

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

Board Meeting for December 18, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:06PM by Aaron Adair.

Present: President Aaron Adair, Secretary Eric “Gunny” Hartman, Treasurer Paul Whiteman, and Board Members at Large Cathy Allshouse and Leza Mesiah. Vice-President Collene Goldman attended via Zoom.

Absent: Board Member at Large Hutton Kinder

1. Reports

President – Aaron Adair noted that the next Board Meeting would be January 15, 2023 at 6PM at Five Star Premier Residences: 5455 La Sierra Dr, Dallas, TX 75231

Vice-President – Collene Goldman ... Vice-President has nothing to report.

Secretary – Eric “Gunny” Hartman ... The November 2022 Minutes, which were distributed by email and in person, were approved by unanimous assent.

Treasurer – Paul Whiteman ... The treasurer's report for November is as follows: “Bank accounts (as of Nov 30, 2022): Checking: \$7,363.87, Savings: \$14,029.05. Loan to Scholarship Foundation: \$10,000. Total net worth: \$31,392.92. This is a decrease of \$1,971.00 from October. The largest portion of the decrease is for postage which comes due twice a year. In addition, an extra payment went to the printer which had not been reflected in October and accounted for the increase in net worth last month. There will be a new treasurer coming up for the new board, which will require signature changes, etc. We got about \$1,100 from AML this month, which is about \$1 per person per month.

Membership – Jeffrey Bromberger ... Numbers in parenthesis are last month’s numbers. As of December 18, Total Membership is 1173 (1163). Those members are 1144 Primary (1134), 267 Life (267), and 29 Additional (29). As of Nov 30, we have 19 new members (12), with 9 being new people (4), 9 rejoining (7), and 1 move-in (1). We have one renewal (1), 3 leaving (0), and 28 prospects (19), with 2 having shown interest (7), 19 via practice test (7), 0 via testing voucher (3), 6 via prior evidence (2), and 1 via private testing (0). Some uncommon areas for prospects include Ennis, Oak Point, Gun Barrel City, Heath, Waxahachie, Texarkana, Van Alstyne, Dennison, Anna, and Murphy. Our three largest demographics by generation are Gen X, born 1961-1981, (31.6%), baby boom, born 1943-1960, (28%), and homeland, born 2001-2020, (23%) respectively.

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

Election Committee – Randy Brack ... Election was 11/20; a copy of the report was sent to the board. 2023 NTM Board of Directors: President Gunny Hartman, Vice-President Collene Goldman, and Board Members at Large Ken Roberts, Chris Cree, and Leza Mesiah. NTM Scholarship Foundation: President Anne Whiteman, Vice-President Aaron Adair, Secretary Paul Whiteman, and Treasurer Roger Durham. The last day to submit a challenge to the election is Tuesday, 12/20. If no challenge, the election committee dissolves 12/21, when the post office box is closed. Any challenges after 12/20 will have to be given to the board.

(Mesiah) **Scholarship Chair** – Lauren Ogden ... “There are 350 [entries] online so far.”

(Mesiah) **Publisher/Circulation Manager** – Val Beasley ... no report

(Mesiah) **Social & Communications** – Jessica Helphrey ... no report

(Mesiah) **Publicity** – Vacant ... From Leza Mesiah: Professor Richardson, with whom she'd been trying to set up a student internship at North Texas during this last year, has been replaced by a Dr. Erin O'Connor. So she is crossing her fingers for the spring semester.

(Allshouse) **Calendar** – Sara Hawkins ... Operating with no problems

(Allshouse) **Webmaster** – Andy McKellar ... He's happy to train someone else for continuity, though he's happy to continue serving.

(Allshouse) **Testing Coordinator** – Rebecca Raymond ... "We hosted one test on December 10 with 0 attendees (we had cancellations due to illness and no walk-ins). Fortunately, this was at our free testing location! More tests to come in the new year!"

(Allshouse) **Programs** – Cathy Allshouse ... Chris Cree will be speaking about Scrabble in January.

(Kinder) **Gifted Children** – Bill Rock ... Approximately 8 members attended the Holiday Craft party on the 17th. The event for January will be a "first day hike" in Mineral Wells.

(Kinder) **S.I.G.H.T.** – Gunny Hartman ... Nothing to report at this time

(Kinder) **Editor** – Bill Rock ... "Have been promised a column from the RVC this afternoon; this is the last item needed. If the printer gets the file Monday, it will be done Thursday."

(Kinder) **Regional Gathering** – Karen Brack ... Nothing to report

2. Old Business

- New Members Party Update – Jeffrey Bromberger ... Per Karen Brack, the Braniff Center is not going to pan out due excessive costs. She noted that a member in an apartment complex with a community center may be our best bet. Jeffrey Bromberger noted that some churches have community rooms they might loan out. Ken Roberts noted that some hospitals have community rooms they loan out. Roger Durham noted another option, which is JJ's Cafe (10233 E Northwest Hwy, Suite 434 Dallas, TX 75238; 214-221-4659; Northwest Highway & Ferndale). It rents out the banquet room for private parties. No outside food is allowed, but JJ's would provide finger foods and non alcohol beverages and we could bring in our own alcoholic beverages. It could probably handle 80 people and the cost \$630 for 35 people, but tax and gratuity needs to be checked to clarify a total expected cost.

3. New Business

- Randy Brack sent copies of the 2023 North Texas Mensa Officers Handbook sent to officers for 2023. If anyone didn't get it, contact him for a copy.
- Aaron Adair asked the 2023 board of directors to introduce themselves, all 7 of whom did so.
- Anne Whiteman is ordering name tags. Contact her if you have special requests or do not need one.
- President Aaron Adair distributed Mensa coffee mugs to the board members in attendance as an appreciation

A motion to adjourn was made by Collene Goldman, for which Paul Whiteman offered a second. The motion passed without opposition. Meeting was adjourned at 6:41PM.