One of the motions that we voted on came about because I advocated hard for a thing that most everyone else disagreed with. I don't mind being told I'm wrong, and they, well, told me I was wrong. They did it firmly but respectfully, and I felt heard and understood and still valued, despite not getting my way. The motion was so thoroughly discussed and vetted behind the scenes that it was a non-issue in the meeting. The meeting gave me hope for the term, and I look forward to solving problems with this brilliant group of humans.

One of the Leadership Development Workshops I went to was about the Future of Mensa. It was an interesting (and, at times, frustrating) conversation about the changes we want to see in the organization. I would love to see a lot of engagement on this topic in the next year. What do you think will make Mensa relevant in ten years? If you have thoughts about this, please let me know. You can email me at **rachelregion9@gmail.com**.



Remembering Ron Button

Albert Ronald "Ron" Button II, age 87, passed peacefully in Phoenix, on August 1, after an extended illness. Ron was predeceased by his father, Albert Ronald Button Sr., his mother, Gladys McConnell Button, his brother Dick Button, and his oldest son, Charly Button. Born in Hollywood, California, Ron graduated from the University of Southern California and worked for the Air Force in Europe. After engineering and management positions in major companies, Ron transitioned into commercial real estate. He is survived by his best friend, wife Kebba Buckley Button. He is also survived by sister Barbara (Tom) McAllister; sons Glenn (Mary) Button and Chris Button; 4 amazing grandchildren, 5 beloved great-grandchildren, 2 nieces and 3 nephews. Ron was a Christian, a longtime member of the Masons and a proud member of El Zaribah Shrine in Phoenix. A memorial service was held at El Zaribah on September 20th at 6 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, **www.LoveToTheRescue.org**.

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Ron and Kebba at 2015 Member Appreciation Day



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 - OHSO Brewery 4900 E Indian School Rd O.H.S.O Brewery & Distillery (ohsobrewery.com) [Subject to change in other 5-Wednesday months], 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 Join us for a drink, a meal and stimulating conversation. Michael Riordan, PHXRiordan@gmail.com 480.335.9890. Every second Tuesday at CK's Tavern & Grill, 4142 E Chandler Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85048

4th Friday

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

3rd Saturday

- MO - Mensa Dine-Out - 6:30 - 8:30 PM Meet us at a restaurant TBD. AE - Adult Event, RSVP to Ellen Milner at elsbells417@Yahoo.com by Thursday of that week. Come on out, we won't bite you

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.



NO RG this year, BUT...

A Catered Thanksgiving Dinner is Scheduled and FREE to all!

Although we didn't put together an RG for this year, we will be having Thanksgiving Dinner, but this year it will not be a Pot Luck, it will be **fully catered Turkey and Ham Feast on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th.**

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM - MO - THANKSGIVING FEAST - GPM will be hosting a full Thanksgiving Day Feast. 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. Join GPM for a Thanksgiving Feast and chit chat and enjoy old acquaintances you may not have seen since donning the mask.

Menu will include turkey, ham, veggies, dessert, assorted chips and candies, soft drinks and beer. More details to be announced in the eUpdate.

We would like to get a head count so we need you to RSVP by November 15th. Please call or text the info to Jim Delton 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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