NTM – North Texas Mensa
A local Group of
American Mensa Ltd
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NTM Board of Directors minutes for Sunday March 17, 2024
Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by President Eric "Gunny" Hartman.
Attendees: Treasurer Cathy Allshouse, Secretary Paul Whiteman, and Board Member at Large Chris Cree. Absent: Vice-President Ken Roberts, Board Members at Large Jonathan Bethune and Juan Faura.

1. Reports

President – Eric "Gunny" Hartman … The next Board Meeting will be 6PM April 21, 2024 at Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas (5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas).

VP – Ken Roberts … Nothing to report

Secretary – The February minutes were presented with minor corrections.

Treasurer –Cathy Allshouse … Current balance about $27,000. $7.99 fraudulent bill refunded. New printer needs to submit invoices. Roger has reviewed the financial records from last year with no discrepancies. National is due the chapter financial report.

Ombudsman – Roger Durham … Nothing to report

Membership – Ken Roberts … Membership as of the end of February, we had 1191 members, with 3 leaving, 8 new members, 13 lapsed members, 134 renewing, and 13 prospective members. NTM is the 7th largest chapter.

S.I.G.H.T. – Gunny Hartman … Visitors for the April 8 eclipse from Germany and Italy. The one coming in May is from Indonesia.

Editor – Bill Rock … "First issue sent by the new publisher went well. Still waiting for proceedings to publish April Maura."

Gifted Youth – Bill Rock … "16 youth and parents signed up for pickleball next week in Grapevine. Plans in place for a summer electronics build it session."

Circulation Manager – Val Beasley … Quality of the Mauras with the new printer is good. New mailing involves envelopes at no additional cost. 17 more newsletter notification emails sent this month. That may involve new members.

Scholarship – Lauren Ogden … "We successfully finished judging the essays on time. 16 judges participated this year. We started with 898 essays. 714 were judged in Round 1 as a yes/no round. 437 were scored numerically in Round 2. 41 essays were passed on to Regional level. We are having the celebration party this Saturday at the Whiteman's house. We used our collective time more efficiently this year by

using the Round 1 & 2 method. I also got to meet more judges in person this year, which has been a great way to get more members involved in our local chapter."

Web Contact – Andy McKellar … "Nothing significant to report. All is well (and current), so far as I know."

Testing – Rebecca Raymond … "Testing update: We had one tester at our March test today (a couple folks cancelled) and our next test is scheduled for April 20 at the Dallas Timberglen location. The next half-price testing month should be in July!"

Calendar – Sara Hawkins … Things are working well. Online calendar access is working now.

Social Media – Collene Goldman … Facebook set up as a business or professional page. Followers built up in the last 16 months from less than 50 to 916 currently. Over the last 30 days, a reach of 1374.

2. New Business

Cree moved to reappoint Karen Brack to the Gatherings Committee for a 3 year term. Seconded by Whiteman. Unanimously approved. The RG chair is still open.

New Members' Party. JJs for the last NMP was good but expensive. Other possibilities include a short term rental home, or park, and JJs is still a possibility with less food. Allshouse volunteered to organize it. Early May for the date.

Event possibilities:

- Suggested by Collene is a repeat of the "Strut Your Mutt" benefit for the prevention of animal cruelty. April 13th at Fair Park.
- Arboreum (sic) Outing is also planned but more RSVP required to get the discounted price.

Randy Brack. New National bylaws have been approved. ASIE (Actions Still In Effect) are posted on the national website. NTM bylaws should be updated: Possible changes: NTM currently requires separate membership for Election and Nominating Committees. Those could be combined or at least the restriction lifted. NTM Bylaws (of 2017) currently requires the Publications Officer to appoint the Newsletter Editor. That is not a necessary requirement. Other changes discussed. Motion by Cree to appoint a Bylaws Investigation Committee second by Whiteman: Randy Brack, Chris Cree, Paul Whiteman, and Roger Durham.

Hartman will post a flash to promote the Strut your Mutt.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07PM after a motion was made by Whiteman and seconded by Cree, which passed unanimously.