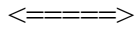


OFFICIAL MINUTES
of the
GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA MENSA
BOARD of DIRECTORS
Regular Meeting – August 7, 2010



I. Opening

A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am by SAGRAY at Pilgrim Towers, 440 North Madison Avenue, Pasadena, with members BURNETT, ELLIOTT, LINDENBLATT, ROBINETT, SMITH, VENOLA , WALKER and WONG present. Members HANNE and WILSON arrived during the meeting.

B. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved (ELLIOTT/VENOLA) 8-0-1 after Annual Board Meeting was corrected to Annual Business Meeting and sponsor names were added as applicable.

C. Approval of Previous Minutes

Approval of June Minutes. (ROBINETT/WALKER) 8-0-1 Approval of May 2010 minutes with the retroactive amendment that LINDENBLATT was at the meeting (LINDENBLATT/ELLIOTT) 7-0-2

Approval of October 2008 minutes as submitted (SMITH/ROBINETT) 7-0-2

Approval of March 2010 minutes with clarification that the treasurer's report was as quoted from the treasurer concerning the D&O Insurance. (ELLIOTT/SMITH) 9-0-1

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

CHAIRMAN – reminder from national office that the deadline is 11:59 Central Daylight time August 15 for nominations to be a national officer, a petition is available after this date but no rules have been issued yet. GLAAM will participate in Mensa testing day in at least three locations. SAGRAY has requested electronic minutes from YU. GLAAM hadn't paid newsletter and SAGRAY ended up calling National for the account number. We are almost losing our corporate status due to the IRS stating that our taxes were late. We had filed an extension through Sam Moses. Bill mailed it to Sandra and has not been given to the IRS.

XVC – GLAAM was asked to provide 8 contestants to audition for a game show called Six Minds. The people could never be coordinated to do this at

the same time so individuals may have auditioned on their own. ELLIOTT has been getting requests from foreign Mensans; Mariscal has enjoyed many events, but Katja does not have transportation and currently lives in Sylmar. Neither GLAAMarama nor GLAAMaroni placed in Culture Quest, but Tumblin' Tumbleweeds came in second. ELLIOTT picked up their certificate at the AG, and will turn it over to team member ROBINETT after the meeting.

Secretary – working on minutes

B. Area Reports

SFV– party planned in August, Pax will have his annual pool party,

ELAC – has to cancel September party due to WONG having family commitments. Between 22 and 25 people attend his parties

HD - Not much – Humid this year, keeping people informed through e-mail blasts and articles in L.A. Mentary due to the demise of the Area newsletter.

C. Members-at-Large

A. WALKER –Murder Mystery Dinner August 7. She is planning on a group going to the play, Hair on January 9th.

A. ELLIOTT – Needs a Board Members Handbook. Handbooks need to be developed to go with the guidelines for various offices especially Secretary, and Treasurer and PR.

D. Standing Committees

AWARDS – Still working on it.

DATA OFFICER – as Submitted.

FINANCE – There was a misallocation on Interfund Receivable in June and July financial report –The GLAAM check to RG was a temporary loan recorded as expense actually it is Interfund Receivable. He is having problems getting ownership of the Yahoo group for members of the Finance committee so he created a new group, We have not been doing the best reporting that we could have for our various funds ELLIOTT suggests that there is a different way of reporting

GIFTED YOUTH – WALKER is sending messages about AG 2011 in Portland, Oregon The group for little kids proceeds without WALKER under a Mensa mom.

MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH – Brian printed out labels and they have not been used yet. There will be a picnic at the end of summer and HANNE will do a mailing then.

PROCTORED TESTING – Dave Felt is in budget discussions and plans on participating in Mensa testing day in three locations,

RG 2011 – The committee held a planning meeting on August 22 The registration form is in the L.A. Mentary. The RG needs PR. Regarding speakers, JK is involved but she is taking a step back due to family issues

SCHOLARSHIPS – The paperwork was submitted to participate again.

MENSAPHONE – There were no weird calls and HANNE sent out two newsletters due to phone requests.

PR – BURNETT is dealing with family issues but still working on a speaker series. She has interested speakers and is checking out venues. This could possibly start in October 2010.

(ELLIOTT/SAGRAY) moved to add item III B to the agenda to appoint an Open Forum coordinator. 9-0-1

ROSTER – Brian Madsen wants to know when to submit it to the newsletter.

SIGHT – VENOLA resigned due to difficulty due to distance from central GLAAM.

SIGs – Submitted.

WEBMASTER – Submitted.

SINGLES – Single Mingle changed to third Saturday.

NEWSLETTER LIAISON – Newsletter issues have been taken care of.

III. Special Orders

A. A. Set date for Annual Business Meeting (SAGRAY/ELLIOTT) Standing Rule – Annual Meeting shall generally be set during the GLAAM Regional Gathering. In the event that a Regional Gathering is not scheduled during an annual Board term, the Annual Business Meeting must be scheduled for some other time in that Board Term. -10-0-1

B. Appointment of Open Forum Coordinator (ELLIOTT/VENOLA) appointment of BURNETT as Open Forum Coordinator 10-0-1

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of self-storage unit (SAGRAY) approved at April board meeting \$55, Brian Madsen was going to select, set it up and we would pay him. Move to clarify with Brian Madsen (ELLIOTT/HANNE) 11-0-0

B. Reimburse Carl Bryan for Culture Quest Robinett –no motion needed just informed Treasurer.

C. Budget Discussion (SAGRAY) – Looks like we don't have enough data and ELLIOTT has data that can aid us with so we will continue the discussion to the next meeting We approved newsletter and proctored expenses with understanding that we will deal with the budget next meeting. \$12,180 for the newsletter and \$2,100 for proctored testing based on yearly figures. Area funds and officer expenses will be looked at and the DAMN subsidy of 900 will be dropped. New members not getting money. VENOLA motion to approve these expenses for the year and then approve and modify entire budget at September meeting. VENOLA/WALKER 9-0-1

D. Roster Printing (SAGRAY) - ROBINETT/VENOLA moved to run in the September newsletter 8-0-2

E. Reimbursement of Brian Madsen for various expenses. (SAGRAY) moved to reimburse Brian Madsen \$13.16 for lapsed members labels and \$40. For a sign pole, (SAGRAY/ELLIOTT) – 9-0-1

- F. Action Plan for taking care of approval or other action for old minutes.
(SAGRAY) We don't have minutes

V. New Business

- A. Discussion and correction of Treasurer's final report SAGRAY Talked about the issue about the Interfund transfer at the May meeting. Called Russ to not run this showing we had lost \$7000 last year. Tried to call around. Sandra submitted a document the day after his deadline. Published uncorrected one and some of it with missing lines. Bill had sent him one, and he ran Bill's report again. Even though he had Sandra's. SAGRAY tried to prevent this with a phone call, but the incorrect report was run again. Matter referred to Finance Committee that fixed final report. Need a procedure to prevent a bad report from going out to the newsletter. ELLIOTT will get together with SMITH and work on correcting the final report.
Motion – Authorize Finance Committee to prepare revised financial report 2009/2010 and then will submit it directly to the editor.
(ELLIOTT/WILSON) - Amended – add after first circulating to board members electronically for review (ELLIOTT/VENOLA) 9-0-1 full motion as amended 9-0-1

VI.

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- A. HANNE – End of summer picnic will be a new members reception – October is a good date for a new members picnic. There could be an event at Singles Mingle in November. VENOLA will be gone for five weeks. ROBINETT – three weeks off. SAGRAY – The people putting on the murder mystery August 7th also did the murder mystery for her sister and brother-in-law's wedding.
- B. Adjournment Motion
(ELLIOTT/HANNE) to adjourn carried 10-0-0 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Linda Louise Robinett

=== Agenda requests: === I am unable to attend this board meeting, so I can't be there to speak for the following concerns. If possible, I'd like the board to consider them anyhow. 1) Please make sure that plans for a storage facility are still on the table. I'd very much like to see one in place prior to our February RG. Once one is in place, please make sure to notify me so I can move our A/V equipment to that location. 2) In May, I was asked to print a set of address labels for lapsed members, and spent \$13.16 doing so. Desiree can confirm that I was authorized to spend this money. I sent that receipt to Sandra at that time. I'd like to receive an acknowledgment that that receipt was received, and an indication of when I can expect to see that money reimbursed. 3) I still have those labels. Should I keep them? Do we still have a use for them? May I discard them? 4) It's my current understanding that the board needs to approve the expense of printing a roster along with the September issue. I'm waiting until that happens before I begin constructing one. Once that approval happens, please make sure I get notified right away, because I'm going to have to work fast to get that in place in time for the newsletter deadline on August 11th. 5) Madeline and I have spent some money building a flag with the Mensa logo. I felt we needed something like this to let people in our group at the second Hollywood Bowl concert know where we were, since we weren't reserving space in the picnic area this time. In my opinion, that worked very well. Admittedly, we spent that money without getting approval from the board ahead of time, for which I apologize, and for which reason, if the board doesn't want to pay for it, I will. However, it's my opinion that the chapter would benefit from this flag for other purposes, such as the quarterly Griffith Park picnics, future Bowl events, and others. I'd like the board to consider reimbursing for this expense. I spent \$40.45 for my part of this, and Madeline tells me she spent approximately \$60. (Madeline and I can send our receipts to Sandra once the board approves this expense.) 6) As discussed below, I have a check for Sandra in the amount of \$335.88. May I have the board's permission to send her a check for that amount less \$13.16 and/or \$40.45, and reimburse myself for the foregoing expenses? 7) Please make sure that an action plan is in place for providing finalized board meeting minutes.

=== Calendar Editor's Report: === No news; all is well. === Data Officer's Report: === See 2), 3), and 6) above re: lapsed member labels.

=== Roster Coordinator's Report: === See 4) above re: the roster.
=== SIG Coordinator's Report: === Bill Beyermann asked me some time ago, prior to the AG, for help setting up both a local and a national SIG whose purpose he said was "to study the use of solar energy to produce hot domestic water, space heating, and electricity [with the goal of] developing energy independence for individual homes." I think it's a splendid idea and I want to encourage him, but I've been busy with other things.

I have finished accounting for the Hollywood Bowl concerts, and a financial report will follow separately. As shown in that report, I have collected \$335.88, a check for which I will send to Sandra by postal mail (but see also 6) above). 24 of 80 Bugs Bunny tickets remain, and 5 of 30 Beethoven tickets remain. I still have them, and will happily show them to anyone who has any concerns about financial transparency. However, I'm not going to keep them forever. If no one asks to see them by the end of August, I'm going to discard them. As far as the concert events themselves are concerned, I think both were enjoyable and successful and worth doing again. However, I'm not sure that charging people for tickets had the effect we were hoping for. True, it resulted in fewer no-shows, but a lot of the tickets were unclaimed anyhow. Next year, we should consider more than one weeknight concert, because there was a lot of interest in that. We should definitely move closer to the stage next time though. :) See also 5) and 6) above re: the Mensa flagpole. (Incidentally, should anyone happen to ask: we did get confirmation from the national office, specifically from Howard Prince, that this use is permitted according to the Name and Logo Policy.)

=== Webmaster's Report: === I have uploaded the StaRGazing 2011 registration form to the website and sent it to Russ for publication in the newsletter, but have done little else for the RG. Danila has begun to send me RG speaker information, and I need to get that on the website ASAP.

I need finalized minutes (or else an official statement from the board to the effect that none are forthcoming) for the following board meetings: * Oct 4, 2008 * Mar 28, Sep 26, Oct 24, and Dec 5, 2009 * Mar 6, 2010, to present See also 7) above.

Brian -
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