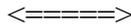


OFFICIAL MINUTES
of the
GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA MENSA
BOARD of DIRECTORS
Regular Meeting – January 8, 2011



I. Opening

A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:00am by ELLIOTT at Pilgrim Towers, 440 North Madison Avenue, Pasadena, with members ELLIOTT, LINDENBLATT, ROBINETT, VENOLA and WILSON present. Members BURNETT, FLEMING, SAGRAY, and WONG arrived during the meeting. Brian Madsen was a guest. HANNE and WALKER had excused absences. Meeting was turned over to the chair SAGRAY at 11:11.

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion (VENOLA/WILSON for approval of the latest version of the Agenda; carried without objection. V. D. was added “Discussion of the Bylaws Committee (WILSON)

C. Approval of Previous Minutes

November and December Minutes: Motion to approve as corrected (VENOLA/ROBINETT) carried without objection.

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

CHAIRMAN – Obtained draft to pay the printer and GLAAM retains a good relationship with the printer. Obtained five keys to the self-storage unit.
SECRETARY – as submitted. Distributed officer handbooks. Still need a section.

B. Area Reports

MID-CITY – Had Third-Thursday Thrill at Big Wangs with only LINDENBLATT attending. A possible replacement venue had closed so still at Big Wangs.
HI-DESERT – as submitted

C. Members-at-Large

ELLIOTT – ELLIOTT and HANNE attended star party at Griffith Observatory, sky was overcast so they did not see much. The notice for the 2011 Culture Quest has been sent out. Contacted Bill Taylor about forming one or two teams.

D. Standing Committees

AWARDS – The Finance committee is higher priority. Once the financial issues are settled, will resume work on awards.

DATA OFFICER – as submitted

ELECTIONS – the January L.A. Mentary had election material

FINANCE – ELLIOTT completed financial statements for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The H. & R. Block accountant recommended by WILSON was chosen had ELLIOTT had an orientation meeting on December 15th to explain our organization's finances. Still needed the tax forms from the 2008/2009 tax year. It was provided by Sam Moses.

GIFTED YOUTH – Report is in the January L. A. Mentary.

PROCTORED TESTING – Testing will be done at the RG by Douglas Aberg.

RG – Plans moving along well. Schedules and other information are on the website. Thirty-Two to Thirty-five people have registered so far. The RG committee met at a proposed facility in San Fernando Valley but it did not meet the needs of the RG. Thinking of using a facility in the Long Beach area due to high costs of present facility. Unfortunately there appears to be no accommodation for RV parking at the RG hotel.

SCHOLARSHIP – has received about 20 applications. SAGRAY will ask for volunteers to read the applications in the future.

RVC – report in January L.A. Mentary

E. Coordinators

OPEN FORUM – The date will be March 27th, 2011. BURNETT will get publicity to the L.A. MENTARY when details are finalized.

ROSTER – as submitted.

SIGHT – SAGRAY reported that there is a possible volunteer to take this over.

SIGs – as submitted

WEBMASTER – as submitted

OMBUDSMAN – SAGRAY reported that Keith Sagray was thought to be missing in a troubled African country but it was just bad communications and he is safe.

SINGLES – SAGRAY has missed the last two events. Still needs a coordinator. Pointed out that all ages attend and many are just looking for friends who are also single.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Hi-Desert Fund Request. (ROBINETT) The High Desert area requested \$600 for newsletter and other expenses (VENOLA/ROBINETT) Motion passed 6-0-3.

B. Disposition of Missing Minutes with statement that they are missing (ROBINETT) These minutes have been listed on the website as Minutes Unavailable. SAGRAY wants to continue to try to obtain these minutes.

V. New Business

A. Choosing of Hollywood Bowl Concerts (MADSEN) He reported that he had not received the 2011 schedule yet. A motion (SAGRAY/WONG) to buy 70 tickets

- for the least expensive seats for the main event and 30 for a weekday event and 35 for a second weekday event passed 9-0-0. It was noted that GLAAM would take a payment for half the price of the main event ticket and they would be free for the midweek events unless they cost over \$2.
- B. Chase Bank Account fees for RG account (MADSEN) reported that once Chase was informed that the RG account was part of the non-profit account for GLAAM, the fees were dropped.
 - C. Mileage Reimbursement Policy (SAGRAY) Motion to align this with the policy established by ASIE 2005-123 which puts it at the IRS business rate rather than the non-profit rate. (VENOLA/ROBINETT) passed 7-0-2.
 - D. Discussion of Bylaws Committee (WILSON) needs more members. Members can be GLAAM Mensa members outside the Board of Directors. If an outside expert in bylaws is needed they can be added to the committee. Solicitations for members can be done on the various GLAAM e-lists, e-mail blasts and the newsletter.

VI. Closing

- A. Good of the Order
- B. Adjournment
Motion (VENOLA/WILSON) to adjourn carried 9-0-0 at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Robinett
Secretary