

**North Texas Mensa
A local Chapter of American Mensa Ltd
Board Meeting Minutes, September 17, 2023**

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

Present: President Gunny Hartman, Treasurer Cathy Allshouse, and Board Members at Large Val Beasley and Chris Cree

Participating via Zoom: Vice-President Collene Goldman and Secretary Ken Roberts

Absent: Board Member at Large Leza Mesiah

Reports:

President – Gunny Hartman: The next Board Meeting will be held same time and place on October 15, 2023.

Vice-President – Collene Goldman: Nothing to report. Took minutes due to anticipated absence of secretary.

Secretary – Ken Roberts: Minutes from the August 20, 2023 meeting were accepted without corrections.

Treasurer – Cathy Allshouse: August 2023 Net Loss = (\$704.96)

August Income

Mensa Subsidy	\$980.85
Loan Interest	\$0.00
Events	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.10
RG Income	\$0.00
Total Income	\$980.95

August Expenses

M-Aura Printing	(\$1,390.91)
M-Aura Postage	(\$0.00)
Storage	(\$198.00)
Testing	(\$0.00)
Gifted Youth	(\$0.00)
Website	(\$0.00)
General Meeting	(\$0.00)
Membership	(\$0.00)
Mailing Supplies	(\$0.00)
Election	(\$97.00)
Miscellaneous	(\$0.00)
Virtual Meeting	(\$0.00)
Awards	(\$0.00)

Officers' Exp (\$0.00)
 Member Parties (\$0.00)
 RG (\$0.00)
 Total Expenses (\$1685.91)

August Net Income (Loss) = (\$704.96)

Ombudsman - Roger Durham: Nothing to report

Membership - Ken Roberts:

9/1/2023	8/1/2023	7/1/2023	6/1/2023	5/1/2023	Category
1101	1086	1075	1057	1039	Membership Roster
1	1	7	2	1	Leaving
10	8	20	16	16	New Members
175	178	182	189	195	Lapsed Members
6	3	7	9	24	Renewing
12	14	27			Prospective Members
7 (-11)	7	7	7	7	NTM Ranking

Marketing - Vacant

Communications & Publicity - Collene Goldman: NTM Facebook page has 872 followers. FB analytics reported 6643 engagements on our website and posts in late Aug – mid-Sept. Engagements = total # reactions, comments, shares, likes and clicks. Email “blasts” are going to membership as planned.

S.I.G.H.T – Gunny Hartman: Request for accommodation was made by a Houston member, who then changed her plans.

Nominating – Bill Rock: No report.

Election Committee - Randy Brack: Election is on track. Biographical &/or campaign statements should be sent to Randy are *due* not later than October 5.

Gifted Children – Bill Rock: One family attended the September tour of the Commemorative Air Force event. October event is Fossilmania in Glen Rose.

Calendar - Sara Hawkins: The online calendar is updated and going well. Pleased with it.

M-Aura Publisher – Val Beasley: Proposed including an appeal to switch from printed & mailed M-Aura copies to electronic versions. Discussed how to contact members who did not include email addresses in their membership profile. The membership chair agreed to present a plan.

M-Aura Editor – Bill Rock: October M-Aura ready to go to the printer, once the RVC column shows up. September and November issues will have extra pages.

Testing Coordinator – Rebecca Raymond: One tested in September. Two tests scheduled for October, National Mensa Testing Month.: a 50% discount, additional funding for October tests, and inclusion in the National Office's October marketing.

Programs Chair – Vacant: October's program will be an interactive discussion on the favorite book you've read so far in 2023.

Social Media – Vacant:

Webmaster – Michael McCracken and Andy McKellar: Andy is working with Michael to get him up to speed. The website is working as planned, no issues.

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

Regional Gathering – Karen Brack: Approximately 40 people have registered to attend. Some speakers lined up. Program suggestions are welcome. Volunteers still needed. Email blast to all members going out with program information and appeal for volunteers.

Unfinished Business

Storage Shed: Gunny, Roger, and Randy & Karen Brack scouted the shed and see no problem with liquidating the contents after the RG to discontinue the expense of a storage shed.

Wine Tasting: First one is planned for Friday 10/13, contact Leza Mesiah for details.

Board and General Meeting locations: More discussion on advantages/disadvantages of changing locations/dates/time. Costs were mentioned. Board is open to ideas.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by **Chris Cree**, seconded by **Val Beasley**, and passed without opposition; the meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm.