

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

November 2, 2019

Pilgrim Towers, 440 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena CA

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

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

Guests: Jonathan Elliott, Brian Madsen, Vickey Kalambakal

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** — by Chairman Elliott at 11:14am
Billie Lee will be taking minutes.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** — Moved (Munro/Nolan) to approve; carried 12/0/0
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** — Moved (Munro/Albert) to approve; carried 9/3/0

II. Reports

- A. Executive Officers
 - i. **Chairman** (Elliott) — We have a BOD Mensa Connect group. Desiree will add officers and we will migrate there from Yahoo! Groups. I sent out a message on the ELAC list and got a response there. Any board member should be a member of any of the geographic groups.

Since Lee Stillman has stepped down as Secretary, we will need to find a replacement.
 - ii. **Treasurer** (B Smith)

- a) Our bills our current. Storage is paid. Balance in general account is \$22,556.16.

B. Area Reports

- i. **Mid-City** (Burnett) — Had trouble posting to the Mensa Connect community. Will try again.
- ii. **Coastal** (Walker) — We had the meeting in San Pedro. We had a lovely time. 20 people at the South Bay Salon, half were people who had come for the RG meeting. We'll definitely go back to Madre.
- iii. **SFV** (Maloney) — We had 20 people at the Halloween party at Charlie's place. Thursday Sizzler is still popular.
- iv. **ELAC** (Lee) — Will be posting about a Puzzled Pint event in the ELAC area on November 12th. It's held every second Tuesday. Hoping to get some folks to come out.
- v. **Hi-Desert** (Lancaster) — We had an event at Baracoa (Cuban) restaurant. Excellent food, great event.
- vi. **Inland Empire** (Woo) — Nothing to report.

C. Members-at-Large

- i. **Nolan** — We had around 10 people at the monthly Sizzler event. Won first prize at the Halloween party.
- ii. **Smith** — Nothing to report.
- iii. **Williamson** - I am gathering information on the PR and Finance positions. As for the RG, I found 3 potential speakers.

D. Committees and Coordinators

- i. **Awards** (J Elliott) — We did submit our updated historical narrative to the LocSec for relay to the National Office and posting to the national website. We also completed the historical lists of all past and present GLAAM officers for the History section of the GLAAM website, and have sent them to the LocSec and Webmaster to work out the visual presentation.
- ii. **Bylaws** (J Elliott) — Still awaiting word from the National Bylaws Committee on our proposed revisions.

- iii. **Gifted Youth** (Walker) — We have 3 shows coming up. Some kids are coming to Hamilton with their families, Frozen has about 28 people, and we're also seeing Matilda on 11/17 in La Mirada. Teodora is taking care of that. Updated the list of kids names, now have around 300 kids.
- iv. **Regional Gathering** (Walker) — We have a great list of speakers thanks to Greg, will review with Desiree. Nikki Smith came up with some themed events. A few additional registrations have come in. We had our RG committee meeting last weekend. We decided to migrate from Yahoo! Groups to Shutterfly. We are also going to try communicating through FB Messenger. Most of the committee is on the group chat.
- v. **Social Media Coordinators** (Mahoney) — Will post events for the next month on Facebook.
- vi. **Special Events** (Walker) — Hamilton has 107 people over two shows (5/10 has 64, 6/1 has 43 people). I am thinking of having people pick up tickets at the board meeting.
- vii. **Strategic Planning** (Munro) — Nothing to report.
- viii. **Testing** (Elliott) — We had 7 candidates for the regular test and 7 culture-fair on Testing Day. We've started posting the test sessions on the national website and already have 5 signed up for November. Billie will be proctoring in November, Desiree in December. So far, no vouchers have been used at the tests. One of our members recently wrote a blog post about Mensa and promoted the code. The intent of the voucher code is for members to personally invite people they know to test. If we want to have a code for promotions for a big local push, we can talk to the National Office about setting up a discount code and they can track it.
- ix. **Webmaster** (Lee) — The historical listing of officers is up on the website. The RG theme night information is also up.
- x. **Circulation** (Madsen) — All is well.
- xi. **Data** (Madsen) — All is well. The announce email lists are going away. We really need to get Mensa Connect going.
- xii. **LA-mentary** (Kalambakal) — I look forward to getting articles and announcements. If you have an idea for the cover, please let me know.

- xiii. **Mensa Phone** (Schneider) — Received two calls but they were spam. I need to reset the outgoing message.
- xiv. **Open Forum** (Albert) — Nothing to report.
- xv. **SIGHT** (Chew, via email) — I put Nana in contact with my son because they have the same interests.

III. Special Orders

- A. Filling of Vacant Board Positions
 - i. SFV Delegate
 - ii. Inland Empire Delegate
 - iii. Secretary
- B. Filling of Vacant Committee/Coordinator Positions
 - i. Finance Chair
 - ii. Membership Outreach Chair
 - iii. Historian
 - iv. Public Relations Coordinator
 - v. Young M's Coordinator

IV. New Business

A. **Partnership With 2020 Census** (Williamson)

The Census is coming up in 2020.

Why do we do the census? It's in the constitution. The census is conducted every ten years since 1790. It's fully inclusive of race, gender and even citizenship. Anyone living in this country gets counted. The census is used to determine political power, fair representation and money distribution. The results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives. It also determines how money distributed to support local programs.

Title 13 specifies that census data is confidential, never shared with government agencies and will never be used against the individual. They are reported in statistical format only. After 72 years, census records are made public.

2020 census now allows self-responding through internet, phone and mail/paper.

Census Day - April 1st, 2020

What can GLAAM do to support the Census?

- public endorsement towards membership
- social media campaign
- recruitment to work at the census

- newsletter
- host a presentation
- provide a table at an event for Census materials
- announce on Mensa Connect

V. Closing

A. Good of the Order

- i. **Nolan** — I tried to download an attachment from a message sent through the RG Yahoo! Group and my computer crashed. It took several hours for tech support to fix it.
- ii. **Madsen** — The AG 2020 hotel block is open. Reserve right away.
- iii. **Schneider** — Has some pretzels to share.
- iv. **J Elliott** — After some 20 years of effort, the 'Answers to Everything' SIG has finally gone public with a summary outline of its entire agenda comprising nonpartisan solutions to all the political, economic, and social problems facing America today. The outline currently appears on the non-Mensa website answerstoeverything.net, and can also be reached by the shortcut a2e2019.net. SIG is working on a weekly basis to enhance the appearance and functionality of the site, as well as on the complete manuscript of its plan, but at least it finally has something out there for the 'real world' to see, which many people over the years said could never possibly happen. SIG offers thanks to everyone who helped it get to "this historic stage", including all the Editors and Webmasters who have published its reports, as well as everyone who participated in its meetings and contributed their ideas and rationales to its final work product.
- v. **D Elliott** and **Munro** are going to the bank to get her added to the account for the RG.

- B. **Adjournment** — Moved (Williamson/Schneider) to adjourn, approved at 12:50pm.

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Mini-Minutes**

Board Meeting – November 2, 2019

Meeting called to order at 11:14am at Pilgrim Towers in Pasadena, with Board members Albert, Burnett, Elliott, Lancaster, Lee, Mahoney, Munro, Nolan, Schneider, B Smith, S Smith, Walker, Williamson, and Woo present, in addition to guests Jonathan Elliott, Brian Madsen and Vickey Kalambakal. B Lee took minutes at the meeting. Executive officers, area secretaries, coordinators and committee chairs gave updates. Williamson presented information about the 2020 Census and how GLAAM can be involved in getting people to participate. Meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.