

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

September 1, 2018

Pilgrim Towers, 440 N. Madison Av., Pasadena

	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Members-at-Large</i>
Mid-City	[X] Vesper Burnett	[X] Jordan Albert	[O] Desiree Elliott
Coastal	[O] Alma Munro	[X] Madeline Walker	[X] Andrea Nolan
SFV	[X] Jerilyn Phippeny	[O] Charlie Mahoney	[X] Gene Schneider
ELAC	[O] Michael Wong	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	[X] Lindsay Ross	[X] Bruce Smith	[X] Lee Stillman
Inland Empire	[X] Wilbert Woo	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>

[X] = present for entire meeting, [/] = present for portion, [O] = absent with leave, [#] = consecutive unexcused absence(s)

Guests: Brian Madsen, Vickey Kalambakal, Douglas Walker

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by XVC S Smith at 11:07am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** –Moved (Phippeny/Schneider) to approve; carried 11/0/0.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (Schneider/B Smith) to approve; carried 11/0/0.

II. Reports

- A. Executive Officers
 1. **Executive Vice Chair:**
 - S Smith: I was better last time; I'll get better again.
 2. **Treasurer:**
 - B Smith: All bills are current; our scholarship is funded. The general account stands at \$24,913.09. The RG account stands at \$5,911.55. So it seems we're ok.
- B. Area Reports
 1. **Coastal:**
 - Kalambakal: We had a great Sunday Salon at Rock & Brews in El Segundo. Eight or nine people attended.
 2. **SFV:**
 - Phippeny: Our monthly party had two attendees, myself and Jana Bickel. We are unsure of what caused the drop off in attendance.
 - Charlie a report. Thursday dinner and Pub Trivia night both well attended.
 - There are three events scheduled for next month – the party, Thursday dinner and Pub Trivia – I may not attend any of them.

3. **Hi-Desert:**

- Schneider: I still only have two people signed up for the Petroglyph Tour. I may not have enough people (10). It is on October 20 but the deadline for registration is September 16. There is a signup sheet in the latest L.A. Mentary.

4. **Inland Empire:**

- Woo: We had a get together at the Yard House. We had six people.
- Hopefully I will find a quieter place for next time.

C. Members-at-Large

1. **Stillman:**

- Several of the LA Mensa contingent went down to Tijuana last weekend to celebrate one of our San Diego Mensa friend's 45th birthday. Spent way too much money, and we all made it home back safe.

D. Committees and Coordinators

1. **Gifted Youth:**

- Walker: The National Chair wrote and said there's a woman in the area with a young child, and that there's nothing going on in the area for the longest time. The people who normally organize things have been unavailable lately, but there's a team of people in Redondo Beach and two of them are finishing up their background checks. They are enthusiastic about getting things going again. I will meet with them in October.

2. **Regional Gathering:**

- Walker: We are going to be having our Volunteer lunch on Sunday, September 23 at 1pm in San Pedro at the Think Café.

3. **Special Events:**

- Walker: I have been organizing groups to different shows at the Pantages Theater. Minimum for group tickets is 10 people. We have 10 for the story about Carole King, 11 for The Bronx Tale, and close to 30 for Wicked. There are a total of a dozen shows for the year and I am going to try and get a group for all of them.

4. **Testing:**

- S Smith: I was supposed to have my second observed test session on Sunday. Of the four people scheduled, three cancelled and the fourth never showed up.

5. **Circulation:**

- Madsen: The newsletter got out on time.
- The Post Office wants to change the way we pay them. Instead of me going to the Post Office every quarter with a check for \$1000 from GLAAM, I can either pay on my mobile phone, or have the PO automatically deduct money each month from our account.

6. **Data:**

- Madsen: I sent all the reports out the last day of the month (yesterday).
7. **L.A. Mentary:**
 - Kalambakal: Everything is great, and I look forward to getting reports from everyone.
 8. **MensaPhone:**
 - Schneider: All of a sudden, I got 17 messages, some of them several months old. 16 of them were telemarketers, and one was a change of address.
 8. **Open Forum:**
 - Ross: I am excited about changes that will allow me to start organizing events again.
 9. **SIGHT:**
 - Arlette Chew, via email: Our visitors from Spain are back in LA after their Alaska adventure and loving every minute of their trip. I won't have a chance to meet them in person, but we've been communicating regularly about their questions.
 - The group from Sweden will be arriving shortly. Hopefully I'll have a chance to meet them.
 - There's a group of young (19 year old) people coming from Germany in October who will be crashing at my house for at least one night (plans still in flux). It sounds like they might be interested in coming to some of our functions.
 10. **SIGs:**
 - Madsen: LaRae came to our Disneyland SIG last month.
 11. **Calendar:**
 - Madsen: Request that we put on the Agenda for next month the selection of Board meetings for 2019.

III. Unfinished Business

- A. Progress on Strategic Plan
Item carried forward to October meeting.

VI. Closing

- A. **Good of the Order** – Stillman: Reminder that I will not be here next month, so someone will need to take minutes.
- B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (Phippeny/B Smith, 9/2/1) to adjourn approved at 11:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Stillman
Secretary