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Mensa Newsletter
Of Central Indiana



Holiday Party

Everyone sat patiently waiting for the next gift to be chosen at the Gimme Grabbee Gift Exchange. It didn't stay this quiet very long.

**NOTE: The January Monthly Gathering
has been CANCELED!**
Please join us February 12 for our next meeting.

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**Don't Forget -
Mensa scholarship applications are due Jan. 15th.
See www.mensafoundation.org for more info.**

Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

Why do we consider January 1st the first day of the New Year? In other countries and cultures, it comes at different times. I guess the most logical reason is that we have to buy a new calendar.

I didn't remember if I had made any resolutions last year, so I checked out last year's January MIND.

Rather than make a resolution, I usually pick a word or phrase that will be my theme for the coming year. Organization is my keyword for 2015. New Year's Day is one of my six work holidays, and it's on Thursday this year, so I am taking a few vacation days during that time. I plan to immerse myself in getting a start on my year of organization. I'm writing this in early December, so I'll let you know how that works out.



Well, I'm here to tell you: that didn't work out. This year has not turned out as I had anticipated. In some ways, that's a good thing. I have met some very interesting people this year. I've learned some things about myself that I didn't know. I've developed some new relationships and rekindled some old ones. I've found new interests. I've been challenged.

This New Year, I have made some decisions. I will be working toward some goals over the next few years and I'm putting a plan into place. Most of all, I will continue to be open to learning new things and having new experiences. I hope that fear of failure is replaced with fear of not trying. And I'm always eager to see new places and meet new friends. Life continues to be worth getting up for every morning.

Let's all rally here next year and swap stories about that happened. I'm sure they will be more interesting than anything we could have planned.

CIM Regional Gathering

It's never too early or too late to register for CIM's RG, January 29-31 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center. Check the website, IndyMensa.org, for information. You can register by mail or online at Eventbrite.Com.

And don't forget **National Kazoo Day**, January 28...Get your toot on then come out to the RG.

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Central Indiana Mensa Regional Gathering

CIM's biggest event of the year, our RG, is coming up on January 29-31, 2016, at the Clarion Hotel on the west side of Indianapolis. You can come for all or part of the weekend. A registration form and other information about the RG can be found elsewhere in *MIND*. We'll have Mensans from Indiana and most of the surrounding states in attendance. **Teresa Gregory** is once again chairing the event and has been working hard to put together an interesting set of programs and events and some delicious food. Don't miss this chance to learn something new and have fun socializing with your fellow Mensans! It's a great opportunity for those of you who live too far to come for a one- or two-hour event to come to Indianapolis for the weekend and hang out. I hope to see all of you there!



Holiday Party – We had a nice turnout for the holiday party in December. Dinner was delicious as usual thanks to everyone who contributed to the pitch in. Special thanks are due **Petra Ritchie** and **Bob Zdanky** who decorated the tables; **Karen Wilczewski**, who cooked and brought the turkey breast; **Karen Zwick**, who cooked and brought the roast beef; **Teresa Gregory**, who brought the tableware; and last but not least, to Elf **Alan Schmidt**, who emceed the Gimmee Grabee Gift Exchange. Several new members and guests attended and seemed to enjoy the party.

Proctor(s) Needed – We're still looking for people who are interested in being a proctor to give the Mensa admission test to prospective members. Mensa requires that you have a 4-year degree from an accredited college and complete training. Contact Proctor Coordinator **Teresa Gregory** (teresa.gregory@yahoo.com) if you're interested or have questions.

Thanks – To **Bob Zdanky** for setting up and running CIM's booth at the All Souls holiday bazaar. Bob filled in for me when I was out of town for a family emergency. Bob is one of those people who work quietly behind the scenes doing tasks that make CIM a better group.

CIM Elections This Year – Central Indiana Mensa will be holding our biannual elections later this year. We'll need volunteers to serve on the nominating and election committees and people who would like to run for the Executive Committee ("ExCom") and LocSec. If you're interested in serving or would like find out more about any of these positions, please contact me or any member of the ExCom.

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." — Oprah Winfrey

Mensa Family Program

David Bonner, GYC

Back in 2009, Central Indiana Mensa only had two or three Young Mensans (YM's) spread far across the state, so trying to get them together would have been nearly impossible. We went back to the drawing board and came up with a new concept to bring gifted kids together. Our Family Program is an outreach to any gifted family in Central Indiana. We hold several big events per year that are open to the public including Smart Science, Painting with Sound, game nights, art, drama, camping, exploring catacombs, and recently a visit to an alpaca farm. One of our biggest goals is to simply get young intellectual peers together for a good time and get parents together so we can support their efforts raising a gifted child. In the past six years our Family Program has served well over 300 families. It's been an exciting journey, and we're looking forward to what the future holds! When we have the youth and parents together, we tell them about Mensa and encourage them to join. Many do, so our Young Mensan membership has grown significantly.

Now that we have 43 YM's in Central Indiana, we've been able to offer special activities just for them that we're not offering to the general Family Program crowd. The YM's made the effort to pursue membership, and they are the future of our organization, so we wanted to give them something special. Starting this fall we've been opening our doors to the youth on Monthly Gathering nights an hour early and providing fun activities. This month Laurel Richardson, Assistant Gifted Youth Coordinator, organized a project so the YM's could assemble gift baskets for their friends and family. Last month the YM's competed against other YM's across the country in a Challenge Box activity.



Next month the youth will be coming in at 6pm for game night. In February we're doing a completely different Challenge Box.

After the YM's have their time together from 6-7pm, many of them join us for the regular monthly meeting. I'm thrilled to see the youth and adults enjoying being together. When one of the younger girls selected a coveted Gimmee Grabbee gift, my table was wagering that nobody would take it from her. We were so wrong, but that's when the fun really picked up! For me, the holidays aren't complete without children experiencing the magic of the season. I got the impression that many other Mensans felt the same that night.

Cornered into Perdition

[Fiction – Inspired by actual events]

Dom Jervis

CHAPTER TWO OF THREE- AFTERMATH

“Robin, breathe deeply. Take all the time you need, then tell me what happened.”

“Oh Terri, where was that smart, witty, confident guy with personality to burn who we’ve been having pizza and beer with all this time?!”

“What are you talking about? Where’s Nick?”

“He went home. Our date is over!”

“What happened? Did he hurt you?”

“No, nothing like that.”

“Then what?”

“Oh Terri, he was a nervous wreck! He arrived at my house a few minutes early. Instead of coming to my door, he walked back down the block. I thought he’d changed his mind. Then he came back and knocked at exactly 7:00.”

“Maybe he didn’t want to be early in case you weren’t ready.”

“I had to tell him to come in, twice! My dog came up to greet him. He knelt down and petted and talked to her, didn’t even seem to mind that she’s a Pit Bull. I thought ‘He loves dogs, good sign!’”

“So far, so good. What went wrong?”

“He couldn’t get a sentence out the first time...THE ENTIRE NIGHT! At times, he was shaking. I asked if he was okay. He nodded, but I thought he was going to be sick.”

“He probably just had the jitters.”

“THE WHOLE DATE?! We took the Metro to the restaurant. He held my hand the entire ride and it was sweaty and he didn’t say a word. At the restaurant, he nervously asked for a corner table and, despite the fact that all the employees knew him, he sat with his back to the room. I had to start every conversation,

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and often had to hold up both ends! The only thing he kept saying was how beautiful I am and he can't believe he's on a date with me, stammering EVERY TIME!

“When our meals came, he was so startled that he knocked all his silverware on the floor. Then when they came to take his plate, he jolted and knocked over a full glass of ice water. He put his face in his hands after both times and kept saying, ‘I can’t believe I did that. I’m so sorry.’ I thought he was going to have a heart attack!”

“That doesn’t sound like Nick at all!”

“I felt like I was on a date with Billy Milligan! He could barely force down his meal. This is the same guy who orders his own LARGE pizza when we’re all out together. I finally said, ‘Nick, you’re obviously uncomfortable. We can skip the movie. Just take me home.’ He looked down and nodded his head, thought he was going to cry. We rode the Metro back to my place in silence, his still-sweaty hand gently holding mine the whole way. When we arrived at my door, I asked if he wanted to come in. He looked stunned, then looked down and just shook his head, but he asked me to make sure everything was okay inside my house. I said that was all right, I was sure everything was fine. Still verbally double-clutching, he pleaded with me to do it. I did, and assured him everything was copacetic. He walked down the steps without another word, turned around when he got to the bottom and kept saying, ‘I’m sorry, I’m very sorry’ while still looking down and shaking his head.”

“Oh Robin, I feel awful. I’m going to get to the bottom of this!”

“Terri, no! Leave him alone. It’s okay.”

“It’s not okay, Robin! I promise I’ll be nice.”

She kept her word at first. But several days and voicemails later it had escalated to “NICK! YOU CAN’T DODGE ME FOREVER! I KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE! YOU KNOW YOU OWE ROBIN AND ME AN EXPLANATION! NOW FIND YOUR BACKBONE AND CALL ME!”

The next voicemail, “Nick, I’m sorry I exploded last night. But I’m just frustrated. If you call me right now, I promise I’ll stay calm.”

Figuring this was my last chance at civility, “Terri, can you and Robin come

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over tomorrow night? I can make us dinner, maybe a little wine.”

“No Nick, we don’t want dinner and we don’t want wine. All we want is the truth! Will 8:00 tomorrow at your place work?”

“Yes, see you then.”

“AND DON’T GET DRUNK BEFOREHAND! WE JUST WANT THE PLAIN, SOBER TRUTH!”

“Okay, I promise.”

Where’s my Valium? Here it is...WHEW!

Next month – The Merciful Conclusion



Things I Will Never Have or Do Again

Teresa Gregory

When I saw a story online about a woman with a 27 year old cat, I had a revelation: this isn't the norm, but with good care, a cat can live 10 years, 15 years, longer. I have five of them. The odds that at least one of them is going to live to age 15 are good. And that led to my new list of Things I Will Never Have or Do Again.

Lace curtains. I like lace curtains because they are airy and pretty. They are also very climbable. My house has two sets of French doors on the front with a fireplace between. Currently, there are three panels hanging and one panel partially torn down. There are storm doors on the outside, and a friend suggested hanging the curtains between the doors. I'm still thinking about that option.

Visitors. While cat allergies don't eliminate everyone, there are a few special people who will not be visiting me, including my son-in-law, unless I host a backyard bar-b-que and rent a port-o-potty. Thanksgiving dinner is put on permanent hold.

A kitchen trash can without a lid. Do I have to explain this one?

A bedroom door without a hanger on the knob. I leave the bedroom doors open for multiple reasons. When the kits gained free access to the house, I came home from work several days to find two or more of them confined in a bedroom.

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Welcome New and Returning Members!

New	Lucas K Carpenter	Paducah	KY
Reinstating	John McKeown	Noblesville	IN
Reinstating	James Albert Krul	Bloomington	IN



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They had been playing (one on one side of a door and another on the other) and accidentally closed the door. To prevent this from happening, I keep a plastic hanger on the door knobs so they won't shut all the way. It looks sloppy but (see note regarding visitors).

Time alone. Some of them are lap cats, some are not. But no matter where I am, they are there. If I'm home in the evening, watching tv, I have kits on the couch next to me, on the bookcase, on the chair. They are all there somewhere, sound asleep. If I quietly get up and go to another room, I hear them hitting the floor to follow me. At least one of them sleeps with me. Sometimes I wake to find all five of them on my bed. Other times there is one on the bed, one on the dresser, and a couple in the hall near the bathroom door. As I write this, I can see four without straining.

Candles. I was going through some things and I found a brand new pumpkin scented jar candle. I put it in the donate box. I can't imagine what kind of risk it would be to light a candle around them. Maybe when they are older and lazier. Not now.

Crock-pots. I could not fill a crock-pot in the morning in anticipation of a delicious hot dinner when I came home. The only way I could do that would be to put the crock-pot in the basement and close the door. I thought about putting it in the closet and running the cord under the door, but I have cord-biters, and if they didn't bite through the cord, they might decide to play with it and pull the thing over. Plus, I don't think I want my clothes to smell like sauerkraut and sausage. And this is only the beginning. Every day is a new revelation.

January 2016 Events

Indy Lunch Bunch – 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 12:00 noon, Double Eagle Café, 650 N. Meridian (at the Scottish Rite Cathedral), Indianapolis. Contact: Karen Steilberger, steilkr@sbcglobal.net

Ham ‘n’ Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads) – 1st Saturday from 9:45 a.m. - 12 noon. NEW LOCATION: Atrio, 11700 Illinois St. (Meridian & 116th St., Carmel, IN, located at IU Health North). Located just off the atrium on the first floor on the left as you enter the building from the north entrance. Breakfast served till 10 a.m., then lunch starts at 11 a.m. Drop in any time for casual conversation, lively discussion, and good food and beverages. Contact: Alison Brown, 317-846-6798, SIGHT@indymensa.org.

Bridge Club – 1st Sunday of every month, 2 p.m., Contact: Bob Van Buskirk, 317-359-6907 or rvanbuskirk@netdirect.net. Location will change each month.

Monthly Gathering – 2nd Friday at 7:00 p.m. **This event has been canceled! Our meeting location is not available in January. Please join us back there on February 12. Until then, Happy New Year!**

Mensans Dining Out – 6 p.m., January 17, Lucky Lou Seafood and Dim Sum Restaurant, 3623 Commercial Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46222. For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-219-3773.

Paducah Area Group Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. Anyone in the area is welcome to join fellow Mensans for dinner. For location and more information on this group, contact Charles Rawlings, rawlings@siu.edu

January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3 Bridge Club	4	5	6 Indy Lunch Bunch
10	11	12	13
17 Mensans Dining Out	18	19 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	20 Indy Lunch Bunch
24 Book Club	25	26	27
31 CIM RG W.T.F. (Winter Time Fun)			

January 2016 (cont.)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year! <i>MIND</i> deadline	2 Ham 'n' Eggs (NOTE NEW LOCATION); Cal. Deadline
7	8 Monthly Gathering CANCELED THIS MONTH	9
14	15	16
21	22 Cinder	23
28	29 CIM RG W.T.F. (Winter Time Fun)	30 CIM RG W.T.F. (Winter Time Fun); Mensa Admission Test

If you lose your *MIND* (oh, my!) or want additional information, check www.indymensa.org or join our Meetup group, <http://www.meetup.com/central-indiana-mensa>. Meetup is free to join and you'll get reminders of upcoming events. It's a great way to stay in the loop.

January 2016 Events (cont.)

MINDBending/ExCom – 3rd Tuesday of the month.

MINDBending is the preparation of next month's *MIND* mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping *MINDs*.

1/19, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500.

Pizza and soft drinks provided.

MINDBending is held at the offices of Midwest Internet, 5348 N. Tacoma Ave., which is 1 block east and 1 block north of 52nd St. and

Keystone Ave. on the northeast side of Indianapolis.



A Big Thank You to all the December *MIND*benders and Midwest Internet for hosting the event.

Book Group – 2 p.m., Sunday, **1/24**. We will discuss *Abundance: The Future is Better Than You Think* by Peter H. Diamandis and Steven Kotler. We will be meeting at Rich and Jackie Gibson's house on the NE side of Indianapolis. Please contact Rich at hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com or 317-735-2895 for more details or to RSVP.

Cinder – 4th Friday at 7 p.m. at 721 East 55th Street, Indianapolis. A SIG for the Gen X and Gen Y crowd. Contact Ethan Blocker-Smith at MensaCinder@gmail.com.

Central Indiana Mensa RG – W.T.F. (Winter Time Fun), January 29-31. Clarion at the Waterfront. Registration: \$80 as of January 1 till the event. Register and pay online at: <http://cim-rg-2016.eventbrite.com> or contact Registrar Teresa Gregory. Mensa hotel registration rate is \$72/night. To register, contact www.ClarionWaterfront.com or call 317-299-8400. Free Mensa Admission Test for non-members included with full weekend registration.

Mensa Admission Test – **1/30**. 9:30 registration and testing at 10:00. See above for location

For last minute changes to events check the Central Indiana Mensa group on Meetup.com. <http://www.meetup.com/central-indiana-mensa>

February *MIND* calendar items due 1/2/16 to: biltmore@topdogcom.com.

Four To The Fore

George Haynes, RVC4

The new year is upon us. This gives opportunity for many and varied types of reflection:

- "How can I improve my life this year?"
- "Am I being the best (insert family relationship here) I can be?"
- "Are my career goals progressing in the direction I hope them to be moving?"
- "Do I need to work on my health goals more?"
- "Why does time move so fast now that I'm older?"



You get the idea. The list is as unique and specialized as you are.

Below are the questions I'm asking myself this new year in regards to Mensa. Perhaps some of these questions will be of service to you as well. I also hope that these questions will give you a moment of reflection in regards to helping and serving others within Mensa:

- "What are my motivations for joining and maintaining my Mensa membership?"
- "Am I enjoying my membership to its fullest potential?"
- "Does more volunteerism in Mensa ever cross my mind?"
- "How am I helping my local group survive and/or thrive?"
- "Do I have personal and meaningful friendships with other Mensans?"
- "Do I seek harmony with other Mensans or promote discord"?
- "Is Mensa a joy or a chore for me?"
- "What will be my legacy in Mensa?"

I wish you a safe, happy and prosperous 2016.



Books on the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

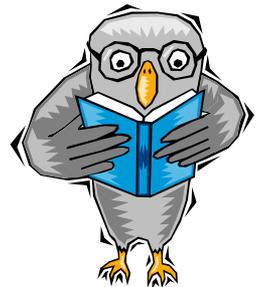
Title: *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants*

Author: Malcolm Gladwell

Year: 2013

Book Description: According to the renowned nineteenth-century German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche, "That which does not kill us, makes us stronger." One hundred fifty-

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odd years later, journalist / pundit Malcolm Gladwell expands on that theme with the challenge to reexamine our personal balance sheets, and to radically redefine what we have long considered our assets and liabilities. The titular Biblical battle between the ordinary shepherd, David, and the heavily-armed colossus, Goliath, serves as the pervasive metaphor representing ordinary people confronting allegedly insurmountable challenges and acquiring remarkable survival skills in the process. He adds that David's victory was, in fact, no miracle; the young shepherd's agility, resilience, superior intellect, and skill with his chosen weapon - all of which Goliath lacked - ensured his triumph over his hulking nemesis. The remainder of the book is comprised of personal profiles, augmented with case studies that refute common conceptions of strengths and weaknesses. Part One - The Advantages of Disadvantages (and the Disadvantages of Advantages) - reveals some unusual qualities of a winning girls' basketball team, the educational drawbacks of too-large *and* too-small class sizes, and the reason that an Ivy League university is not always the best academic option. Part Two - The Theory of Desirable Difficulty - spotlights three extraordinary individuals, each of whom transcended personal limitations to make significant contributions to their culture: David Boies, a dyslexic who honed his other cognitive skills to become an eminently successful trial lawyer; Emil "Jay" Freirich, whose intractability and obsessive passion, born of a childhood devoid of affection, drove him to devise the first effective treatment for childhood leukemia; and Wyatt Walker, the African American confederate of Martin Luther King who, through cunning and guile, created negative publicity for the racist law enforcement officers of Birmingham, Alabama, and helped secure the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Part Three - The Limits of Power - uses three major historical events to reinforce the "principle of legitimacy" (see the quote below): the 1970 British "police action" in Northern Ireland that degenerated into a thirty-year conflict; California's Three Strikes Law, enacted in the early 1990s in response to a senseless murder, which ultimately worsened the collateral damage to the families of both the victims and the criminals; and the anti-authoritarian passive resistance of the Le Chambon mountain dwellers, who refused to relinquish their Jewish refugees to the Nazis uncommon courage are also featured, all variations on the author's self-actualizing leitmotif: We all have what it takes to battle giants, if we would only learn to convert handicaps to strengths.

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? The conservative environment in which I was raised placed a low premium on nonconformity, and much less on what were considered personal defects. This book provided me with a greater appreciation of diversity, and an effective lesson on the power of resourcefulness and tenacity.

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Who should definitely read this book? Why? Insecurity and a lack of self-confidence are, no doubt, anathema to many folks of superior intelligence; those charmed individuals who have never had occasion to question their own worth will possibly dismiss this book as lightweight or meaningless. To the rest of us, the insights gleaned from the compelling events that the book depicts should serve as a source of inspiration, giving additional meaning to the phrase, “we shall overcome.”

How long might it take to read this book? This book’s modest size - a mere 275 pages - and its anecdotal style guarantee a quick and pleasant reading experience, no more than five days in duration.

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: “When people in authority want the rest of us to behave, it matters - first and foremost - how *they* behave... This is called the “principle of legitimacy,” and legitimacy is based on three things. First of all, the people who are asked to obey authority have to feel like they have a voice - that if they speak up, they will be heard. Second, the law has to be predictable. There has to be a reasonable explanation that the rules of tomorrow are going to be roughly the same as the rules today. And third, the authority has to be fair. It can’t treat one group differently from another... All good parents understand these three principles implicitly. If you want to stop little Johnnie from hitting his sister, you can’t look away from him one time and scream at him another. You can’t treat his sister differently when she hits him. And if he says he really didn’t hit his sister, you have to give him a chance to explain himself. *How* you punish is as important as the act of punishing itself... What is harder to understand, however, is the importance of these same principles when it comes to law and order... [G]etting criminals and insurgents to behave turns out to be as dependent on legitimacy as getting children to behave in the classroom.”

Additional Remarks: This book has received mixed reviews by literary critics as well as our own book discussion group, allegedly because of its lack of scientific precision - too much personal interest and too little empiricism, perhaps. Be that as it may, *David and Goliath* offers ample evidence that, as volatile and obtuse as humans can be at times, they are also supremely adaptable and capable of astoundingly courageous acts. So consider adding this heady elixir of hope to your holiday quaff, and be of good cheer.



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See Indymensa.org for more information.**

Email: rg.registrar@yahoo.com

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Indianapolis, IN 46219**

**Please let us know if you have a guest
who will be taking the test.**

Petra's Punny Page

Petra Ritchie

Karen Steilberger is this month's guest Punster.

When you're down by the sea
And an eel bites your knee
That's a moray.

The roundest knight at king Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.

When the cannibal showed up late to the luncheon, they gave him the cold shoulder.

Smaller babies may be delivered by stork but the heavier ones need a crane.

The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 9/15/15

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Members present were: Jan Pfeil Doyle, Jon Applegate, Ethan Blocher-Smith, Ann Hake, Diane O'Brien, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick. Guests: Teresa Gregory and Petra Ritchie.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the September ExCom meeting. Ann Hake moved that the minutes be accepted as amended, Karen Zwick seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report. Karen Zwick said she has set up the accounting category for the new Youth Activity Fund. Ann Hake moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as amended. Diane O'Brien seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. The membership report shows 5 new, 1 reinstating, and 2 renewing members; 1 offer of membership; and 26 prospects.

Old Business

Members reassigned to Ft. Wayne: Jan Pfeil Doyle talked with our RVC, George Haynes, who said to ask the members who were affected by the move of

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the Kokomo and Howard County members from CIM to Ft. Wayne. Jan contacted the 4 Kokomo members, all of whom expressed a preference to stay with CIM. George was to have National move them back.

Bequest: Dom Jervis has picked the winning ideas for ways for the group to spend the bequest he plans to leave in his will. There is an article in MIND about the winners and their ideas. The committee discussed having Dom present the prizes in person at the RG.

Monthly meeting place: Teresa Gregory said she talked with her contact at the Clarion Waterfront. Their price is higher than our budget allows. The committee discussed options. Karen Zwick made a motion to extend our agreement with the Quality Inn through June 2016. Ann Hake seconded the motion, and it was carried. Jan Pfeil Doyle will contact the hotel.

Admission testing: Teresa Gregory reported that postcards were not sent, because of conflicting priorities and lack of involvement from other proctors. Charles Rawlings of Paducah got someone to write an article about testing.

Lapsed members: Jan Pfeil Doyle still plans to ask other Loc Secs what criteria they have used for assisting members financially.

Shirt supply: Petra Ritchie said the All Souls Unitarian Church sale in December will be on the 6th and the 13th, from around 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The booth cost may be 15% of the sales. Petra will verify the information and make a reservation.

Web site: Jan Pfeil Doyle asked for a status. Ann Hake said they are still looking at whether to keep it on the current server or move it to Ethan Blocher-Smith's server.

By-laws: Ethan Blocker-Smith reported that the by-laws were reviewed by National and returned with both suggested and required changes.

New Business

Young Mensans: A Spooky Science event is planned in Franklin on Oct. 23. David Bonner needs help with the event.

MIND labels: Teresa Gregory said that National will stop sending the labels we attach to MINDs that we mail. She said the MIND printer can add them for about 5 cents per copy if we supply an Excel file. The committee discussed options, including having postage added by the printer. Karen Zwick made a motion to have the printer add the addresses when the labels are no longer available to us. Ann Hake seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Holiday party: Jan Pfeil Doyle asked for volunteers for the party on December 11. Karen Zwick will bring beef and gravy, and bread; Karen Wilczewski will bring turkey breast, Petra Ritchie will organize decorations; and Teresa Gregory will take care of dishes, utensils, and napkins.

There being no other business, Karen Zwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Wilczewski seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Steilberger

Treasurer's Report

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 11/16/2015)

Bank Accounts	10/19/2015	11/16/2015
Checking – Regular	\$10,016.98	\$9,355.98
Checking – Scholarship	\$304.53	325.03
Checking – Youth Membership	\$427.34	427.34
Checking – RG/OG Fund	\$8,447.84	8,447.84
Checking – Youth Activity Fund	\$480.40	480.40
Total Assets	\$19,677.09	\$19,036.59

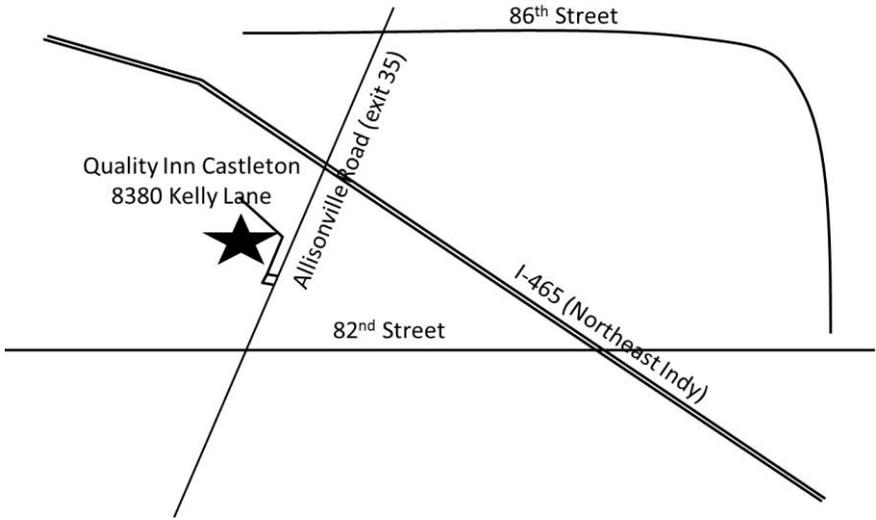
Profit & Loss Statement (10/20/2015 – 11/16/2015)

Income	
401.1 – Monthly Gathering	140.00
403 – Donations for Scholarship Fund	20.50
Total Income	\$160.50
Expense	
501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality	25.63
505 – Food for ExCom/MINDBending	65.35
505.1 – MIND Printing	332.20
505.2 – MIND Postage	294.00
510.2 – New Member Mailings	71.00
520 – Miscellaneous –name tags for Monthly Gatherings	12.82
Total Expenses	\$801.00

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Quality Inn Castleton
8380 Kelly Lane
Indianapolis, IN 46250



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Directions back to I-465 • Turn right from Kelly Lane onto Allisonville Rd • immediately get into the left turn lane • Make a U- turn at 82nd St to go north on Allisonville Rd • Entrance ramp for I- 465 E/S is on your right • Entrance ramp for I-465 W is on your left.

Directions from Allisonville Rd from the north • Take Allisonville Rd south toward 82nd St • After you cross over I-465, take the first right onto Kelly Lane • Follow Kelly Lane around to the Quality Inn.

Directions back to Allisonville Rd northbound • Turn right from Kelly Lane onto Allisonville Rd • Immediately get into left turn lane • Make a U-turn at 82nd St to go north on Allisonville Rd.

Directions from Allisonville Rd from the south • Take Allisonville Rd north toward 82nd St • After you cross over 82nd St, take the first left onto Kelly Lane • Follow Kelly Lane around to the Quality Inn.

Directions back to Allisonville Rd southbound • Turn right from Kelly Lane onto Allisonville Rd.

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