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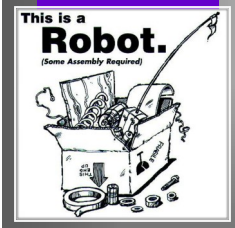
Speaker July 21st, 7:30pm- Bill Rock on BEST Robotics



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ON THE COVERS:

Front *Top left:* J.D. Wallace makes a compelling case for adding supplements to your diet. *Bottom Right:* A recent Lunch Bunch, CW from "those knees": Chris Cree, Katherine Shoemaker, Cindy Bicking, Roger Moss, Roger Durham, Suzy Wills, Paul Whiteman, Kevin Buchanan, Alex Buchanan, Cate Buchanan, Randy Brack, Karen Brack, and Beth Phifer

Back *Top:* The Gifted Youth book club delves into Warriors, Fire and Ice (what, the series is written by different people?). This month attendees were from Oregon to Florida (and a few from DFW) *Bottom:* Games SIG travels to the orbit of Jupiter to play *Iota*

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FROM THE NTM PRESIDENT

GUNNY HARTMAN

"There are no 'secrets' to success. Persistence, integrity, knowledge, hard work, and a bit of boldness have always improved the probability of attaining a favorable outcome." ~Bryan Lundgren

Like many, I did not have a clear rationale for joining Mensa. Nor did I really know what being in Mensa would entail, particularly being a part of North Texas Mensa. At first, it was rewarding enough just to be a member, but the more activities I attended, the more people I met whom I found interesting.

I also better understood that North Texas Mensa is a volunteer run organization with a heavy emphasis on socialization. I began to take more ownership of what I deemed to be my organization too. It has been a rocky ride at times, but the hard work has been worth it.

For NTM to be successful, we need more who are willing to take ownership of their organization and be committed to its success. We need YOU. Peruse the M-Aura and find some things to attend this month. Check out the back inside cover and see if there are areas where you would be willing to serve. Are things we are not doing that you would like to jumpstart? Ponder serving on the nominating or election committees or helping with the Regional Gathering over Thanksgiving weekend.

Please help us attain success!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

The following are new or rejoining members of North Texas Mensa. Please join us in welcoming them to our group.

New Mensans: Edison Bodam, Sophie Cohen, Chloe Cohen, Eva Cowan, Daniel Graham, Deanna Grant, Vihaan Pal, Athena Servin, Evangeline Smith, Zachary Smith

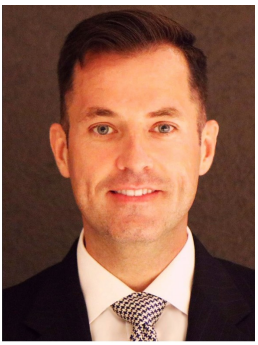
Moving to NTM: No one in May

Rejoining Mensa and NTM: Kevin Crumpton, Cora Elizondo, Steven Fuller, Chris Harris, Elim Wong

We welcome you <u>all</u>, and look forward to seeing you at future functions!

HOWDY!

DAVID MCCALLISTER, REGION 6 VICE CHAIR



Howdy! My name is David and I'm thrilled to serve as your RVC as of July 1.

A heartfelt thank you to past leaders that served since I joined American Mensa: Roger Durham, Taz Criss, John Neemidge, and Shelton Alsup. Each of you has imparted unique lessons that have significantly influenced my journey forward. Your diverse leadership styles and guidance have been invaluable, and I deeply appreciate the impact you've had on me.

A little about me: I am a native Texan, Baylor University graduate, and Life Member of American Mensa. I reside in Arlington Texas, am married and have a Black Labrador retriever named Dexter. My extracurricular activities include exploring new countries and being immersed in their culture, learning to play new board games, and enjoying live music.

Summer heralds excitement for a myriad of reasons: school breaks bring relief, seasonal fruits ripen for enjoyment, and vacation beckons relaxation. Yet, this summer also ushers in pivotal changes for our organization. Among them, a new AMC takes office, dedicated to enhancing the value our members derive from their membership.

Member satisfaction is not just a priority, it's the foundation for building a strong and sustainable organization. Each member contributes a valuable perspective that enhances our collective journey. I am dedicated to fostering transparent and regular communication, keeping members informed about national updates, events, and volunteer opportunities.

Your feedback and comments are invaluable to me. For those who prefer quick and straightforward communication, contact me directly via phone or text at 817-988-3283 or submit feedback online at https://tinyurl.com/MembersVoice. I eagerly anticipate meeting you in person at upcoming local events, regional gatherings, or AMC meetings.

Together, let's shape a future where every member's needs are acknowledged, understood, and addressed.

In Proud Mensa Service,
David McCallister

GIFTED YOUTH CORNER

by Bill Rock

In May, the strawberries were ripe for the picking. What amazed me was how easy it was to pick several pounds quickly, as I am used to picking blueberries, where you get less weight for each "grab". I was also surprised at how much more juicy they were than the berries you get from the store. But I have to stop now, or I'll make myself hungry.

For this month, some friends of mine have graciously offered to allow us to join in with the TI "Take your child to work" event. This will be a great time to see some cutting edge technology, and also to have some fun. Have you ever asked your parents just exactly what it is they do at work? We were only allocated a limited number of slots, so by the time you read this they will likely all be allocated.

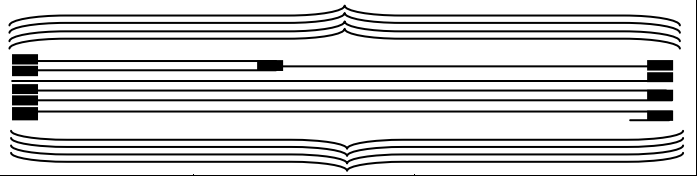
I have mentioned that the plan for August is to do an electronics build workshop. This was a popular event last time we tried it back in 2019. The kit we built at that time was a synthesizer, so you could make your own music: cornfieldelectronics.com/cfe/products/buy.php?productId=synth This is cool as after you finish the kit and get it working, you can download other sketches to turn your synthesizer into a drum machine, or a B3-like rock and roll organ, or an arpeggio creator, among others. Or you can just hack it yourself and create your own sounds.

If you built one of those last time, or if synthesizers are not your thing, check on Amazon for this LED clock you can build: MiOYOOW TJ-56-428, or perhaps you'd like a voice changer: vetco.net/products/voice-changer-kit. These are just a couple of the kits you can build. If I can get RSVPs for this event, I would appreciate it, so we can have enough soldering stations set up.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions, or ideas for an event, or would like to host an event. I'm sure we can work something out.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! The following NTMers add another candle to the cake in July:

Nelson Spencer, Gowri Shanker, Karl Keffler, Taylor Clagett, Virginia Cochran, Mark Johnson, Adam Uszynski, Daniel Gideon, David DeJongh, Joe Sailors, Kevin Bowling, Susan Wilkofsky, Don "running man" Muchow, Rebecca Van Uum, Lynn Hess, Thomas Fomby, Robert Donelson, Maridale Morgan, Kimberly Marriott, James Tew, Suzanne O'Brien, James Thomson, Robert Draper, John Wauson, Courtney Nall, Mike Keliher, Linda Vollink, Jason Day, Helen Burt, Dawn Riales, Heather "ultimate" Frisbie, Shawn Prestridge, Bruce Lawler, Jane Sleeth, John "mutiny" Grumbles, Jo Williams, Matthew Rocco, Larry Wilson, Michael Martin, Steve Salvatori, Robert Kowalski, Orrin Stevens, Philip Tocci, Derek Schoonmaker, Michael Scruggs, Carmen Tomlinson, Steven Cain, Laurie Foster, George Mixon, Douglas Jones, Ronald Angus, John Fox, Norma Dixon, Sandra Hense, William Looper, Michael Stewart, Alexandra Henry, Simon Robson, Edward Horne, Ty O'Neal, Joe Bates, Jacqueline Walston, Jimmy Chapman, Deana Lowe, Raj Dore, Maria Hall, Raj Lulla, Eric Minor, Steve Futrell

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2024	**1** 7 pm Munch Bunch	**2** 7 pm Beer Garden	**3**	**4** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM 	**5** 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**6**
7 8 pm Brainstorming SIG	**8** 7 pm Munch Bunch	**9** 7 pm Beer Garden 9 pm *M-Aura* Calendar Deadline	**10** 9 pm *M-Aura* All-Copy Deadline	**11** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**12** 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch 7 pm Texas Hold 'Em 	**13** 12:30 pm Mensa Testing 7 pm Singles Chat 'n Chew
14 12:30 pm Gifted Youth Book Club 2 pm Bright Ladies SIG 8 pm Brain-storming SIG 	**15** 7 pm Munch Bunch	**16** 7 pm Beer Garden	**17** 7 pm MADEATS	**18** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**19** 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**20** 2 pm Mensa Foundation speaker 3 pm GY virtual board games 4 pm Small Group Meeting
21 6 pm NTM Board Meeting 7:30 pm NTM General Meeting 8 pm Brainstorming SIG	**22** 7 pm Munch Bunch	**23** 7 pm Beer Garden	**24**	**25** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**26** 8 am GY & TI tour 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**27** 6:30 pm Games SIG
28 1:30 pm Eclectic Book Club 2:30 pm Theodore Talk 8 pm Brainstorming SIG	**29** 7 pm Munch Bunch	**30** 7 pm Beer Garden	**31**			

~July 2024~

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~WEEKLY EVENTS~

MONDAYS

7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Munch Bunch - Addison
Location: **BJ's Restaurant,** 4901 Belt Line Rd., Addison 75254
BJ's is an upscale brewpub with an extensive menu. On the north side of Belt Line just a couple of blocks west of the Tollway. Ask at the desk for the Mensa table.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

TUESDAYS

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beer Garden – Dallas
Location: **District 9 Draught Haus**, 718 N. Buckner Blvd., Dallas
This is a neighborhood pub in the shopping center, corner of Buckner & Northcliff, which is the first stoplight south of NW Hwy. on Buckner. They have a good beer selection, wines and ciders on tap, and a tasty, but somewhat limited, menu. Ask for the Mensa table.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

THURSDAYS

1:00 PM - Plano Lunch Group
Location: **King Buffet**: 521 Central Parkway, Plano, TX 75074
Yelp loves King Buffet Plano's wide selection which ranges from pizza to made-to-order hibachi favorites. Look for Ty. https://www.yelp.com/biz/king-buffet-plano-3
Contact: **Ty O'Neil**: (214.394.7364 cell)

7:00 - 9:00 PM HOTDAM
Hang out Together with Denton Area Mensans
Location: **Cafe Brazil**, 501 W University Dr, Denton, TX 76201 Meet us for games, revelry, and more. Look for the owl statuette on the table. See YOU 'round!
PLEASE CALL OR TEXT CONTACTS FOR MORE INFO
Contact: **Deb Ramsey** (940.391.9657) or **Christie Miller**, (940.765.0429)

FRIDAYS

1:00 - 2:30 PM East Dallas Lunch Bunch
Location: **Fish City Grill**: 7170 Skillman Street,
Dallas 75231 Fish City Grill is a neighborhood seafood restaurant that delivers the best quality and fresh ingredients.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

SUNDAYS
8:00 PM Brainstorming SIG *(from mid MI Mensa)*
Location: **Zoom Meeting**: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82908600785?pwd=Kzl4YUhFbklwSnpCTTl4TDdHNoJsdz09
Meeting ID: 829 0860 0785 Passcode: 1234
SIG's main purpose - Opportunity to brainstorm ways we do things.
Contact: **Ken Lawrence** MBrainstormingSessions@gmail.com

July Events

09 TUESDAY
9:00PM – M-Aura Calendar Deadline (The 9th of each month)
Contact: **Calendar Chair, Sara Hawkins**: (calendarchair@northtexasmensa.org, or 214.801.4704)

10 WEDNESDAY
9:00PM – M-Aura All Copy Deadline (The 10th of each month)
Contact: **Editor,Bill Rock**:(william.m.rock@gmail.com or 972.396.8160)

12 FRIDAY
7:00PM – NTM Scholarship Foundation Friday Texas Hold 'Em
Location: **Paul and Anne Whiteman's Home**:
4424 Ringgold Lane, Plano, TX 75093
The next NTM Scholarship Foundation Friday Texas Hold-em evening will be held the 12th of July, 2024. In July, we'll be meeting at the home of Paul & Anne Whiteman for a pleasant evening of cards, bluffing and fun. No big winners or losers, just bragging rights for your $10 contribution to the kitty, and a $5 re-buy if you wish – all of which goes to the Scholarship Foundation. Plenty of snacks and drinks, and those new to the game are welcome to join in. As always, the party starts at 7 PM, and the game commences at 7:30 PM.
PLEASE RSVP: **Anne Whiteman**: (214.868.4410 or Anne.whiteman1@gmail.com)

13 SATURDAY
12:30PM – 2:45PM – MENSA Admissions Testing
Location: **Dallas Public Library –Timberglen Branch Classroom**: 18505 Midway Rd, Dallas, TX
Know someone who may qualify for Mensa? Please refer all interested testers (or anyone with questions!) to Rebecca Raymond

at NTMTesting@northtexasmensa.org to obtain the pre-registration link and all other required details for this session.
Contact: **Rebecca Raymond**: (ntmtesting@northtexasmensa.org)

AMERICAN MENSA HAS ANNOUNCED a change to its Admission Test policy that will allow candidates who fail to qualify initially to retake the test. The threshold for qualifying for Mensa has not changed – candidates still must score in the top 2 percent of a standardized IQ test.

7:00PM – 9:00PM – Singles Chat and Chew (Second Saturday of each month)
Location: **Jason's Deli**: 9100 N. Central Expressway, Suite 139, Dallas, TX 75231.
This is at the NE corner of Central Expressway and Park Lane. Come join other singles for dinner and have great conversations.
Contact: **Laura Stuart**: (214.641.2520)

14 SUNDAY
12:30PM - NTM Gifted Youth Book Club
(normally First Sunday of each month)
Location: **Zoom Meeting**
At this meeting, we will be discussing ***Keeper of the Lost Cities*** by Shannon Messenger
MeetingLink: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87284610508?pwd=WnZWQ2JhbmlEamJzcmc1TkRBcFZjZz09
Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.396.8160, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

2:00PM – 4:00PM Bright Ladies Brunch
(Second Sunday of each month)
Location: **la Madeleine French Bakery &Café**: 15125 Montfort Dr., Dallas (one block east of the Tollway, on Montfort)
Look for us (and the Bright Ladies logo) as you come in.
Contact: **Call Kathy McWhorter for directions or more details**: (214.215.5809)

17 WEDNESDAY
7:00PM – MADEATS
(Mostly Affordable Diverse Eating Around Town SIG)
Location: **Fortunate Son Beer Garden and Pizza House**: 500 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040
Dallas may not have its own pizza style, but many styles are represented here: Neapolitan, New York, Detroit, pub style, Chicago, etc., all have local representation. The newest entry into the pizza style pantheon is from New Haven, Connecticut,

including its most famous (perhaps) iteration: the Clam Pizza. Yes, clam pizza.

Fortunate Son, a new pizza and beer joint on the recently renovated square in Downtown Garland, is open and doing New Haven proud. If bivalves don't do it for you, they have a range of pizzas beyond the clam pie, plus entrees, pastas, sandwiches, etc. There are gluten friendly, vegetarian and vegan options. The beer list is HUGE and encompasses many styles of brew.

Here at MADEATS Extravaganzas, we repeatedly request RSVPs, but they are not required. This month, we ask a little more forcefully, to help ensure we can all sit together. Please RSVP by Tuesday, July 16th if at all possible. You are still welcome without an RSVP, but you just might not get to sit at the cool kids table. Contact and RSVP: **Karen Brack**: (kwbrack18@gmail.com, 214.477.1151)

20 SATURDAY

2:00PM – 3:30PM Mensa Foundation Speaker Series 2024

Location: **Zoom Meeting**

Explore the Mensa Foundation Speaker Series in 2024 - an immersive journey into the realms of intelligence and giftedness In collaboration with esteemed partners such as the Gifted Development Center (GDC), the Dabrowski Center (DC), and Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG), the Mensa Foundation Speaker Series offers captivating 90-minute virtual sessions that dive deep into the world of intelligence and giftedness. Uncover new perspectives and ignite your intellectual curiosity.

July Speaker: **Katy Higgins Lee - Overexcitabilities and Neurodivergence**

Registration and Fee Information: https://mensafoundation.ticketspice.com/mfss2024

3:00PM – Gifted Youth Virtual Board Games

Location: **Board Game Arena**: ww.boardgamearena.com

Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87284610508?pwd=WnZWQ2JhbmlEamJzcmc1TkRBcFZjZz09

Board Game Arena has a nice facility for playing games with friends on-line. It includes a chat feature, and I'll also set up a Zoom meeting for those that want to talk outside of the game. Login to the web site before the event, and tell me your username so I can send a message to let people know who they can meet up

with. I'll be "wrock_NTM".
Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.396.8160, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

4:00PM – 6:00PM - Small MENSA Meeting Canton / Wills Point (Third Saturday of each month)

Location: **We meet in each other's homes on a rotating basis**
We will send out a reminder about a week before each meeting giving this month's location and subject matter to be discussed. Purely a discussion group; no games, no food fests, no partying. Enjoy the exchange of thoughts and ideas without contention!
Contact: **Gerard Brohman**: (gbrohman@live.com)

21 SUNDAY

6:00PM- 7:00PM - Board Meeting (Third Sunday of the Month)

Location: **Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas**, 5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas, or
Zoom Video: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81692083286?pwd=UWFmMlVvRUpiazBZNldHcmxwSGpvZz09, or **Zoom Phone**: +1 346 248 7799 (in lieu of video call), Meeting ID: 816 9208 3286, Passcode: 448903
All members of NTM are welcome to attend and to address the board. The board conducts the organization business decisions. Members are welcome to bring items to the board's attention if they wish. Following the Board Meeting there is usually time for socializing before the program. If you prefer, you may also attend via Zoom – links above.
Contact: **Gunny Hartman, President**: (president@northtexasmensa.org)

7:30PM – Program Following the Board Meeting

(Third Sunday of the Month)
Location: **Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas**, 5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas, or via **Zoom** (see info above)
Speaker will be Bill Rock, talking about the BEST Robotics program, which encourages high school students to think about engineering and problem solving through a sports-like competition.

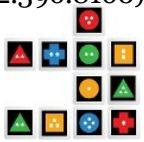
26 FRIDAY

8:00AM – Gifted Youth "go to work" at TI

Location: **Texas Instruments South Campus**:
8505 Forest Lane, Dallas

We are being allowed a limited number of slots to take part in the Texas Instruments "Bring Your Child to Work Day". There will be interactive displays, demos, and a chance for some hands-on engineering

Contact: **Bill Rock**: (william.m.rock@gmail.com or 972.396.8160)



27 SATURDAY

6:30PM – Games SIG

Location: **Bill & Ellen Rock's Home**
"The Rock Pile": 701 Victorian Drive, Allen, TX 75002

We have some classic board games and some new ones, and we're happy to try anything you care to bring over. Snacks and soft drinks will be available.

Contacts: **Bill and/or Ellen Rock**: (972.396.8160 •/ +214.356.5819, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

28 SUNDAY

1:30PM – 3:00PM - Eclectic Book Club (Fourth Sunday)

Location: **Half Price Books Flagship**: 5803 E NW Hwy, Dallas, TX 75231

The book selection for this month is ***Supertall: How the World's Tallest Buildings are Reshaping our Cities and our Lives"*** by Stefan Al. Eclectic Book Club picks are generally available in hardback, paperback or for e-readers. They should also be available at your local library.

Contacts: **Larry Strickler**: (lstrickler1@verizon.net or 972.495.8076) or **Bill Rock**: (972.396.8160 or william.m.rock@gmail.com)

2:30PM – MENSA Theodore Talks (Fourth Sunday)

Location: **Zoom**

The title of the July Theodore Talk is: ***A Horological Discourse: Mechanism, Risk, and Wonder*** by Brittany Nicole Cox. Register for this presentation at https://tinyurl.com/5t4mk2mt.Conducted by American Mensa. A list of future Theodore Talks can be found on the Mensa National Events Calendar at https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/, or by viewing the January issue of the Mensa Bulletin.

Hide *By Judy Unger*

Hide, hide, hide
Never show your fear
Hide, hide, hide.
Never show you're weak
Never, never, never
Let them know you hurt.

Go, go, go away
I will not share my pain
Take away your helping hand
I need no one but me

I do not hide now
There's no longer any need.
I can fall
There's no one who will know.
I can cry
There's no one to see.
I can shout out the yearnings of my soul
And there's no one who will hear.

NTM Board Proceedings- Sunday May 19th, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:02PM by Gunny Hartman. Present were President Eric "Gunny" Hartman, VP Ken Roberts, Treasurer Cathy Allshouse, and Board Members at Large Chris Cree and Jonathan Bethune (via Zoom). Absent were Secretary Paul Whiteman and BMAL Juan Faura.

1. Reports

President – Eric "Gunny" Hartman … The next Board Meeting: 6PM June 16, 2024 at Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas (5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas). We urgently need to find a RG Chair and we need to be looking for Nominating and Election Committee Members.

VP – Ken Roberts … Nothing to report

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

Treasurer – Cathy Allshouse … Financial statements for 2024 YTD, January through April, were distributed. We have had a positive YTD cash flow of $3,225.65, but outstanding are a few reimbursements, like Andy McKellar for SiteGround webservice subscription. "New Member's Party report: It was great fun, with over 30 people in attendance, lots of great things to eat. Spent: $286.45 on beverages, food, ice, supplies and $70 collections at the door. Net cost of $216.45." At the end of April, we had $5,184.48 in checking, $12,030.83 in savings, and a note receivable for $10,000, putting total NTM assets at $27,215.31. Cathy also shared the annual report she sent to national.

Ombudsman – Roger Durham … Nothing to report

Membership – Ken Roberts … As of May 1st, 1026 members, with 194 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.

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

Editor – Bill Rock … "Still holding June issue awaiting an RVC column. day-for-

day slip since Tuesday."

Gifted Youth – Bill Rock … "Two families attended strawberry picking. Plan for on -line games in June, possible TI plant tour this summer."

Circulation Manager – Val Beasley … No report

Scholarship – Lauren Ogden … No report

Web Contact – Andy McKellar … "No major news; all is well so far as I know. I will be addressing lapsed memberships next month, in order to give folks time to renew without being cut off." It appears Andy may have been charged for domain and software renewals; if so, Cathy will reimburse him and we'll endeavor to get the billing changed to ensure Andy isn't charged again. Andy noted that it would be helpful to have the capacity to generate a membership list. Gunny will try to get him that access.

Testing – Rebecca Raymond … "We had 2 testers at the April test and 4 at the May (including our first re-tester with the updated re-test guidelines from National). Our next test will be June 22 at the Renner Frankford branch of the DPL. Receipts for the last few months are forthcoming!" She also reported potential members being disgruntled with poor communication from national.

Calendar – Sara Hawkins … "Calendar is working great! I added another recurring national event to the calendar which I hope everyone likes. I want people to know what's going on."

Programs - Gunny Hartman (acting) … James Wallace will be speaking tonight about nutrition and "Why Eating Healthy, Isn't." We have programs set through July as well as for September, so we are recruiting for August and October. "

Social Media/Facebook – Collene Goldman … "Overall, our North Texas Mensa FB page stats have been level for the past 28 days. There are 923 followers. There's a slight increase in activity in the 45 - 54 year old audience as a % of all who are active. Age and gender % remains relatively equal among all groups. 30 of our friends in Canada, specifically in Mensa Saskatchewan, are active on our page." (www.facebook.com/NorthTexasMensa)

Bylaws Committee - Randy Brack, Chris Cree, Roger Durham, and Paul Whiteman … Two options were submitted to the board, as each version was preferred by half the committee. The benefits of each option were presented, with the difference being whether or not the bylaws would require monthly activities (i.e., board meetings, printed newsletters, and membership meetings) or would only require them quarterly, with the board's flexibility to do them more frequently. In addition, some of the material presently in our current bylaws would be moved to standing policies, which would be much easier to modify by future boards as necessary.

2. Actions

Chris Cree made a motion to adopt the version of the bylaws created by the committee that mirrors the minimum standard bylaws (MSB), which were recently distributed by national, in requiring quarterly board meetings, newsletters, and membership meetings. This and future boards could continue with those things on a monthly basis, but the proposed bylaws would not obligate that, being no more restrictive than the MSB. After discussion, motion passed. The committee was thanked for their diligence and helpful presentations. The bylaws will now be submitted to national for approval.

Cathy Allshouse made a motion, which was unnecessarily seconded by Ken Roberts, to sign another contract with Hubra for our website maintenance, at the rate of $250 per month, with the contract expiring January 2025. The 2025 board could determine to continue or make other arrangements. This would be an unbudgeted expense. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07PM after a motion was made by Ken Roberts and passed.

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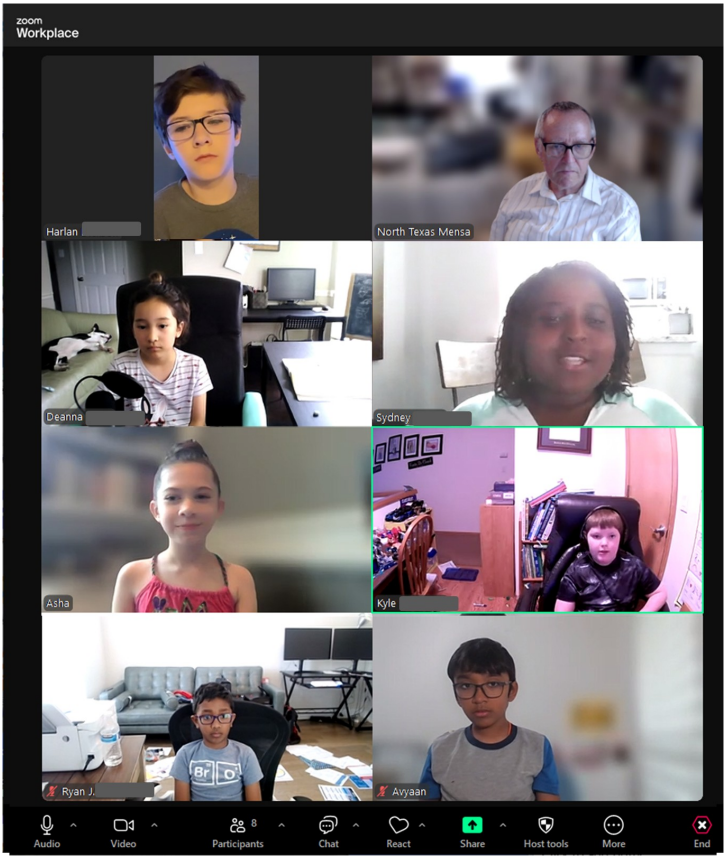
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