

NTM – North Texas Mensa
A local Group of
American Mensa Ltd
A NY Not-for-profit corporation

NTM BOARD PROCEEDINGS- Sunday July 16th, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by Gunny Hartman.

Present: President Gunny Hartman, Vice-President Collene Goldman (by Zoom), Treasurer Cathy Allshouse, Secretary Ken Roberts, Members at Large Leza Mesiah and Chris Cree, and Board Member at Large Nominee Valerie Beasley.

Reports:

President – Gunny Hartman: The next Board Meeting will be held at the same time and place on August 20, 2023. A Replacement Board Member at Large was necessary, Valeria Beasley was asked and has accepted. A motion was made by Ken Roberts, seconded by Collene Goldman, and a vote was taken, being unanimously passed. A **Nominating Committee** is being formed for this year. Bill Rock is our Chair, Paul and Anne Whiteman are on the committee and Gunny is trying to find another to join them. The **Election Committee** at present is Randy Brack as Chair; Jeffrey Bromberger and Andy McKellar are on the committee and once again trying to find another to help. Looking for younger or less experienced people, who would like to start getting more involved in the Board activities.

Vice-President – Collene Goldman: "Nothing to report."

Secretary – Ken Roberts: Ken was appointed to this position last month, in his absence. Gunny presented the minutes for last month, which Collene recorded and wrote up. Accepted by all.

Treasurer – Cathy Allshouse:

As of June 30, 2023 Income for the month of June was \$1180.01, Expenses were \$1640.54, Net loss for the month of June (\$532.53) Total Mensa assets as of 6/30/23 were \$26,434.18. A motion was made to move \$2000 from savings to checking by Cathy with a second by Ken Roberts, passed unanimously. Fees on the storage unit are being increased by the landlord. An audit of the contents should be made and a new storage unit found in a more convenient location or ask members if they have room. Like kind donations – A procedure needs to be agreed upon to show true amount of expenses, so will show as a gift and an expense to reflect this.

Ombudsman – Roger Durham: I attended the Leadership Development Workshop for Ombudsmen at the Annual Gathering in Baltimore. Also at the AG, the election of a new National Ombudsman, Chad Anderson of Phoenix, was announced.

Membership – Ken Roberts: 1075 Total Membership. This is up 18 from 6/1 because 20 new and 7 renewed. NTM is the 7th Largest Local in American Mensa. I'll be reporting on a new category 'Prospective Member'. These are the members who were tested or submitted by evidence but have not as yet joined (or paid their dues).

Communications – Collene Goldman: Report for marketing, communications, and publicity: the new website is the primary tool. It is in place to meet these needs and only a few details need to be added for it to be complete. It was designed to easily be updated and with proper maintenance should meet our requirements for years.

Calendar - Sara Hawkins: I can edit the calendar now but every event description has been replaced with "The details of this event are only visible to NTM members. If you are a current member please register on the site. Thank you." I can work on fixing the descriptions and getting August events uploaded. I can't promise I'll be through by end of day on Sunday but that'll be my goal.

Editor – Bill Rock: July M-Aura. Hoping to get a RVC column by Sunday, final review otherwise should be complete by the time you read this aloud.

Gifted Children – Bill Rock: Money Factory tour set for next Friday. August event is games afternoon. Interesting discussion by GYCs at the AG.

Newsletter – Valeria: Going to ask publisher to make registration form a different color from other pages of the newsletter starting with August 2023. This will discern the forms completed from the newsletter and those printed on a printer.

Webmaster – Andy McKellar: Website development is proceeding. We will be holding up the annual review of lapsed members pending that effort, as the plan includes a way to automate that process and the current website includes little or no information that should be restricted to members anyway. I will be meeting with Michael McCracken to help him get oriented in his new role as the Designated Webmaster; I expect, but cannot be sure, that he will be submitting these reports for some time in the near future.

Programs – Vacant: Do you need to have programs at the meetings? No, just to have the meeting. A new way of gathering.

Scholarship Chair -Lauren Ogden: Off season for the Scholarship Committee

Testing Coordinator – Rebecca Raymond: We tested 2 candidates on July 15 at the Timberglen Branch of the Dallas Public Library (we had quite a few no-shows to this session) and have another session scheduled for July 29 in Carrollton to match up with the National Office's 50% off testing promotion. The Dallas Public Library's payment system appears to be back online (!) so hopefully we'll be able to true up our testing expenses soon. We've officially "cleared out" our old testing candidates from the "blackout period" of 2019-2021. These 430 candidates have been on the email list for over 1 year (and potentially 3 years on the prospect list) and have received over a dozen communications from me with no response or further testing interest. I've sent them a note that they won't be receiving further testing notifications (each testing notification lets candidates know they'll be on the list for 1 year) unless requested. Our more updated list, which is timelier for folks who really want to test, is clocking in around 200 candidates.

Calendar – Sara Hawkins: I can edit the calendar now but every event description has been replaced with "The details of this event are only visible to NTM members. If you are a current member please register on the site. Thank you." I can work on fixing the descriptions and getting August events uploaded. I can't promise I'll be through by end of day on Sunday but that'll be my goal.

Social Media – Vacant:

Regional Gathering – Karen Brack: We're having an RG. We are listed on the National website, and announcements and news are being shared in the M-Aura and on our Facebook pages. The first speakers are confirmed. The registration form will be in the M-Aura every month through November. We still need people to run individual games and tournaments. We have someone volunteering a Cards Against Humanity game, but they don't want to be responsible for running it, so that's one game we know that needs a leader. We need a DJ for the Pool Party. And, of course, we need speakers. An invitation to all members is in the August M-Aura. If anyone has questions, I can be reached by phone: 214-477-1151.

Old Business- None

New Business– None proposed

A motion to adjourn was made by; Chris Cree, seconded by Ken Roberts, and passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.