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**An appreciative group listens
to Greg McCauley from the
Link Observatory at the
May Monthly Gathering.**

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Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

We just returned to All Souls Unitarian Church Friday night. Our regular space had already been reserved for someone else before we had the new contract, so we met in the large main-level room. We had a great turn-out to hear our friend Greg McCauley, Executive Director of the Link Observatory Space Science Institute, talk about the NASA New Horizons mission that passed by Pluto in July of 2015. Like medicine, there is so much that we still don't know about space. Be sure to check out their monthly programs at the Mooresville Public Library. If you don't want to miss anything, check out their website, linkobservatory.org and sign up for the newsletter.



One of the complaints about the meeting space at the Quality Inn was the 10:00 exit time. Some of us are night owls and don't want the party to end that early. (We had been going across the street to Perkins, but they closed and tore the building down.) We can stay until midnight at All Souls. Of course, there are a few of us who go somewhere else afterwards ("going out for breakfast"), and the evening ended for eight of us at the IHOP down the road. Anyone is invited, but be prepared to be there for quite a while.

This coming weekend, as I write this, is the Outdoor Mensa Gathering, OMG! I think this is my favorite event of the year. The atmosphere is so casual. It's a welcome break for me. It's a nice prelude to the Memorial Day weekend and the first step into summer.

Yesterday, I got a text message from the man who bought my house last December. He had a question about the wood floors. And he invited me to stop by. When he bought the house, he had additional money for remodeling. I've been so curious to see what he's doing.

As soon as I stepped in the door, WOW! This house was built in 1908 and we had decorated it in the style of that time. My pink cabbage-rose wall paper has been replaced by orange and purple paint. My chandelier has been replaced by a light that looks like Sputnik. And, you know, I loved it. I loved the new life that was being breathed into this old girl. What he plans to do with the downstairs bathroom is genius. I liked him when I met him. I wasn't wrong. He was and is my ideal buyer.

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

May Monthly Gathering at Our New (Old) Monthly Meeting Place – We had a good turnout (45+) in May for our first monthly meeting back at All Souls Unitarian Church. Greg McCauley, Executive Director of the Link Observatory Space Science Institute, gave an interesting talk on the institute and on NASA’s New Horizons probe that flew near Pluto in 2015. Check out the “Upcoming Events” section on www.linkobservatory.org for future public programs and opportunities to visit the observatory that’s southwest of Indianapolis. CIM member Kurt Williams is Deputy Directory of the institute.



Bylaws Revision and Voting – Central Indiana Mensa’s current bylaws are woefully out of date. (For example, they refer to the *1893 Roberts Rules of Order*. No, CIM is not THAT old—that must have been the copy that an early parliamentarian had.) Marcele Everest led a committee (with Jon Applegate, Ethan Blocher-Smith, Leo Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, and Petra Ritchie [proofreader]) who put a lot of thoughtful effort into improving our bylaws and bringing them into compliance with U.S. Mensa’s current national standards. Their revisions have been approved by the national bylaws committee and are ready for our approval! You can read the new bylaws in the May MIND or online at our website, www.indymensa.org. We will have a yes/no vote on the new bylaws this summer. Look for details in an upcoming newsletter. Many, many thanks to Marcele, Jon, Ethan, Leo, Teresa, Ann, and Petra for all their hard work!!

CIM ExCom Election – Speaking of voting, this is also election year for CIM. We will be electing a new ExCom (our governing board) in September. Larry Marcus has agreed to chair the nominating committee; Teresa Gregory and Alan Schmidt round out the committee. If you’re interested in serving on the CIM board or have questions, please contact one of the committee members. There are additional details in this issue of MIND.

Annual Gathering – The Annual Gathering (“AG,” U.S. Mensa’s national convention) is coming up June 29-July 3 in San Diego. Leo and I and a few other members of CIM are planning to make the trek to California for what is one of our favorite Mensa events. You can find more information at www.ag2016.us.mensa.org.

Would You Like to Serve on the Central Indiana Mensa Executive Committee?

The Executive Committee (ExCom) is the governing body of our local Central Indiana Mensa, and it guides our activities, growth and overall health. The bylaws call for a nine-member ExCom. It meets monthly, usually at Midwest Internet, 5348 North Tacoma in Indianapolis, for about one to one-and-a-half hours. Certain members of the ExCom will have specific duties such as LocSec (President), Vice LocSec, Treasurer, and Recorder. The term is two years and starts on October 1, 2016. The ExCom deals with:

- Financial matters
- The Regional and the Outdoor Gatherings
- Appointment of the editor of the newsletter, MIND, and considers policy issues for same
- Appointment of members to fill Central Indiana Mensa offices such as coordinators, proctors, and gifted children volunteers
- Policy issues such as guest attendance at meetings and other functions
- Recruitment of new members and member retention
- Monthly meeting sites and programs
- Promoting Mensa within the community

It is very satisfying to be a part of this group that is working together to accomplish specific goals. You will get to know and become acquainted with people outside your usual work, church or social circles. This is also a chance to use your leadership skills and learn more ways of working as a team.

If you are a member in good standing and wish to be a candidate just contact one of the Nominating Committee members and let us know no later than June 9th.

Nominating Committee:

Larry Marcus, chair ((317) 842-6658, larryamarcus@yahoo.com)

Teresa Gregory (teresa.gregory@yahoo.com)

Dr. Alan D. Schmidt ((317) 695-5741)

Golda, the Rescue Mutt – A Story of Survival

Petra Ritchie

My daughter, Laurie Ritchie, her husband Ken Koch, and their daughters, Dana and Kelly, have camped out at Pike National Forest in Colorado (1.1 million acres in six counties) with fellow Unitarian families each Labor Day weekend for several years. Their four-legged “children”, Golda and Rio, enjoy the freedom of wandering freely in and around the campground.

Golda, who is elderly, probably got confused while exploring one day and couldn’t find her way back to camp.

Laurie’s family and fellow campers, and even two friends who came to the camp from Colorado Springs, took turns looking for Golda over a period of two days, after which everyone had to go home.



Laurie drove back several times to the forest area from Centennial, where she lives, to put up over 100 “Lost Dog” posters in nearby towns around the forest.

One day, Laurie got a voice mail message from someone named Cindy saying, “We found your dog, please call us back”. Golda had been missing for 12 days. Laurie had received a number of calls saying “We saw a dog that might be yours”, but nobody got close enough to note her purple collar or red tags for a positive ID.

Laurie called the woman back immediately and got her address, etc. Cindy and another woman had found Golda on a trail, too tired and weak to run away from

them, so they were able to capture her and carry her to their car. The trail was less than a mile from the campground. After 12 days on her own in the forest, Laurie had trouble believing that it was actually Golda that they had found.

Right away, Laurie jumped into her car and drove to Cindy’s home (1 3/4 hours away). When she walked in – she burst into tears at the sight of Golda who got up (slowly!) and came over to her, tail wagging weakly. Laurie let Golda lick her face, which she virtually never does. Golda most definitely was happy to see her “Mommy”. Laurie lifted Golda into the car, very happy to take her back home again!

She was FILTHY, had lost 20% of her body weight, and was voraciously hungry for DAYS!

Now, two years later, Golda, a mid-sized, 14-year-old mutt, is happy, healthy and her elderly, grouchy old self again!

How Much is Enough?

Dom Jervis

On May 31, 2014 I retired, less than three months before my 56th birthday. Had I stayed on at my final place of employment, I'm certain I would have been fired or would have become deathly ill. But I also realized "I have enough."

Each and every day for the last year or so that I continued to work at that once-wonderful but now-terrible place, I kept asking myself why. We are given 86,400 seconds at the beginning of each day. Each and every night for that period, I felt all those seconds being wasted. When I turned in my papers on March 6th, I understood how Atlas must have felt when he said to Hercules "Here, hold this a minute."

In A Familiar Rain, John Geddes said "The words I can't say are the holes I punch in the walls of my psyche." All of the instances I was prevented from citing the inanity of decisions made at my workplace finally caused an unacceptably high level of the loss of my Soul and my Very Essence via those holes. Add to this the fact that the Head of my Department had at least three (and I believe I could prove a fourth) characteristic in an article titled "Six Signs You Have a Terrible Boss."

I will never understand why so many people continue to work even when they know they have more money than their great-great-grandchildren can even think about burning.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics for 2015 as cited in the Morris County, NJ Daily Record article titled "Are We Being Paid What We Are Worth?"

Basketball player LeBron James earned \$64.8 million. Is that enough?

TV Host Dr. Phil McGraw earned \$77 million. Is that enough?

Microsoft Founder Bill Gates earned \$11.5 billion. Is that enough?

Here are some people we can't ask that question:

Dave Goldberg, CEO of Survey Monkey, died at age 47.

Edward Gilligan, AMEX President, died at age 55.

Charles Bluhdorn, Chairman of Gulf + Western, died at age 56.

All of these men died younger than my current age.

Jeff Greene was credited with having said:

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“America’s lifestyle expectations are far too high and need to be adjusted so we have less things and a smaller, better existence. We need to reinvent our whole system of life.”

Mr. Greene is a billionaire who flew to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland in a private jet with his wife, children and two nannies. This seeming hypocrisy aside, I agree.

How many houses can you live in? How many cars can you drive? How many days per year do you use your boat? Don’t even get me started on time-shares. If anyone ever asked me if I have a vacation home, I would reply, “Yes, it’s called a hotel room. It’s a great deal. I only pay for the time that I actually use it.”

I have not regretted my decision for even a fraction of a second. My only regret is that I did not buy Berkshire Hathaway stock in 1988 when it was only \$3,000 per share. Had I done that, I could have retired ten years ago.

But everything I’ve done and not done has brought me here. And it would be difficult for me to be any happier, not the least of which is that despite living in NJ, I’ve preferenced back into CIM. Hope to see you at the next RG! 😊



Joanne Ortman

Don Hargraves asked if people could send cards to Joanne for her 70th birthday on June 11. She’s had a few physical set-backs but her mind is alert and she would love to hear from people.

Joanne Ortman
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Munster IN 46321

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Move In	Dr Kenneth W Adlum	Mayfield	KY
New	John Hopkins	Fishers	IN
New	Kevin M Shelley	Zionsville	IN
Reinstating	Laura L Nagle	Indianapolis	IN



Reading Recommendations from Jud

Jud Horning and Teresa Gregory

At our May Monthly Gathering, after the speaker had finished, I was talking to Jud Horning. He gave me a paper with three names and dates on it. Michelle Knight (2002), Amanda Berry (2003) and Gina Dejesus (2004). The names looked familiar and it took me a minute to place them. These were the girls who had been abducted and held against their will in Cleveland, Ohio, by Ariel Castro. There are two books co-written by these women and Jud thinks it is important for people, especially Mensans, to read these books and be aware that this is happening around us. He feels these are not isolated cases, that a number of young women are being exploited.

He said the subject matter is hard to read in spots because of the nature of the subject. He wanted people to be warned of this, but also he thinks that is part of the value of the books. We can't fully imagine what is happening.

The books are:

Finding Me: A Decade of Darkness, a Life Reclaimed: A Memoir of the Cleveland Kidnappings by Michelle Knight and Michelle Burford

Hope: A Memoir of Survival in Cleveland by Amanda Berry Gina Dejesus, Mary Jordan and Kevin Sullivan

June 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. 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 – Join Bob Van Buskirk for casual, friendly bridge on the 1st Sunday of every month, 2 p.m., Contact: Bob Van Buskirk, 317-359-6907 or vnbuskirk@yahoo.com. Location will change each month. Call ahead.

Monthly Gathering – 2nd Friday at 6:30 p.m. -12 Midnight. **This month, we're returning to 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. Ann Hake will speak on the Mediterranean diet's effect on cardiovascular and brain health

Mensans Dining Out – 6 p.m., June 19, Redemption Alewerks, 7035 E. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250. 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

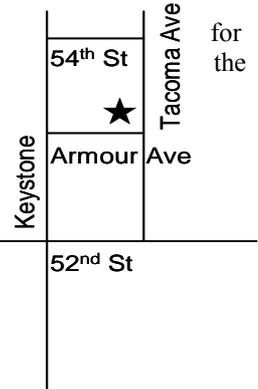
June 2016 Events (cont.)

Book Group – 2 p.m., Sunday, June 26. We will discuss *Japan 1941: Countdown to Infamy* by Eri Hotta. 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.

MINDBending/ExCom – 3rd Tuesday of the month. *MIND*Bending is the preparation of next month's *MIND* mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping *MIND*s.

6/21, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500. Pizza and 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 north of 52nd St. and Keystone Ave. on the northeast side of Indianapolis.



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

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

Mensa Annual Gathering, San Diego – June 29-July 3. Town & Country Resort in Mission Valley.

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

July 2016 *MIND* calendar items due 6/3/16 to: biltmore@topdogcom.com.

June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 Indy Lunch Bunch
5 Bridge Club	6	7	8
12 Book Club	13	14	15 Indy Lunch Bunch
19 Mensans' Dining Out	20	21 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	22
26	27	28	29 AG, San Diego, CA

June 2016 (Cont.)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 <i>MIND</i> deadline	4 Ham 'n' Eggs; Cal. Deadline
9	10 Monthly Gathering	11
16	17	18
23	24 Cinder	25
30 AG, San Diego, CA	1	2

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.

Four To The Fore

George Haynes, RVC4

Going in to the first year as Regional Vice Chair of Region 4, there were several advisors and counselors who warned me of the trials and tribulations that come with elected office in Mensa:

“You’d better have a thick skin.”

“The politics are so vicious because the stakes are so low.”

“Keep up with your email or it will devour you.”

“Watch your words wherever you go.” etc. etc.



Conversely, I had several encouraging affirmations:

“I think you’ll be good at this.”

“I happily voted for you.”

“You’ll bring a fresh perspective to the AMC.” etc. etc.

Being on the American Mensa Committee (the AMC) is like any part of life, i.e. it has its ups and downs, highs and lows, peaks and valleys. I entered with my eyes wide open expecting nothing more or less than the rollercoaster of experiences that the rest of my life delivers. I can say with all sincerity that year one has been a good one. Year two is on my radar as a time that will build upon the successes and progress of the first 12 months. My deepest and heartfelt thanks to those of you who elected me to serve our organization as RVC4.

[Ed. Note: We are glad that you are there to represent us. Thanks for all you do, and keep up the good work.]



Petra's Punny Page

Petra Ritchie

Thanks for sharing, Karen Steilberger.

A group of protesters in front of a physics lab:

“What do we want?”

“Time travel”

“When do we want it?”

“Irrelevant.”

What does a subatomic duck say? Quark!

A neutron walks into a bar and asks how much for a beer. Bartender replies,

“For you, no charge”.

Two atoms are walking along. One of them says:

“Oh, no, I think I lost an electron.”

“Are you sure?”

“Yes, I'm positive.”

An optimist sees a glass half full. A pessimist sees it half empty. An engineer sees it twice as large as it needs to be.

Have a really clever pun to contribute? Email: petraritchie@msn.com



Books On the Runway

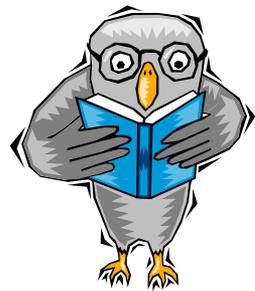
Margy Lancet Fletcher

Title: Treasure Islands: Uncovering the Damage of Offshore Banking and Tax Havens

Author: Nicholas Shaxson

Year: 2011

Book Description: This book review is, in a sense, a tribute to the first day of May. Regrettably - for most of us, it seems - Treasure Islands does not reflect the celebratory spirit of the ancient pagan festival of spring, or even the more sober observance of International Workers Day by worldwide labor movements. Rather, it evokes the grimmer meaning of May



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Day, derived from the French *m'aidez*, meaning “help me” - a distress signal alerting the reader that the international economy is in serious trouble. And the root cause, as meticulously outlined by author Nicholas Shaxton, is the systematic and secretive siphoning of the world’s financial resources by extremely wealthy individuals and organizations into offshore tax havens, leaving poor and middle class citizens to bear the cost of public services. Appropriately, the author begins his exposé with an account of his trip to the oil-rich west African nation of Gabon, a former French colony that, until recently, has been the site of a secret French slush fund used to maintain France’s global power structure. What he learned about the rise and fall of the corrupt Franco-African partnership, known as the Elf affair, was the author’s introduction to international tax havens and, he says, “a metaphor for the offshore world.” In the succeeding ten chapters, the author traces the origin and development of the major tax havens, the two foremost being the City of London and the American state of Delaware; explains how Wall Street eliminated capital controls and increased the power of speculators and financiers; expounds on the catastrophic effects of secretive resource outflow on poor and developing countries; identifies the various philosophical arguments that offshore proponents use to justify the existence of tax havens, and exposes the flaws in their reasoning; describes the toxic social atmosphere that the tax havens create in their host countries; and links the 2007 worldwide financial crisis to offshore transactions and secrecy jurisdictions. The epilogue, entitled “Reclaiming Our Culture,” provides a silver lining in the economic thundercloud: ten major areas of tax reform that, if implemented, can “recapture our culture from the forces of unaccountable privilege” and restore it to ethical citizens and their leaders.

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? From the 1980s until fairly recently, I was a libertarian-leaning *laissez-faire* advocate who considered regulations harmful to society and taxation a form of extortion. While the latter is technically true (consult your dictionary if you question this), Nicholas Shaxson provides a rational and convincing defense of tax systems: they are an investment in societal well-being, as they support education, infrastructure maintenance, and law enforcement, reduce economic inequality, and help ensure accountable leadership. *Treasure Islands* contains an additional bonus, in my opinion: another reason to detest the Irish band U2 besides their mediocre musicianship and the incessant, irritating wailing of the lead singer. These rockers are also hypocrites - tax-evading wolves in philanthropic sheep’s clothing. Seriously, Bono, you should change your name to Con-o.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? This book is essential reading for all sentient adults. Presented in a provocative, rapid-fire narrative style, the

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material contained therein can be mastered by anyone with a solid high school education. Offshore finance is a vital issue that negatively affects the vast majority of the world, so what we do not know about it can definitely hurt us. The unscrupulous monetary transactions of several prominent world leaders, as revealed in the recent Panama Papers scandal, are just the tip of a devastatingly massive iceberg. I urge everyone to use his/her preferred source (library, bookstore, or internet) to acquire a copy at the earliest opportunity; the value of this book cannot be overestimated.

How long might it take to read this book? That depends on the sensitivity threshold of the reader. Those blessed with plenty of intestinal fortitude will be riveted by the book's horrific revelations and will continue apace to the final page - in two or three days at the most. Others will find the graphic accounts of appalling crimes against democracy difficult to digest, and will be obliged to escape to other activities between chapters. In either case, the effort will prove rewarding. Just be warned that this book is not exactly a leisurely "beach read."

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: "In truth, the term tax haven is a bit of a misnomer because these places offer an escape not just from taxes but from many other rules and regulations too. If a person or entity wants to do something but is forbidden by law from doing it at home, it escapes to somewhere else to do it. (To be more precise, it isn't usually the entity but its money that escapes.) The common feature of tax havens is that they offer secrecy. Once the escape has been effected, the escapee is very hard to find. The user of tax havens might escape any number of laws or regulations: taxes, criminal laws, insider trading rules, inheritance rules, environmental laws, or financial regulation. If there is a law to stop or regulate it, there will probably be places that offer escape routes from that law. A simple example of an offshore escape is when a U. S. citizen, say, parks \$10 million of drug money in a bank account in Panama. It will be exceedingly difficult for the U. S. authorities to find that money, let alone tax it... It is essential to understand from the outset that the offshore system is ultimately not about celebrity tax exiles and mobsters - though they are regular users of the system. It is about banks and financial service industries... [T]he offshore system is the secret underpinning for the political and financial power of Wall Street today. It is the fortified refuge of Big Finance."

Additional Remarks: Another major election is fast approaching, and the campaign process has typically devolved into a crass reality show. I sincerely hope that none of you have already lost your wits to the D. T.s (sorry, I just couldn't resist) and that you are prepared to follow the sound advice offered by Mensan Tom Fournier in the January 2016 Mensa Bulletin: Avoid logical

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fallacies commonly employed by candidates and make rational choices. It would also behoove informed voters to read *Treasure Islands* and drive the selection process one step further by asking our potential representatives what they plan to do about offshore tax shelters. Only through concerted pressure from a vocal majority will the political stake be plunged into the hearts of these modern-day vampires. Then the rest of us can truly celebrate the renewal of rights along with the rites of renewal. Have a happy growing season.



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 3/15/16

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:43 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: Dave Appel, Teresa Gregory.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the February ExCom meeting. Ethan Blocher-Smith moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, Ann Hake seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Karen Zwick pointed out that an anonymous donor again has given the money for dues for the youth members. A donation in memory of Carolyn Axtell has been made to MERF, and the membership has been paid for one member we are helping. Ethan Blocher-Smith moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Ann Hake seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report shows 5 new, 1 reinstating, and 2 move-in members, 1 offer of membership, 30 prospects, and 560 total members.

Old Business

Monthly meeting place: Jan Pfeil Doyle said she has not yet received the contract, but All Souls Unitarian Church said all is in order for our return in May. To have the space from 6:00 p.m., for the youth member meeting, until 12:00 midnight would cost an additional \$15 per month. For the youth meetings, the ratio of adults to young members needs to be at least 1:6, and those who are not parents of the kids need to have background checks. We should be okay there. Karen Zwick asked Jan for details on the payment destination and frequency; Jan will find out.

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CultureQuest: The test is coming up on May 1. We have at least one team.

Sidener Academy: Diane O'Brien's contact told the principal of our interest in becoming involved, and they are excited to have our help. They would like to have help at lunchtime. Diane said anyone can volunteer.

Young Mensans: Diane O'Brien said plans for the summer include trips to the airport tower and a feline rescue facility. Karen Zwick reminded the committee that there are funds in the treasury that are earmarked for youth activities.

Regional gathering: Teresa Gregory said she has put a notice in MIND to ask for publicity help. She asked if there will be a Gathering Committee. She is willing to chair it, and would like to involve others from the group, including those who are not ExCom members. Karen Steilberger will send to Teresa and Jan Pfeil Doyle a list of local members who attended the RG. Karen Zwick suggested a brainstorming committee. She and Jan said they would be willing to help.

Proctors and tests: Teresa Gregory said we offered a test on Saturday, and no one came. She requested money to prepare and send postcards to prospective test-takers. Ann Hake moved to allocate money for this, Karen Zwick seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. Teresa said we have found a location for tests on Sundays. The absence of Web site information has hurt test and meeting attendance. Having potential test-takers send money or a voucher, or having them call for the location, are ideas that would help with test planning.

Web page: Jan Pfeil Doyle said the old site is still coming up. This needs to be fixed ASAP, and it needs to have a tab for test information and a tab for Gatherings information. Ethan Blocher-Smith said he now has administrator access and will work on it this week. Ann Hake will work with Jan and with Teresa Gregory on updating the information.

New Business

Jan Pfeil Doyle reported that member James Amato has passed away.

Nominating committee: Jan Pfeil Doyle said we need a nominating committee by May 1. It needs to be composed of 3 members who are not on the ExCom. The ExCom discussed possible committee members. Ann Hake will put something on the Web site, and suggested putting something about it in MIND.

There being no other business, Karen Zwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Applegate seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Steilberger

Treasurer's Report

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 04/18/2016)

Bank Accounts	03/14/2016	04/18/2016
Checking – Regular	\$8,760.36	\$7,883.74
Checking – Scholarship	1,164.03	\$1,614.03
Checking – Youth Membership	\$69.34	\$69.34
Checking – RG/OG Fund	9,633.64	\$9,633.64
Checking – Youth Activity Fund	480.40	\$480.40
Total Assets	\$20,107.77	\$19,231.15

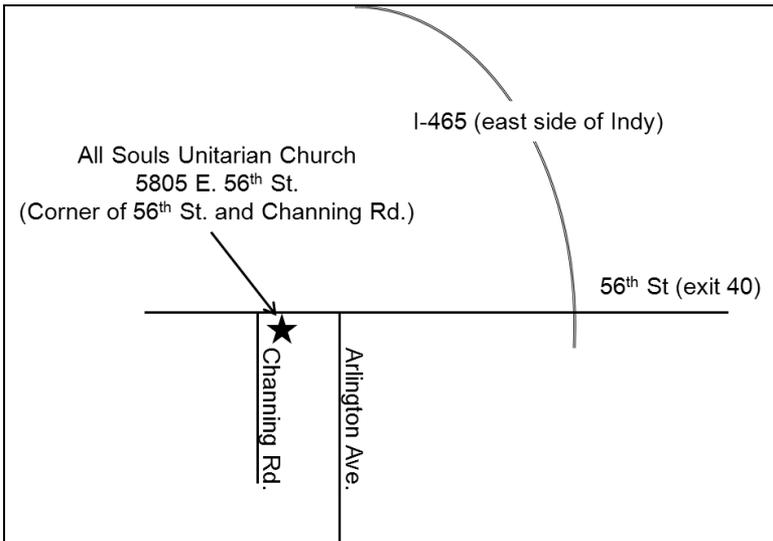
Profit & Loss Statement (03/15/2016 – 04/18/2016)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering (April)	120.00
	402 – National Mensa (March & April)	1,079.05
	Total Income	\$1,199.05
Expense		
	501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality	2.99
	501.2 – Monthly Gathering Facility (May 2016 – Apr 2017 room rental at All Souls Unitarian Church)	1,653.00
	505 – Food for ExCom/MINDBending	71.35
	505.1 – MIND Printing	328.33
	510.1 – New Member Dinner	20.00
	Total Expenses	\$2,075.67

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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