NTM – North Texas Mensa
A local Group of
American Mensa Ltd
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NTM Board of Directors minutes for July 21, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Gunny Hartman. Present in person were President Eric "Gunny" Hartman and Treasurer Cathy Allshouse. Present via Zoom were VP Ken Roberts and Board Members at Large Jonathan Bethune, Chris Cree, and Juan Faura. Absent was Secretary Paul Whiteman.

1. Reports

President – Eric "Gunny" Hartman … The next Board Meeting: 6 PM August 18, 2024, at Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas (5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas). Roger Durham is willing to serve as RG Chair. We URGENTLY need Election Committee Members. Secured is one member and an alternate, but a chair and other members are needed. We need to start planning for the fall [new] members party.

VP – Ken Roberts … Nothing to report

Secretary – Paul Whiteman … The minutes of the June 2024 board meeting, which were prepared by Anne Whiteman, were distributed via email. With no corrections, the minutes stand approved.

Treasurer – Cathy Allshouse … Subsidy of $1,031.76 was received from national. Expenses were $604.81, which resulted in a net income of $426.95. Financial statements for 2024 YTD, January through July 20, were distributed. We have had a positive YTD new income of $2,031.30. At the end of June, we had $3,840.68 in checking, $12,031.02 in savings, and a note receivable for $10,000, putting total NTM assets at $25,871. RG account balance is $1,500.

Ombudsman – Roger Durham … Nothing to report

Membership – Ken Roberts … As of June 1st, we have 1057 members, with 189 still lapsed, making us 7th among chapters in membership. Ken shared a list of lapsed members, so those wanting to do so can contact them.

Marketing – Vacant … Juan Faura & Jonathan Bethune mentioned some ideas to make NTM more visible, especially to millennials and Gen Z. Hopefully, they can spearhead further discussion and actionable ideas in that regard.

S.I.G.H.T. – Gunny Hartman … Nothing to report

Editor – Bill Rock … "M-Aura almost done. Holding on RVC column from new RVC. Second reminder sent, still no reply."

Gifted Youth – Bill Rock … "Gifted Youth had 7 attendees for book club, from Florida to Washington, with several from Dallas. We had six attendees at on-line games. Plan for July is to tag along on the TI 'Take your child to work day' event. August event will be electronics workshop."

Circulation Manager – Val Beasley … No report

Scholarship – Lauren Ogden … Nationals will be done soon and post the winners of this year's scholarships. I am helping National test out the new online scholarship application process.

Web Contact – Andy McKellar … "No significant Issues. I have reviewed the user list for lapsed members and suspended login privileges for a couple of dozen or so; so far none have asked to be re-enabled. I will be working with Hubra to encourage users to enter their membership numbers in their user records, and if the Board permits, next spring I will suspend login privileges for everyone who has not done so and also has not logged in during the previous year. This is actually less draconian than it sounds; at a rough guess, about 70% to 80% of our users have not logged in since the first three months after registering, so they probably won't even notice." Jonathan Bethune volunteered to help investigate ways to minimize web costs. Gunny will try to get him more access to explore further.

Testing – Rebecca Raymond … "We had no call-no shows in June, but 3 testers in July. Our next session is August 10 at the Carrollton library. October's tests (50% off) will be booked in early August - hopefully we'll have at least 2 sessions!"

Calendar – Sara Hawkins … "Calendar is doing great. I need to update the July online calendar. Hopefully tonight."

Programs - Gunny Hartman (acting) … Bill Rock will be talking about the BEST Robotics program, which encourages high school students to think about engineering and problem solving through a sports-like competition.

Social Media/Facebook – Collene Goldman … "Reach: 4,848 (the number of people who saw any of our posts at least once). Engagement: 513 (the number of times people engaged with our posts through reactions, comments, shares and clicks). Followers: 930 (49% Men followers; 51% Women followers" (www.facebook.com/NorthTexasMensa)

Bylaws Committee - Chris Cree, Roger Durham, and Paul Whiteman … AMC suggested revisions were made and approved, so that the bylaws may be submitted to the membership for vote. The rules for doing so are in our current bylaws.

Regional Gathering - Roger Durham … The following roles have been filled: Speaker seeker, hospitality, scheduling, treasurer, registrar, and beer & wine. Two speakers have been secured and there are some potentials already identified. Some speakers have already been lined up and there are members signed up for hospitality and meals. A budget is in the works. Roger needs a copy of the contract. Hotel/location is same as last year, Holiday Inn Express & Suites North Dallas at Preston (6055 Lyndon B Johnson Fwy, Dallas, TX 75240). Ken Roberts mentioned Bill Dutton of Dallas Games, who may be a RG resource. RG Helpers would be welcome and should contact Roger.

2. Actions

Juan Faura made a motion to appoint Roger Durham as the Regional Gathering chair, which was seconded by Ken Roberts.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM after a motion was made by Chris Cree, which was seconded by Juan Faura, and passed.