April 21, 2024 Board Proceedings
North Texas Mensa
A Local Group of
American Mensa Ltd.
A NY Not-for-Profit Corporation

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by President Eric "Gunny" Hartman. Attendees: Vice-President Ken Roberts, Treasurer Cathy Allshouse, and Board Members at Large Jonathan Bethune and Juan Faura. Absent: Secretary Paul Whiteman and Board Member at Large Chris Cree.

Reports

President – Eric "Gunny" Hartman … The next Board Meeting will be 6 PM May 19, 2024 at Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas (5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas).

NOTE: New Email Address = Gunny93@yahoo.com

VP – Ken Roberts … Nothing to report.

Secretary – The March minutes were presented with no corrections.

Treasurer –Cathy Allshouse … Treasurer sent financial reporting for Sunday's meeting. Not much activity. If you'll look at the BvA sheet, you'll see we've had a positive cash flow recently (average of over $700.00 per month the first 4 months of 2024), with Total NTM Assets of 27,215.21.

Ombudsman – Roger Durham … Nothing to report.

Membership – Ken Roberts … Membership - **Please not the large number of lapsed members and reduction of membership. This happens every April as Mensa enters its new fiscal year. We should still discuss how to approach the lapsed membership.

Date	Roster	Lapsed	Leaving	New	Prospect	Renew Offers	Rank
3/31/24	986	214	2	19	14	268	7

S.I.G.H.T. – Gunny Hartman … We had two internationals visiting for the April 8th eclipse: one from Germany and one from Italy. The one from Germany attended at least three NTM events.

Editor – Bill Rock … Still waiting on the March board proceedings (and the RVC column). Should I just say "see March report"? New printer seems to be working well; FCM being delivered quicker than the bulk mail.

Gifted Youth – Bill Rock … Seven gifted youth participated in the pottery painting on the 14th. Strawberry picking set for May. Possible TI "bring your kids to work" day event on July 26th.

Circulation Manager – Val Beasley … Count to print is 400+. Down due to lapsed members.

Scholarship – Lauren Ogden … Scholarship Chair Report: National is changing the company that creates the online scholarship processing. I offered to help test run the new system and redo instructions as needed.

Web Contact – Andy McKellar … Nothing significant to report. All is working correctly, so far as I know. Given that renewal time has come and gone, I need to sooner or later go through the registered users and disable the login privilege for those who have lapsed. My procedure in the past has been to wait until June or so to give them time to renew on their own, but I will start immediately if the Board insists. I will comment that this is easily the most time-consuming part of my job, it generally takes about six to eight hours, and I generally spread it over a week or so to relieve the tedium.

ALSO: Annual hosting and maintenance bill of $3,000 will be due in May.

Testing – Rebecca Raymond … Testing update – Jeffrey Bromberger is currently (as of this moment) proctoring our April test – we had 4 pre-registrations but a potential cancellation due to weather. The National Office changed their ruling on retaking the Mensa Admission Test Battery – prospects can now retest after 8 weeks from their previous testing as opposed to only once per lifetime!! I've contacted all of our previous prospects who "timed out" (over 1 year of non-response on the email list) or who previously tested and did not pass to share the new ruling and hopefully increase our future testers!

Calendar – Sara Hawkins … Calendar is running well.

Social Media – Colleen Goldman … The NTM Facebook page stats for past 28 days …Posts reach: 4946. Posts engagement: 607. Reactions: 368. Shares: 51. (https://www.facebook.com/NorthTexasMensa)

Bylaws Committee Interim Report – Randy Brack … Committee members Randy Brack, Chris Cree, Roger Durham, and Paul Whiteman are hard at work on the bylaws, but need another month. We hope to have a proposed set of bylaws to be presented during the May Board meeting.
Dan Burg, chair of the National Bylaws Committee has sent (or it will be sent soon), a letter to LocSecs, dated April 12, 2024, enumerating the new requirements mandated by the latest Minimum Standard Bylaws for Local Groups of American Mensa.

Unfinished Business

NTM Swag Store – Risinghill Marketing, Alan Feigenbaum:

- This doesn't cost NTM a penny – they have T-shirts, hats, and jackets.
- NTM would be required to have a camera-ready approved logo to use – Ken Roberts, Jonathan Bethune, Juan Faura, and Gunny Hartman will work on this.
- NTM does not have to keep any inventory, and items are created by the Swag store when ordered and sent directly to the person.
- NTM wants a cut of the money (40% was suggested).
- Does anyone have any reservations with pursuing this? No one expressed any reservations, due to no effort in handling orders or inventory.

Dallas Museum visit – Cathy Allshouse suggested an NTM outing to the Meadows Museum on SMS Campus – Free on Thursday nights; 05/16/2024 at 6 PM was a suggested date/time.

RG Chair(s) – We need to solicit at least one! And soon!

Bylaws: New AMC Minimum Standards and Potential of Changing NTM Bylaws – Randy Brack, Chris Cree, Roger Durham, and Paul Whiteman are aiming to present something at the May meeting.

Community Involvement –Juan Faura will have more information on this in upcoming months.

New Members Party – Saturday, May 4th, 7 PM at Andy McKellar's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM after a motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Bethune, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Whiteman, wife of the absent (due to illness) Paul Whiteman.