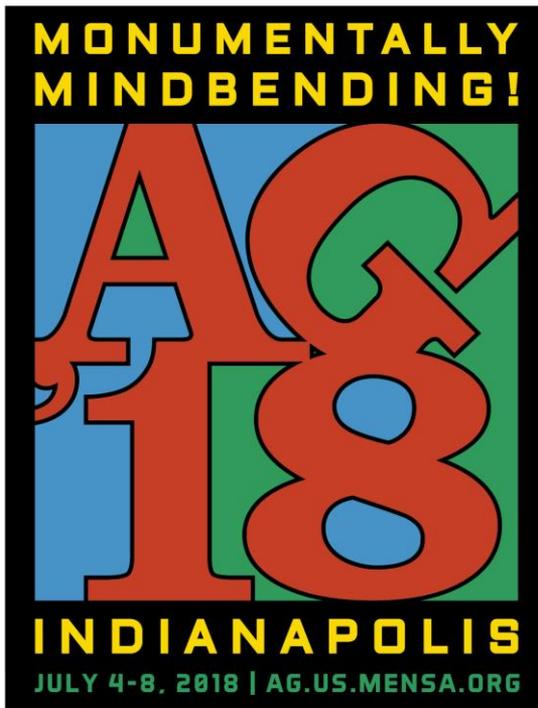




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so beautiful!**

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**Testing is half-price this month.
Tell your friends that July test fee is only \$30.
It will go up to \$60 in August.**

Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

Last month, I told you the sad story of having to cancel my trip to California to visit my son because of strep throat. It was a particularly nasty strain. I did very little at the Outdoor Gathering. If Jan Pfeil Doyle had not picked me up, I probably wouldn't have gone at all. I know I would have never made the drive back. It was a long road to recovery.



I was feeling better and looking forward to going to a convention/conference last weekend with my daughter. It was here in Indy. We registered back in February. She called on Thursday and said, "I can't go. I have pink eye in both eyes." She kept thinking that one more day and she would feel like going. It didn't happen.

Last week, I started feeling oogy again. And after a terrible night, I called my doctor to see if I could get in before the weekend. I was told to come in at 10:40. While in the waiting room, I got a text from my daughter who said she was on her way to the doctor for an 11:00 appointment. I told her I was already there.

We did not pass each other. I was in a room when she arrived, then I was sent to the lab. She texted me that they were sending her to an eye specialist because it looked like she might have an eye virus. My kid, the over-achiever. As one of my friends said, because of illness, I got cheated out of spending time with both of my children.

The event that Heather and I were going to attend together was CrimeCon. It was a convention for people who are fans of true crime stories. Interestingly of the 1,000+ fans, probably 80% were women. I went anyway.

After I arrived and picked up my credentials, I called Jan Pfeil Doyle to come down and use Heather's pass. This event was at the JW Marriott Hotel, site of the 2018 Annual Gathering that we are co-chairing. (See the logo on the cover of MIND.) We had been on a hurried group tour of the facility two years ago and were going to try to get in again to get some pictures and look around. This was perfect. We saw what it looked like when it was in use. CrimeCon was on one floor. We will have two. The second floor was not occupied but everything was unlocked so we wandered about freely. Our cover story, if anyone saw us and asked what we were doing, was that we were looking for the bathroom. People saw us but kept on going. So, we had quite a tour of this wonderful facility. It's even better than I remembered. Wait until you see the view!

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Annual Gathering – Leo and I are headed to Hollywood, FL for the Mensa AG (ie, national convention) the first part of July. It's one of our favorite Mensa events—we look forward to the many interesting programs and interesting fellow Mensans to hang out with! This year, I'm serving on the AG committee as Ass't Program Chair, which means I've been communicating with the Mensa members who are speaking or coordinating events at the AG. It's been time consuming (Leo thinks he's an email widower) but fun, too. I've already picked out way more programs than I'll be able to attend. We have several members of CIM who are also planning to attend the AG.



CIM Family Program 8th Annual Summer Blast - Back by popular demand, and better than ever, it's Summer Blast on July 28-29! Join us on a private family beach in Plymouth, IN as we camp in tents on the scenic bank of Pretty Lake. (Yes, that's the real name of the lake!) I went for the day last year and the lake truly is a pretty, clear-water lake with a sandy bottom. It was relaxing and a lot of fun. More details and registration at kids.indymensa.org



Outdoor Gathering – We had a great time at the gathering in Versailles State Park in May! Thirty or so Mensans from around the region made the trek to SE Indiana. It was good to see old friends and to make new ones. **Teresa Gregory** chaired the gathering and planned the delicious meals as she has done for several years. **Karen Steilberger** did her usual great job as registrar. **Marie Beltrame, Amie & Mike Robert, Alan Schmidt** and I bought and brought groceries and drinks. **Virginia Plottel** brought scrumptious cookies and soups. **Karen Zwick** brought and cooked Saturday lunch. **Alan Schmidt** led hikes and a profound thoughts discussion. **Bill Kuyper** and **John Massura** led the clean up on Sunday morning. Many, many thanks to all of them, to everyone else who pitched in to help cook, wash dishes, clean up, etc., etc., and to everyone who attended!

Mensa 8th Annual Summer Blast

July 28-29, 2017



 The Central Indiana Mensa
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THE 8TH ANNUAL SUMMER BLAST!

July 28-29, 2017
Only \$20/person

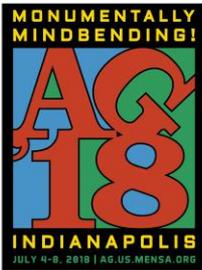
Relax with us on a private beach in Plymouth, IN as we enjoy the last days of summer before school starts. Activities include sailing lessons, canoeing, rowboat, swimming, fishing, nature hikes, games, and hanging out with fun, smart people. Friday dinner, Friday night s'mores, Saturday breakfast & lunch provided. Arrive as early as 4pm on Friday and stay until Saturday afternoon.



Visit kids.indymensa.org to learn more and sign up

And the winner is...

Teresa Gregory, AG18 Co-Chair



For the Annual Gathering that Jan Pfeil Doyle and I are co-chairing in Indianapolis in 2018, we had a national “Name the AG” contest. It was advertised in local group newsletters and Facebook. Our RVC4, George Haynes, wrote about it in his column. I collected all the entries and put them on an Excel spreadsheet. I was the only one who knew what the entries were and who submitted them.

With 26 hours to go before the deadline, we got a submission that really inspired us. All of the entries were suggestions of titles, but this one came with a suggested layout. It had a title superimposed over Robert Indiana’s LOVE painting that’s at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. When Jan saw the entries list, we agreed that we could not use the image of the painting, but this entry became our inspiration piece.

Special thanks to our small committee who helped us narrow down the title suggestions: Ann Hake, Karen Wilczewski, and Kurt Williams.

The original title we chose was too similar to another event in Indy. We changed the title to keep the legal department happy, but used the artwork.

So (drum roll) after looking at 184 entries, we chose the entry submitted by Laurel Richardson from our own group, Central Indiana Mensa! She sent us a suggestion that led us to this iconic image.

Congratulations! Laurel will receive a full registration to the AG and a t-shirt.

And, just to brag a little, my son, Jack C. Gregory, created the finished logo. Start looking for it in beautiful color. We will have our first ad on the back cover of the July Mensa Bulletin.



New Members and Move-Ins

Joined	Amy Hardwick	Indianapolis	IN
Joined	Richard Proie	Indianapolis	IN
Joined	Tanay Thakore	Newburgh	IN
Joined	David Walker	Indianapolis	IN
Joined	Tommy Wells	Zionsville	IN
MoveIn	Ben Cundiff	Cadiz	KY
MoveIn	Steve Fishman	Stanford	IN
MoveIn	Fred Mankins	Bloomington	IN
MoveIn	Leigh Valley	Evansville	IN



Petra's Punny Page

Petra Ritchie

How are you feeling?

"I should have my head examined," said Mr. Cabbage.

"I need my eyes checked," said Mr. Potato.

"I feel run down," said Mr. Beet.

"I hurt in the pit of my stomach," said Mr. Plum.

"I have hay fever," said Mr. Bale.

If you want to be spared these groaners, send me some puns!

Email: petraritchie@msn.com

July 2017 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. 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, 2 p.m. Join Bob Van Buskirk for casual, friendly bridge. Contact Bob at 317-359-6907 or vnbuskirk@yahoo.com. Location will change each month. Call ahead.

Mensa Admissions Test - 7/9. 1 p.m. registration. Testing begins at 1:30 p.m. Location is in the area of 116th St. and Rangeline Road in Carmel. (Registrants will receive exact location information). Contact: Alison Brown (317) 846-6798, SIGHT@indymensa.org.

Additional Information: There are 12 spaces available for Mensa candidates. We will fill out forms starting at 1 p.m. and testing will begin at 1:30 p.m. If only the usual battery of tests is given (Wonderlic and RAIT), we should be done by 3:30 p.m. If some candidates wish to take the Culture Fair test instead of the RAIT, it will be given after the RAIT and Wonderlic have been administered. Be sure to bring #2 pencils with erasers, a photo ID, and your testing fee in the form of a voucher, check, credit/debit card, or cash.

Monthly Gathering - 2nd Friday, 6:00 p.m. – 12 Midnight. **All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226.** See last page of *MIND* for map and directions. Members: \$5.00, Non-Members: \$7.00; Children 6-12: \$3.00, under 6: free.

Kurt Williams, Deputy Director and COO of the Link Observatory Space Science Institute. He will speak on the phenomenon of total solar eclipses, in anticipation of the upcoming eclipse that will be visible across a wide portion of North America on August 21, 2017

Mensans Dining Out - 3rd Sunday, 6 p.m., July 16, Asian Kitchen Sushi Bar, 4000 West 106th Street, #165, Carmel, IN 46032. 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

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2 Bridge Club	3	4 Independence Day	5 Indy Lunch Bunch; Mensa AG
9 Mensa AG; Mensa Testing	10	11	12
16 Mensans Dining Out	17	18 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	19 Indy Lunch Bunch
23 Book Club <hr/> 30	24 <hr/> 31	25	26

July 2017 (cont.)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ham 'n' Eggs; Cal. Deadline
6 Mensa AG	7 Mensa AG	8 Mensa AG
13	14 Monthly Gathering	15
20	21	22
27	28 Cinder	29

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.

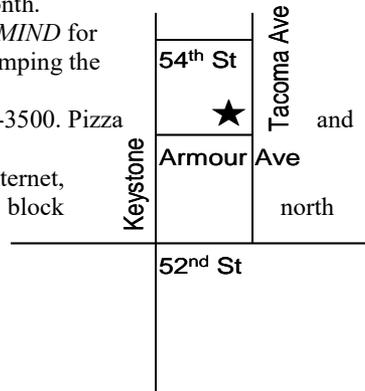
July 2017 Events (cont.)

MIND Bending/ExCom – 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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

7/18, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500. Pizza soft drinks provided.

MIND Bending is held at the offices of Midwest Internet, 5348 N. Tacoma Ave., which is 1 block east and 1 block of 52nd St. and Keystone Ave. on the northeast side of Indianapolis.



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

Book Group – 2 p.m., Sunday, July 23. We will discuss *The Organized Mind* by Daniel Levitin. 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, 7 p.m., 721 East 55th Street, Indianapolis. A SIG for the Gen X and Gen Y crowd. Contact Ethan Blocker-Smith at MensaCinder@gmail.com.

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

August 2017 *MIND* calendar items due 7/7/17 to: biltmore@topdogcom.com.

Coming in August

Evansville Lunch - Sunday 8/20, 1:00pm (Central Time) at the Olive Garden restaurant near the Eastland Mall, 1100 N Green River Rd, Evansville, IN 47715

Please join us for a late Mensa lunch. We'll meet in the bar from 1:00 to 1:30 and then head into the dining area. Ask for the Mensa group or simply look for the table with an owl on it. Guests are of course always welcome.

If you haven't attended a Mensa event lately, they can be a lot of fun. Our Regional Vice Chair -- your representative on American Mensa's Board of Directors -- will be attending if you have any questions or suggestions about National issues. We'd be delighted to meet you!

Reservations are not required, but it would be helpful to have a general idea how many people might be coming. If you intend to join us, please RSVP via Meetup or e-mail.

Questions? Simply call / text me at +1 309 693 1359, email jongruebele@gmail.com, or find Jon Gruebele on Facebook.

Jon's Journal – News for Region 4

By Jon Gruebele, RVC4

Hello everyone! I'm Jon Gruebele, the newly elected Regional Vice Chair (RVC4) for the North Central United States. This position is one of 15 voting members on American Mensa's Board of Directors, the AMC. I represent the members in your Local Group and eight others across Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and parts of Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, and Kentucky.



I'd like to start by thanking all those who voted in the recent election. I really appreciate your interest in the issues and taking the time to cast your ballot. I would also like to thank our most recent RVC4 volunteers George Haynes, Ellen Voie, and Ken Silver, along with those who preceded them. They all did their best to help us move forward as an organization, contributing countless hours in the process.

National Mensa governance isn't always that interesting to everyone, but it's important to the future of our organization. In upcoming newsletter articles, I will help communicate what we are doing and how it affects us locally.

I will also communicate about important issues and events across our Region. I'll start with a shameless plug for Chicago's HalloweeM Regional Gathering (RG), October 26 – 29. Registration rates go up the longer you wait, so please consider booking soon. See <http://chicago.us.mensa.org/weem/index.php> for details. If that isn't exciting enough, our July 2018 national Annual Gathering (AG) will be in Indianapolis – within reasonable driving distance for most members in our Region.

Many Mensa members rarely if ever participate in events. Surveys show those who do are much happier with Mensa. RGs and AGs are terrific ways to start. They both offer similar experiences, just on different scales. HalloweeM usually has 500+ attendees; AG attendance can exceed 2,000. You'll experience multiple speaker tracks, meals, games, tournaments, tours, and much more. Try it; you'll like it! And yes, you can also sign up your guests to attend.

If you have suggestions or concerns, please reach out to me after July 1st at RVC4@us.mensa.org, call/text me at +1-309-693-1359, or just find me at an upcoming event. I may just be there!

[Ed Note: Congratulations to our new RVC4. Jon, welcome to the pages of MIND.]

Books On The Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Title: *American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America*

Author: Colin Woodard

Year: 2011



Book Description: “One nation - indivisible!” This strident message was drummed into our youthful heads to the cadence of the Pledge of Allegiance during the fervently patriotic Fifties. However, as award-winning journalist Colin Woodard convincingly demonstrates in *American Nations*, the notion of nationwide unity is profoundly out of step with reality. He posits that North America is, in fact, comprised of eleven culturally and ideologically distinct nations: Yankeedom, New Netherland, the Midlands, Tidewater, Greater Appalachia, the Deep South, New France, El Norte, the Left Coast, the Far West, and the First Nation. Woodard’s narrative commences with a general definition of each nation: the reasons for its members’ immigration to the “new world” (not applicable, of course, to the First Nation), its unique cultural character, its spiritual and political beliefs, and its geographical location within the North American continent. He then presents richly detailed descriptions of the nations’ formative years, and how each one acquired more territory and influenced pivotal events in American history - e.g., major wars, civil demonstrations, religious power struggles, and local and national elections - from the Revolutionary era to the twenty-first century. He concludes his modest-sized, prodigiously-researched book with his prescription for keeping our national unity intact (excerpted below), and offers a hopeful view of the future embodied by the resurgence of the “[c]ommunalistic, environmentally minded, and female dominated” First Nation.

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? *American Nations* has enhanced my understanding of my country’s contentious past, as well as of the effects of the recent election campaigns on voting behavior within each region. It has also provided an answer to this burning question: How could my husband’s and my Central Indiana families have lived in such close proximity and yet have been so strikingly different from one another? By naming U. S. Highway 40 as the line of demarcation between the Midland (middle-class, Germanic, tolerant) and Greater Appalachian (working-class, Scotch-Irish, combative) nations, the book confirms my mother-in-law’s long-held opinion that folks “north of 40” are “citified,” snobbish, and devoid of “common” values. Guilty as charged, Mom - I totally get it now.

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Who should definitely read this book? Why? This book will be treasured by any reader receptive to alternative historical viewpoints that lay to rest the misconceptions promulgated by school textbooks. One such myth is that the Founding Fathers were united in their support of democracy. Indeed, the author might request that theatergoers currently celebrating Alexander Hamilton as the prototypical rags-to-riches American hero in *Hamilton: An American Musical*, please hold their applause: In reality, Hamilton, despite his humble beginnings, was an elitist who favored aristocratic rule, was suspicious of democratic “impudence” and was not above taxing the poor to enrich the wealthy. He probably would have preferred the company of the conservative Mike Pence to that of the actors who preached tolerance to Pence during the *Hamilton* performance he attended late last year.

How long might it take to read this book? *American Nations* is replete with fascinating facts and revelations about our not-so-United States - a veritable literary smorgasbord representing the varied ethnic flavors that have long defined - and defied - our tenuous national alliance. Savor this experience as a gourmand would enjoy a meal; allow at least a week.

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: “[O]ne thing is certain: if Americans seriously want the United States to continue to exist in something like its current form, they had best respect the fundamental tenets of our unlikely union. It cannot survive if we end the separation of church and state or institute the Baptist equivalent of Sharia law. We won’t hold together if presidents appoint political ideologues to the Justice Department or the Supreme Court of the United States, or if party loyalists try to win elections by trying to stop people from voting rather than winning them over with their ideas. The union can’t function if national coalitions continue to use House and Senate rules to prevent important issues from being debated in the open because members know their positions wouldn’t withstand public scrutiny. Other sovereign democratic states have central governments more corrupted than our own, but most can fall back on unifying elements we lack: common ethnicity, a shared religion, or near-universal consensus on many fundamental political issues. The United States needs its central government to function cleanly, openly, and efficiently because it’s one of the few things binding us together.”

Additional Remarks: The question remains, should our dysfunctional federated family of nations settle their differences and stick together, or should each go its separate way? Can we compromise, or will we permanently disintegrate into eleven factions loosely connected for expediency, à la the European Union? All aspects of the issue are well represented in *American Nations* - read it and decide for yourself. Happy trails.

Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 4/18/17

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were Jon Applegate, Ethan Blocher-Smith, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Ann Hake, Diane O'Brien, Kurt Williams, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick. Member absent: Karen Wilczewski Guest: Teresa Gregory

The committee reviewed the minutes of the March ExCom meeting. Karen Zwick moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Kurt Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report. Ann Hake moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Diane O'Brien seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

An accurate membership report is *STILL* not available. The ExCom agrees that this prolonged unavailability due to the revamping of the National computers is extremely disappointing. Pitchfork prices are being investigated.

Old Business

Outdoor Gathering: Planning for the OG in Versailles State Park, May 19-21, continues.

2018 Annual Gathering: Planning continues steadily. The name/theme are still being worked out with National.

Culture Quest will take place on Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 4:00 pm. CIM has two teams registered.

A large number of people have signed up for the *MensaCares!* day of service at Link Observatory on April 29, 2017.

New Business

Pat Milligan has been working on some possible alternatives to the calendar portion of the website. Ethan and Ann met with him and the three agreed on the one that looked like it would work best. Pat will begin implementing the new calendar over the next several weeks.

There being no other business, Jon Applegate made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Zwick seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Hake, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 05/15/2017)

Bank Accounts	04/17/2017	05/15/2017
Checking – Regular	\$6,372.04	\$4,729.10
Checking – Scholarship	906.50	906.50
Checking – Youth Membership	69.34	69.34
Checking – RG/OG Fund	9,434.47	9,434.47
Checking – Youth Activity Fund	489.40	489.40
Total Assets	\$17,271.75	\$15,628.81

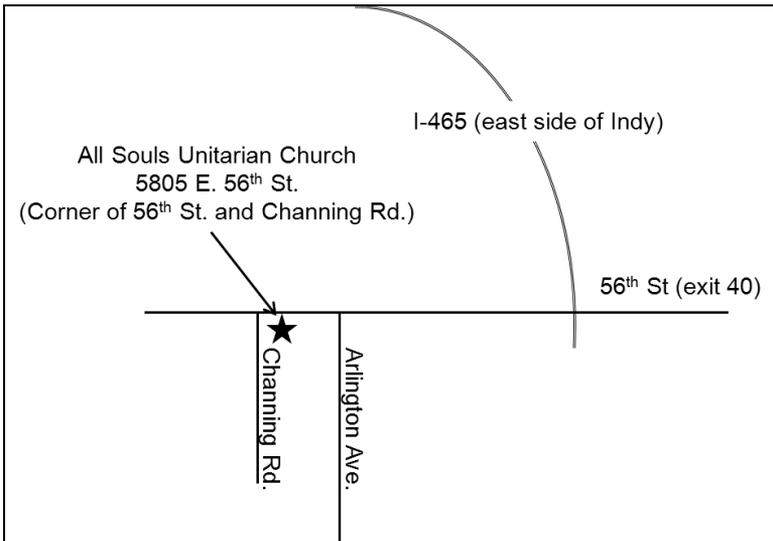
Profit & Loss Statement (04/18/2017 – 05/15/2017)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gather Income (April & May)	244.00
	402 – National Mensa	545.10
	Total Income	\$789.10
Expense		
	501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality	86.09
	501.2 – Monthly Gathering Facility (room rent for 1 year)	1,653.00
	505 – Food for ExCom/MIND Bending (Feb and Mar)	83.85
	505.1 – MIND Printing	307.45
	505.2 – MIND Postage	245.00
	520 – Miscellaneous (CultureQuest team, postage for mailing tests)	56.65
	Total Expenses	\$2,432.04

Mensa Monthly Gathering Location

All Souls Unitarian Church, The Beattie Room, 5805 E. 56th St., Indianapolis

- From I-465 on the east side of Indianapolis, take the 56th St exit west (exit 40).
- Turn left on Channing Rd (1.2 miles from the I-465 exit).
- The church parking lot is on your left.
- Go to the Beattie Room.



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