GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA MENSA Board Meeting

August 6, 2011 in Pasadena, California

Called to order at 11:05 am. Short recess called for organizing. Called back to order 11:10 am.

Members present: Desiree Sagray, Jonathan Elliott, Michael Wilson, Audrey Wilson, Charles Lindenblatt, Ron Talkov, Madeline Walker

Guests: Brian Madsen, Bruce Smith, Douglas Walker

Excused Absences: Vesper Burnett, Jessica Klein, Sandra Smith, Gene Schneider, Danielle Hanne

Absent: Michael Wong

Agenda: No new business or old business, so reports will be presented.

\*\*Motion (Elliott 1st, Talkov 2nd) to approve agenda passed – 4-1-2.

Minutes: Sagray has previous minutes, and will distribute them shortly for discussion next month. Sagray will also forward corrected minutes for posting on the website. Smith sent out the July minutes. The following corrections were offered:

(A. Wilson): She attended late, instead of being an “excused absence.”

(Lindenblatt): Noted the persons who seconded the following were not named: 2.A, 4.E, & Closing for Adjournment. Also, there was no time of adjournment.

Discussion of July minutes will continue in September.

Reports:

Loc Sec (Sagray) –

1. GLAAM Scholarship participation report was submitted to national.
2. We are forwarding our tax information to Linda Dorfmont, who thinks it looks pretty good.
3. Our summer picnic July 23 was successful, with around 40 people attending.
4. Anthony Lojac has volunteered to have an event on his boat monthly called “Beer on a Boat.” The first date, August 13 at 4:30 pm, so far has 20 RSVP’s. He wants to cap attendance at 25.
5. A couple people inquired about using our SIGHT program.
6. A reporter from the LA Times wants to interview Mensans on the subject of “Nature vs. Nurture.”
7. Sagray did not receive any reports from Area Secretaries regarding outreach methods and response. Therefore, we could not request funds that national had available to reward that activity.

Executive Vice Chair (Elliott) –

1. Attended the GLAAM Dodger game, which was fun, and was happy to see an announcement on the Dodger display board welcoming “GREATER LA AREA MENSA.”
2. Reported that he had had occasion during the month to request limitation on use of the BOD list to legitimate Board business.
3. Helped set up the summer picnic.

Treasurer (Elliott) –

1. As per our bylaws, has recently shown current bank statements to Sagray.
2. Because of bank action, changed our on-line user ID.
3. Packaged our 3 most recent tax returns for the new tax preparer.
4. Issued $1,000 check to Mensa Foundation for GLAAM scholarship.
5. Completed 1st quarter financial statements, showing $975.09 net loss. Statement did not reflect income for July and printing expenses.

Q (Sagray): Why wasn’t July income included?

A (Elliott): Bank statements lag by a month.

Mid-city: No report

Coastal: Other than “Beer on a boat,” no report.

San Fernando: No report

ELAC (Talkov): Three weeks ago Wong found a game shop on Colorado Blvd. and invited a few Mensans to try it out. There is a possibility that it will turn into an ongoing activity.

Member at large (Elliott): No report

Member at large (Sagray): Attended GLAAM event “Shrek the Musical” with family, friends, and other members. Lots of fun. It was great to meet ahead at Chicken Dijon to meet other attendees, have a bite, and get tickets.

Member at large (A. Wilson): No report

50th Anniversary Committee (Sagray): Initial meeting will be August 21. All members are invited.

Awards Committee (Elliott):

1. Has made the final request to Sagray regarding scheduling the review of national awards for 3 rounds.
2. Sent notice on GLAAM C.C’s list asking for volunteers for reviewing newsletters to catalogue possible awardees. There was zero response, other than Sagray. Would like to see new people.

Elections: No news

Finance (Talkov): The work towards income tax filing is progressing well.

Gifted Youth (Walker): Several young people were at the picnic. Danielle Hanne did a wonderful job getting them all to play croquet. Several young people attended and enjoyed “Shrek the Musical.”

R.G. (Sagray): Committee has been soliciting Speakers for the 2012 RG. Our initial meeting will be in September.

Q (Elliott): What is the relation between the 50th Anniversary committee and the RG committee?

A (Sagray): The 50th Anniversary committee will present activities and information about the 50th anniversary throughout 2012, because it is an important commemoration. Part of that will affect the RG. There may be presentations, mementos, memory books, or other activities.

Scholarship (Sagray): Our agreement to participate was submitted to national.

Special Events (Walker): In July we had 16 people attend a Dodger game, close to 50 people took a tour of the Nethercutt Collection/Museum in Sylmar, and 27 people ate at Chicken Dijon and went to “Shrek the Musical” at the Pantages. Because interest is high, we will plan a return trip to see “Wicked” at the Pantages in January.

Regional Vice Chair (Clark Jones):

1. Has been communicating with Loc Secs in Region 9. Upon learning that GLAAM will celebrate our 50th anniversary at the RG, Jones pledged to attend.
2. National has designed a “dot map” to show membership density. They will make this available to chapters. It will help us plan activities in areas where most of our population is.

Point of information (Elliott): GLAAM had worked on a dot map for our area some years ago. Even though it represented only 10% of our population, it still provided useful information.

Editor & Circulation (Russell Ham): Ham found out that some articles were missing, and getting them set has run distribution of August’s newsletter late. It will be out shortly.

Data Officer (Madsen): All is well.

Roster (Madsen): The roster is being prepared for the September issue.

SIGHT (Sagray):

1. We were contacted a couple times recently by people requesting to use our SIGHT hospitality. One of them gave very short notice and did not respond to overtures. The other will be considered.
2. We have two people who have shown interest in volunteering as SIGHT Coordinator. They will be contacted, and one or both may fill the position.

Singles (Elliott): No report

Singles (Sagray): A singles mixer was scheduled the same day as the Nethercutt tour. Elliott and Sagray hosted, but only one single showed up, and they disbanded early. The next singles event will be August 20.

S.I.G.’s (Madsen): The first Hollywood Bowl event will be this Thursday. Due to drop-outs, there are 3 sets available. There are enough people on the wait list to use the tickets.

Webmaster (Madsen): All the updates have been input.

Calendar Editor (Madsen): Deadline for the next newsletter is coming up.

Special Orders (Sagray): Bruce Smith is in attendance and has expressed an interest in being the Delegate for the High Desert. Elliott nominated Bruce Smith for the position (for an appointment, no second is required). Upon no objection to the appointment, Bruce Smith was seated as Delegate for the High Desert.

High Desert (B. Smith): No report

Good of the Order:

(Madsen): I received the completed banner from Walker for use at the Hollywood Bowl, and it is gorgeous.

\*\*Motion (Talkov 1st, Elliott 2nd), to adjourn passed 7-1-0.

Meeting adjourned 11:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Pinsky Walker

August 7, 2011