

OFFICIAL MINUTES
of the
GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA MENSA
BOARD of DIRECTORS
Regular Meeting – February 6, 2010

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1. Opening

A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at by SAGRAY, Chair, at 11:03 a.m. at Pilgrim Towers, 440 North Madison Avenue, Pasadena, with members ELLIOT, LINDENBLATT, ROBINETT, VENOLA, WALKER with guests Brian Madsen, Sandra Smith and Joseph Marcus in attendance. TAYLOR and YU arrived during the meeting. MARCUS elected to board during the meeting.

B Approval of Agenda.

There was no draft agenda available at the start of the meeting so the discussion of issues concerning payment for the Hollywood Bowl tickets was added to the agenda and SAGRAY's agenda item requesting the deposit of \$4000 from the GLAAM account to the RG account was added.

Motion VENOLA/ELLIOT to approve agenda passed (6-0-0)

B. Approval of Previous Minutes

None submitted.

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

Chair – The total number of members of GLAAM numbers 1690 as of December 31, 2009. Culture Quest is scheduled for April 11th. Prior evidence for Mensa membership will be free for February.

Executive Session was entered into at 11:09 and finished at 11:12.

B. Area Reports

Coastal – Joseph Marcus has asked to step-in as Coastal Area Secretary

SFV – They had a nice party at Marshall Giller’s house. ELLIOT will be working on finding hosts for future parties.

H-Desert – First of the Month was held. The Death Valley Excursion may be canceled due to lack of registrations. We will have Culture Quest team from Bakersfield.

C. Standing Committees

Elections – Jay Friedlander and David Felt will be taking petitions at the RG. Petitions are due by noon on February 20th. They must be in hand not postmarked by that date.

Gifted Youth – WALKER has a few tickets still available for the movie “Alice in Wonderland at the El Capitan for March 21. Seven children attended the performance of Riverdance.

RG – 85 have registered and there are 20 committee members and 30 speakers attending. The \$4000 is for a cash flow problem due to the hotel wanting to be paid upfront.

Singles – HANNE is handling the event.

Scholarship – There were 78 entries with 9 disqualified leaving 69 essays.

Public Relations – The telephone number listed for the PR coordinator is wrong and a way has not been found to contact him.

SIGHT – VENOLA forwarded a request concerning meeting with a local psychologist.

Webmaster – minutes for this year and part of last year are still needed.

Editor – He has not received mini-minutes. There was a one day turnaround for printing and mailing.

III Special Orders

A. Election for vacant Coastal Area Secretary

Joseph Marcus was elected WALKER/VENOLA (7-0-0) to be Coastal Area Secretary.

IV Old Business

A. Hollywood Bowl payment discussion.

Beethoven even will remain no cost. Our original motion determined that we would charge half or less for an event.

B. Paypal has costs of 2.9% plus 30 cents.

C. Brian Madisen would use the RG account to receive funds. He would track them separately.

Motion was made to use Paypal (Venola/Walker) passed (7-0-2)

V New business

A. Motion to transfer \$4000 from main GLAAM account to RG account to front expenses due to the hotel wanting to be paid upfront. Motion from RG committee. (8-0-1)

Cash flow problems were partially caused by charging earlybird registrants too low of cost and comping 35 speakers and guests. The longer RG has more expenses than the abbreviated one.

SAGRAY urged members to make a special effort to meet new people. The RVC will have a meet and greet at 5 pm on Friday and there will be a new members reception on Saturday at 2:30.

VI. Closing

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People reading essays for the scholarship and others wanting to join for lunch will be having lunch at Koo Koo Roos.

The meeting was adjourned at 1215 pm (WALKER/ELLIOT) (9-0-0)