

NTM – North Texas Mensa
A local Group of
American Mensa Ltd
A NY Not-for-profit corporation
Board Meeting for October 15, 2023

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

Present: Vice-President Collene Goldman, Treasurer Cathy Allshouse, Secretary Ken Roberts

Board Members at Large Nominee: Chris Cree and Valerie Beasley and Leza Mesiah

Absent Board Member at Large:

Reports:

President – Gunny Hartman:

The next Board Meeting will be held same time and place on November 19, 2023.

Vice-President – Collene Goldman:

Nothing to report

Secretary – Ken Roberts:

Minutes were accepted and approved.

Treasurer – Cathy Allshouse:

As of July 30, 2023

Income:

American Mensa	\$1088.95	
Total Deposits		\$ 1088.95

Expenses:

Public Storage	\$ 198.00	
Budget Print	816.04	
Cathy Allshouse- Meeting Snacks	17.27	
Total Expenses		1031.31

Difference for the month of July	\$	57.64
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New Balance in Checking	\$	2808.00
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Savings Balance	\$	12030.06
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Total Assets	\$	24838.06
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Ombudsman – Roger Durham: Nothing to report

Membership – Ken Roberts:

1101 Total Membership. 10 new and 6 renewed...

NTM is the 7th Largest Local in American Mensa.

We need to compare the statement from American Mensa to the income which they send us each month, so we can reconcile it with the membership report.

Discussed different ways to increase membership.

Communications – Collene Goldman:

The new webmaster's job has changed dramatically. Everything is all organized now, and the new person will not need so many skills. Looking for a new person.

Calendar - Sara Hawkins:

The default will be changed to show everything on the calendar unless a person holding the event requests it not to be.

The calendar can hold many details that are not being used. It can be used as a great recruitment tool.

Nominating Committee- Bill Rock

Submitted a complete slate of candidates to the Election committee. Thanks to Anne and Paul for their key contributions filling out the slate.

Editor – Bill Rock:

November M-Aura ready to go, hoping we have an RVC column by the time you read this.

Gifted Children – Bill Rock:

October event will be fossil convention in Glen Rose (Oct 29th) November event will be video games in McKinney. Discussing with ChiMe GYC on opening up the book club to other Local Groups

Webmaster – Michael and Andy McKellar:

Michael has resigned because real life got in the way. Andy is our acting Webmaster currently. Add him to National Rooster as Webmaster so

M-Aura Newsletter – Val Beasley

456 label count.

Programs – Vacant:

Scholarship Chair -Lauren Ogden:

2023 Final Awards from NTM: National 1; Regional 4; Local 3. Total of 8. [Scholarship Winners](#)

2024 Scholarship Awards open for applications until Jan 15. [Scholarship Applications](#)

We have 70 applications to date. Last year we had 850 total. I'm getting started now on processing them online. I will put out a call for volunteer judges in November. We will do 2 Rounds this year. First round judging will be a simple yes/no on should the essay be scored in the second round. I'm very grateful for the 20+ judges that volunteered last year as I was learning the process online. As this is my second year, my goals include more efficiency and earlier time frames for scoring completions. February 28, 2024 is the absolute final deadline to get our scholarships submitted to Regional and National competitions

Testing Coordinator – Rebecca Raymond:

Tested 4 candidates on October 7. Next test is October 28th, followed by November 11!

Could we start moving the testing areas around the metroplex. Maybe we should get area coordinators for the outlying areas, because a significant number of the new members testing are from these areas.

Election Committee - Randy Brack

Everything is ready to have the election of new officers at the November meeting. Election information and ballots were included in the November M-Aura, there will be blank ballots at the November meeting for members wanting to vote in person, Candidates will have a 3 minute opportunity to speak at the November meeting, if they choose, and ballot counting should be very quick and short.

Calendar – Sara Hawkins:

Calendar is up to date on the website.

Social Media – Vacant:

Regional Gathering – Karen Brack:

Speakers are full. Need an AV squad. Ken volunteered with his wife, Lori, to do this task.

Registrations were 49, and Mensans are known for registering late.

Emails are going out every month. Getting calls from far and wide.

Start time is Thursday at 5:00 p.m.
Indoor heated pool.

Old Business

Storage area:

New Business –

RG is requesting to purchase to new projectors for this year's RG. Motion was made by Ken Roberts to give \$300 for 2 new projectors and connecting cables. Second by Leza Mesiah and approved by the board.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ken Roberts, seconded by Leza Mesiah and passed without opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm