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COVID-19 UPDATE

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Treasurer's Report YTD as of 31 Dec 2021

Income	16,786.45
Expenses	7,659.83
CU GPM General Account	25,538.70
CU GPM Savings	55.00
Total	$25,483.70

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 as indicated in the calendar.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND

October 10, 2021
The meeting was called to order at 2:13 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Marni Landry; Treasurer Chris Ingle, Member at Large, Gene Holmerud; Parliamentarian and Acting Recording Secretary Richard Morris; Members, Zoe's Kids; Guest, Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 12 September 2021 - Motion to Approve by Gene. Richard seconded. Motion passed at 2:14.

Old Business
• T-Day event:
– Hotel room for Pete to allow secure food storage, $200 appropriated, motion by Marni, 2nd by Gene, passed 2:17.
– Membership to be informed by e-Update, MAAM, possible E-blast.
– Notice in promo materials requiring vax or mask, enforced on honor system.
– Promo materials to indicate that dishes to share, especially desserts, are allowed, not required.
– RSVP: Indicate Thursday, Friday, or both. Send to LocSec.
– Provisions for Friday to be decided at Nov. ExCom.
• Scholarship check to be sent immediately.
• Testing subsidy discussion tabled to Nov. ExCom.

New Business
• Discussion of replacing Amy as Member-at-Large tabled until Nov. ExCom.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Total funds $24,894.66, Checking $24,839.66, Savings $55.00.
Parliamentarian - Will need to buy new box of envelopes for Owner Manual mailings.
All others - NTR

Next Meeting
14 November 2021, by Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Marni. Gene seconded. Motion passed at 2:50.

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November 14, 2021
The meeting was called to order at 2:07 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; Treasurer Chris Ingle; Recording Secretary and MAAM Editor, Dave Pivin; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Guest Peter Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 10 October 2021 - Lacking a quorum, no Motion to Approve.

Old Business
• Thanksgiving Get-together - 34 T-Day, 32 Friday Game Day. One more promo as a LocSec blast but no eUpdate. Two large sandwiches for Friday. Tomorrow's count is final. Order final count plus 5.

New Business
• At-Large Opening - Action tabled.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Total funds $24,763.99, Checking $24,708.99, Savings $55.00.
All others - NTR

Comments by Members or Guests
NTR

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

Adjourn
No Motion to Adjourn, offline at 2:20 PM.

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December 12, 2021 (pending approval)
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Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meetings, 10 October and 14 November, 2021 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris, Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:08.

Old Business
• Recap of Thanksgiving event - Usual suspects, a great success by pete over 70 on T-Day. $1778.42 total cost for food.

New Business
• Board vacancy - Richard Morris made a motion to declare seat vacant. Chris Ingle seconded. Passed at 2:10. Post a request for a volunteer in eUpdate.
• Ombudsman vacancy - Request for volunteer to go in eUpdate.

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

Comments by Members or Guests
Jim Delton - Had a forum coordinator volunteer request, had not heard of the Forum (?). Jim to forward the request to David Sebesta for followup.

Next Meeting
9 January 2022, 2 PM via Zoom Teleconference

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris, Gene Holmerud seconded. Motion passed at 2:41.

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Screenshot from Zoom ExCom December 12th



NO RG last year, BUT...

We Had A Catered Thanksgiving Dinner, FREE to all!

Although we didn't put together an RG for 2021, we did have a fully catered Thanksgiving Dinner. Over 70 members and guests attended. We also had a games-day event on Friday of that week.

If you're interested in having an RG in 2022, read the message from LocSec on page 3.

WHINE and DINE Happy Hour November 10



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 first quarter of 2022 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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Regional Coordinator Letter – January 2022
From Rachel Kibler - Region 9 Vice Chair

Happy New Year! I've been thinking about what I want to accomplish in 2022 and about what was so good in 2021. A lot of wonderful things happened – we gathered in person again in Houston, the new board was elected, testing resumed across the country, and we kept lessons we learned during Covid about making sure we have some virtual events. I personally feel like I grew a lot during 2021, learning some lessons the hard way, but also stretching beyond what I thought I was capable of and finding that I can do more.

As we start 2022, I hope we can build on the good from last year and also make different mistakes than we've made in the past. This is how progress happens. Sometimes there are earthquakes that move streams suddenly and change the landscape; more times, the stream slowly makes new paths by eroding banks and relentlessly working on obstacles. As much as I'd like an earthquake sometimes, I think we're working with erosion in Mensa (in a good way!).

What do you want to see in Mensa this next year? Why will you stay? What would make you leave? I want to hear from you – email me at rachelregion9@gmail.com. I want to make sure people find their place in Mensa, whether that's in their local groups, SIGs, online fora, or in-person regional and national gatherings. I want to look back at 2022 in December and feel like we've moved a little bit in the direction of a more welcoming group that has the capacity to make it through the 21st century. The things that got us here are not the things that will get us there, though. The world is ever-changing, and Mensa needs to change with it.

Hit me with your thoughts, concerns, grand ideas. And Happy New Year! You can email me at **rachelregion9@gmail.com**.

A message from GPM LocSec, David Sebesta:

Fellow Greater Phoenix Mensans:

I hope this message finds you safe and healthy. Whether it's celebrating with friends and family, binging the latest thing on Netflix, or just decompressing from work for a few days, please have an enjoyable holiday season.

As 2021 winds down, I look back and reflect on the last two years Greater Phoenix Mensa has faced. I remember one of the first ExCom meetings I led, where we had the unenviable decision to cancel the Phoenix Phiesta for the first time in decades. With things coming to a halt due to the pandemic, we had to scramble to find ways of keeping Mensans engaged. Zoom was our lifeline for months, whether for ExCom meetings or Judy Herrmann's Saturday virtual discussion forums. I appreciate every GPM member for sticking with Mensa during these unprecedented times.

I'm happy to say 2021 improved, albeit at a slower pace. Thanks to our volunteers – Jim Delton and Pete Costantino especially – we hosted our Member Appreciation Day this past summer and followed it with a well-attended Thanksgiving Day dinner. I'm happy to say several of our dine-out events have resumed, and we have new events like bicycle rides and trivia events showing steady growth. I extend my sincerest gratitude for your efforts to all those who have stepped up and coordinated these events.

By the time you read this, we're well past the holidays and on to celebrating Earth's next journey around the Sun. We all celebrate New Year's Day in a myriad of ways – watching the ball drop, embracing your significant other to the chords of Auld Laud Syne, going to bed early (for us introverts), or starting a New Year's Resolution list. Personally, the one resolution I had that I didn't break came a few years ago where I resolved to take a more active role in my social groups.

As GPM shows life again, we're seeking volunteers for a few critical roles. Depending on the level of interest and position, the time commitments vary. If interested in any volunteer opportunity, don't hesitate to get in touch with me at **LocSec@phoenixmensa.org**

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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/**

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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 - Huss Brewing Uptown Phoenix Taproom + Kitchen, 100 E Camelback Rd. #160, Phoenix, AZ, 5th - New Hong Kong Restaurant, 2328 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85016 [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.

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...LocSec message continued from Page 3

Member-at-Large

The Member-at-Large is a voting member of GPM ExCom. The time commitments are minimal – a virtual board meeting on the second Sunday afternoon of each month, plus any other programs or initiatives you would like to lead. An appointment to this role would last until the end of the current ExCom term, which ends June 30, 2022.

Gifted Youth Coordinator

The Gifted Youth Coordinator helps shape the future of GPM. Some GYCs set up mentor programs within their chapter Group to encourage gifted – often overlooked – youth through interested adults who are accomplished in professions, disciplines, and hobbies. A GYC also works with local schools to coordinate intellectually stimulating activities, such as essay contests, museum trips, or science fairs. This role is ideal for a passion for learning and working with talented children and educators. There is an application process, and a criminal background check is required. More information on both is on the American Mensa site: https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/certifications/gifted-youth-coordinators/

Ombudsman

The Ombudsman is GPM's first avenue to resolve member disputes. Time commitments are minimal, and this role is ideal for someone versed in conflict resolution and mediation. The GPM Ombudsman will cast a vote in Spring 2022 for the National Ombudsman.
More information on the role and its responsibilities are here: https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/handbooks/ombudsman-handbook/

Regional Gathering Chair

While GPM has not held Regional Gatherings in 2020 and 2021, we intend to host a Regional Gathering (Phoenix Phiesta) during 2022's Thanksgiving weekend. This role will coordinate volunteers, work with a hotel to set up an event hospitality contract, and establish an event calendar for the four-day event. More information on Regional Gatherings is here: https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/regional-gatherings/

Proctor/Testing Coordinator

This role is key to increasing GPM's membership. Leveraging Mensa's Prospect Management Tool, coordinators can easily track prospects, download contact information, and email prospects about in-person testing events. Additionally, the coordinator identifies testing locations (typically libraries or event centers) and works with our pool of certified proctors to conduct testing.

Speaker Forum

GPM would like to resume the Speaker Forum Series, preferably in an in-person environment. This role coordinates speakers, identifies Forum locations, and serves as the host for the Speaker Forum.

Again, please contact me at LocSec@phoenixmensa.org or (480) 798-9409 if you are interested in any of these roles, have questions or concerns, or know of a good candidate. Thank you once again for your continued GPM membership. I look forward to more significant events and dinners throughout 2022!

Regards,

Greater Phoenix MENSA

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