

NTM – North Texas Mensa
A local Group of
American Mensa Ltd
A NY Not-for-profit corporation

Board Meeting for April 16, 2023

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

Present: President Eric “Gunny” Hartman, Vice-President Collene Goldman, Treasurer Cathy Allshouse, and Board Members at Large Chris Cree and Ken Roberts

Absent: Secretary Rajiv Lulla and Board Member at Large Leza Mesiah

1. Reports

President – Gunny Hartman noted that the next board meeting would be May 21, 2023 at 6PM at Five Star Premier Residences (5455 La Sierra Dr, Dallas, TX 75231). He noted that all Board members were current on their membership and reported positive feedback on the Spring New Members Party. He encouraged Board members to begin thinking about candidates to serve on the election and nominating committees.

Vice-President – Collene Goldman ... Regarding Community Outreach, she noted that American Mensa wanted chapters to do some outreach this month and report back. She got over 20 NTMs involved in the Dallas “Strut Your Mutt: The Race to End Animal Cruelty” activity as volunteers or participants. In the future, we will try to organize a group photo of all Mensans involved, but they were hard to congress on short notice amidst over 1,000 people there.

Secretary – Rajiv Lulla ... Gunny distributed the March 2023 Minutes by email and in person; they were approved by unanimous assent.

Treasurer – Cathy Allshouse ... Income for the month of March was \$1,277, expenses were \$2,422 with a net loss for the month of \$1,245. Total Mensa assets as of 3/31/23 were \$30,824. The Net cost for the very well attended New Member's Party last weekend was \$1,884.96.

Ombudsman – Roger Durham ... Ombudsman has nothing to report.

Membership – Ken Roberts ... 998 Total Membership (This is down from 1205 from 3/1 because of the Lapsed Members). 157 - Lapsed members - Those that have not renewed or are late renewing their membership; AMC will give us some funds to try to return them to the fold via renewal. 19 New members from 3/1 to 4/1. We are the 6th largest chapter in American Mensa.

Communications – Collene Goldman ... The website is critical and we need to fix glitches and determine protocols of who can do what with regard to updates. We need to get a RG tab on the site.

Publicity – Collene Goldman ... Website is again needed to be fully functioning. Discussions of NTM attire, like t-shirts, prompted Ken Roberts to mention a contact who does such things. He will look into different things we might do with NTM and/or Mensa's logo.

Editor – Bill Rock ... May M-Aura ready for the printer once an RVC column is forthcoming. Lots of good member-provided content in this issue.

Gifted Children – Bill Rock ... 5 families attended astronomy and telescope night. May event will be Young Eagles flying in Denton. Mensa76 GY have been invited to attend.

Programs – Karen Brack ... Kate Fenton is scheduled to speak on paleontology. Karen would love suggestions

on speakers, including speakers from among our interesting and diverse membership.

Testing Coordinator – Rebecca Raymond ... Testing updates for this month: Our next test is April 22 (more updates to come in May) and our May test is scheduled for May 20.

Publisher/Circulation Manager – Val Beasley ... Nothing to report.

Calendar – Sara Hawkins ... No issues with the calendar other than the website issue; she's not able to edit the calendar on the new website yet.

Webmaster – Andy McKellar ... Andy has officially relinquished webmaster duties.

S.I.G.H.T. – Gunny Hartman ... Danyu Shi, of San Francisco Mensa, was in Texas for her orientation for Texas A&M's School of Law. She and Gunny spent the afternoon together, including touring the school in Fort Worth.

Scholarship Chair – Lauren Ogden ... No report

Social Media – Vacant ...

Regional Gathering – Karen Brack ... Karen is working out the details of a contract with Holiday Inn Express & Suites North Dallas at Preston. More details will be forthcoming in the M-Aura, etc.

New Members Party – Karen Brack ... There was a great crowd, including many new members, one of which had only been in Mensa about a week. Some came from a great distance as well. 59 people signed in, but there may have been more. Being successful, this may be a good option for us for a future new members party.

2. Actions

- After a discussion about ways to cut costs with regard to the printed M-Aura, including the efforts to move more people to receiving it electronically, the possibility of divorcing the M-Aura from a more concise newsletter that meets the minimum requirements of the bylaws, and fewer sheets and black & white only, Chris Cree and Gunny Hartman were encouraged to come up with a specific plan for the M-Aura to free up funds for other things. Gunny will also send an email blast to members with a link to each month's M-Aura when he receives it from editor Bill Rock.

A motion to adjourn was made by Collene Goldman, seconded by Chris Cree, and passed without opposition. Meeting was adjourned at 7:14PM.

