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Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

Yes, the cover is true. In May, we will be moving back to All Souls Unitarian Church for our monthly meetings. People just didn't like the Quality Inn. Finding a location to have the meetings that has ample close parking, is handicapped accessible, that will allow us to bring in food and beverages, and to stay past 8:00 or 9:00pm is more of a challenge than you might think. And then there's the cost...



The month of April will be our last at the Quality Inn, and I will be the program speaker. You think you've heard all my stories, but surprise! I will not be talking about my cats so don't worry.

I became keenly interested in simplifying my life when I was recovering from total knee replacement surgery in 2012. I was alone for the better part of the six weeks I was off work. I had a lot of time to think. Here I was living alone in a barn of a house. My thoughts went to a gentleman who had been a volunteer in our office several years earlier. He was a bit younger than me and he had had a stroke which had slowed his speech and left him with a slight limp. He carried a cane but rarely used it.

He was a voracious reader, and he, the secretary, and I talked about books when he was there. After he moved on to a volunteer job closer to where he lived, I met him for lunch one Sunday. That's when I heard his story.

He had been married and had children. They had the big house and the big lifestyle. He said he was driven to succeed in his job, and he did. He worked too many hours and drank way too much alcohol. His marriage broke up. His kids were alienated. Then he had a stroke that left him permanently disabled.

He said people would see him and feel sorry for him, but they were wrong. The stroke was the best thing that happened to him. He hated his job but was good at it. He was driven to do better and get more. Now, he has a small apartment with just what he needs. He loves to read. When - he gets a book (usually used) he reads it then gives it to someone else to enjoy instead of keeping it prisoner in his apartment.

He's sober. He no longer needs to drink to de-stress. He has time to do volunteer work and help others. He's reconnected with his kids. His life is very good. He's not encumbered with things.

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I know a woman in a similar situation. She was widowed at a very young age. She doesn't make a lot of money and lives a very simple lifestyle. She said her in-laws feel sorry for her, but she feels sorry for them because they are all burdened with possessions and she feels so free.

I want that feeling, too. I'm not there yet, but I hope I'm closer.

If you are interested in learning more about this movement, there is a new movie called "Minimalism: A Documentary About the Important Things." It will be shown one time only, Tuesday, May 24, at 3:00pm. I plan to go and I hope some others decide to join me. If you are interested, I can send you the ticket ordering information.

Thinking ahead, May is also the month of the Outdoor Gathering. Versailles State Park is a hidden gem in southeast Indiana. We have the beautiful group camp all to ourselves. Very few Mensa groups have such an event. The price is very reasonable. Plus we just have a lot of fun. If you want to hike and bike and whatever, you can. If you want to sit on the front porch and put your feet up on the rail, no one is going to stop you.

Yes, I know it's still April, but there are so many things coming up in May, including Memorial Day weekend. After a dreary winter, I'm ready to do some spring cleaning, and go play outside. Won't you join me?



Volunteer Needed!

Looking for someone who has some internet experience, especially Social Media, to help promote the Outdoor Gathering and the Regional Gathering. In the comfort of your own home, you can update a Facebook page or email a flier to the neighboring groups' newsletter editors. Attending the Gathering is not necessary. This should take a minimum of time, but needs to be tended to on a regular basis. Anyone interested, please drop me an email.

Thanks!

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LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Wonderful Donor – Some of you may remember that we in Central Indiana Mensa have a wonderful, anonymous benefactor who has paid the dues of our young Mensa members for several years and did so again this year. Not surprisingly, our youth membership has increased greatly! On behalf of our YMs, we thank you, anonymous donor, for your amazing generosity!



New Website – CIM's website has a new look, thanks to webmaster **David Bonner**. If you had the previous site bookmarked or went to the website by typing in part of the URL, you may now need to type in the full web address including the "www": www.indymensa.org/ to get to the new site. **Ann Hake** and **Ethan Blocher-Smith** will be taking over from David as co-webmasters. We thank David for his many years of service as webmaster and for creating such nice-looking and functional designs. He will continue as webmaster for the Young Ms portion of the site.

New/Old Meeting Place – Plans are in the works to move to a new (old) meeting place for our monthly meetings, probably starting in May. Please be sure to double check the location in **MIND** and/or on the website before heading to the May meeting. *[Ed. Note: this news was confirmed after Jan submitted this. See cover!]*

Don't Forget To Renew – If you're reading this before March 31st, you still have time to get your dues in on time. There's also time to join or form a

CultureQuest [©] team; the deadline for that is also March 31st (see my February column or contact me for more info).

Mark Your Calendars for the Outdoor Gathering in May – I hope to see many of you at Central Indiana Mensa's Outdoor Gathering coming up on May 20-22. It's our annual camping weekend at the Versailles (Indiana) State Park. We rent the group camp and stay in dormitory-style cabins with beds, so it's definitely not the sleep-on-the-ground type of camping. There's a central building where we hang out, play games, cook, eat, etc. Outdoor activities include hiking and a campfire. It's a wonderful, fun, relaxing, unstructured weekend! You can't beat the cost of \$55 for food and lodging! If you can't stay for the whole weekend, come for the day on Saturday. You can register online at <http://cim-og-2016.eventbrite.com>

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Biennial Election in the Fall – Central Indiana Mensa’s biennial election will be held in September. If you’re interested in running for the ExCom (Executive Committee; the board that runs the group) or serving on the Nominating or Election committees, please let me know. More details in upcoming *MINDs*.



Letter to Joanne

Teresa Fisher

February 10, 2016

Dear Joanne,

I was so pleased to get the email from Don saying that you were able to say a few words. You’re making such great progress, you’ll be able to recite the Gettysburg address before long. (But why would you want to?)

The RG was a resounding success, as usual. I saw Alan’s informative and entertaining speech about visiting Washington, DC, and Leo’s talk about self publishing. I need to hear Leo talk about that every so often to inspire me to get back to my own publishing endeavors. Now I’m fired up again. I missed Karen Zwick’s presentation about organization and decluttering, and I’m so sorry I did. Everyone who saw it has been going on about how much good they got from it.

I got forms from Amazon telling me what royalties I earned last year, so I can report it on my taxes. I made \$100.39 from books sold online, and \$29.04 from e-books. Woohoo! Now I can put a down payment on a yacht! I had been wondering why small amounts of money from Amazon kept being deposited into my checkbook when I knew I hadn’t sold any books, and it turned out to be from e-books. I had totally forgotten about them.

In case Don forgot to tell you, you won a \$50 gift card for your idea of how to use the funds Dom will leave the group. Of course, if Don wants to beat you out of it, he could just not read you this paragraph.

I was mistaken when I told you I would be given 30 days of car rental. A couple of days after I sent you the last letter, my insurance agent called and told me how much they would pay me for my car. That offer, whether I accepted it or not, immediately relieved them of any further obligation to pay for my rental car. I had to go out the next day and buy a car and turn in the rental. I got a 2014 Kia, but after buying it I discovered that it must have been ordered originally by an Amish person. Instead of remote keys I have only a key like we used in the

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olden days (referred to as a slab), and the car doesn't even have cruise control. Last week, on the day that I had owned it three weeks, someone broke out the front passenger window to see what was in my gym bag (shorts, a hand towel, and a combination lock). My previous gym bag was stolen with my other car, so I'm getting tired of buying towels and locks. I think I'm on my last pair of old gym shorts, so here's hoping I don't lose any more gym bags. The man who fixed the window said he'd never seen that much glass in a car. He used his vacuum cleaner, but I can still see glass in every nook and cranny. (I just looked up the word cranny. It really is a word unto itself, and not just something that goes with nook. It's a long narrow hole, especially in a rock face.)

Thanks to a website called MyCase.IN.gov where one can look up what's going on with criminals, I learned that the guy who stole my car got picked up January 28. He's in jail now with my former neighbor. (The neighbor's ex-wife has cleaned out the house in preparation for selling it, we hope to someone who wants to preserve it instead of chopping it up into apartments. The local historical preservation people are helping her sell it. It looks like her ex-husband might be in jail a while.)

Two nights ago I got a call from a cop, telling me they had located my stolen car. It's at the impound lot in Louisville. I called the lot yesterday to see what paperwork I would need to get any personal items from the car, and the man said only my I.D. He asked what kind of car it was, and seemed puzzled that it didn't sound familiar. I explained that the man who stole it was arrested January 28, so it had probably been there since then.

When I got to the lot I was told it had been there since January 5, one week after it was stolen. The reason it took them so long to contact me was that it had the wrong license plate on it. The Kentucky plate was registered to a Mexican couple. The impound guy had a hard time connecting me to the car, but I had brought the police report, so he used that. (Is this the only time in the history of car thefts that someone put a different plate on a car?)

I hiked out to the general area where he said my car was, but I couldn't find it. The temperature was in the mid 20s and I was wishing I had worn a hat and scarf. I hoped to recover at least some of the items that had been in the car, like my gym bag, the GPS, the tire pump that plugs into the cigarette lighter, and maybe even the bags of chicken feed that were in the trunk. Silly me.

I saw a silver Hyundai that was similar to my car, but surely this junk-filled mess couldn't be the same vehicle. It had only been in the possession of the thief or whoever he sold it to for one week. No one could transform a car that much in only seven days, could they? I walked around the lot, but couldn't find any other

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cars like mine. Fortunately, I hadn't believed the person who told me all I needed was my I.D., so I also had the car title. It's a good thing I did, because I had to use the Vehicle Identification Number to identify my car.

There were numerous new scratches and dings, but the most surprising change was that the back door on the passenger side and the panel above the tire had been painted black, probably with house paint. The entire back seat was filled with trash, and the trunk was full of rusty paint cans and beer cans. I don't think this is what's meant by "too much junk in the trunk." The front seats were littered with trash, including a woman's purse with a dog motif. I didn't look inside. The steering wheel had a black, rhinestone-encrusted cover on it. I thought that was a nice touch. I looked in the glove box and other small storage areas, but found no sign that I had ever owned the car or put anything in it. Had it not been for the matching VIN, it would have been hard for anyone to convince me that was my car.

When I got home I called my former insurance agent (I changed insurance companies) and reminded her it was four weeks ago that she made the offer on my car and I still don't have the money. She's waiting for the check from the insurance company. I told her what awaited them at the impound lot, and she wasn't even sure they would want to retrieve it. I wouldn't blame them if they didn't. I hope this is the last of my car stories for a while.

All of the thievery grief happened because my neighbor asked me to let his friend use my computer. To quote Homer Simpson, "Never help anybody."

I look forward to hearing about your continued improvement.

Teresa



Welcome New and Returning Members!

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| Karl R Knapp | Fishers | IN |
| Suzanne Mittenthal | Martinsville | IN |
| James R Rogers | Monticello | IN |
| Jack C Rominger | Indianapolis | IN |
| Ivan Wojciechowski | Brownsburg | IN |
| Daniel Kent Banks | Brownstown | IN |
| Michael V Harris | Pendleton | IN |
| Berdeen Lawrence | Zionsville | IN |



Petra's Punny Page

Petra Ritchie

Thanks to Karen Steilberger:

He threw Jello at his wife, who had him arrested for carrying a congealed weapon.

I gave my stressed out feline too much elixir. Now it's catatonic.

A speaker at the firearms convention had to rifle through his notes.

Amenities - the Greek goddess of luxury.

Fly to a small bug on its back: Hey, bug on my back, are you a mite?

Bug: I mite be.

Fly: Stupidest pun I ever heard.

Bug: What do you expect? I just made it up on the fly.

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

April 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 7:00 p.m. Quality Inn Castleton on the SW corner of Allisonville Road and I-465 (8380 Kelly Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46250). See last page of *MIND* for map and directions. Members: \$5.00, Non-Members: \$7.00; Children 6-12: \$3.00, under 6: free. **4/8:** Teresa Gregory, CIM member, has been thinking about downsizing and studying Minimalism since her knee replacement surgery in 2012. She moved from a five-bedroom house to 920 square feet in 2013. She will talk about the unique challenges she personally faced and still struggles with. This is a story with a twist.

Mensans Dining Out – 6 p.m., April 17, Amber Indian, Castleton, 5929 East 82nd 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

April 2016

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| 17 Mensans' Dining Out | 18 | 19 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom Paducah Area Group Meeting | 20 Indy Lunch Bunch |
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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.

April 2016 Events (cont.)

MINDBending/ExCom – 3rd Tuesday of the month.

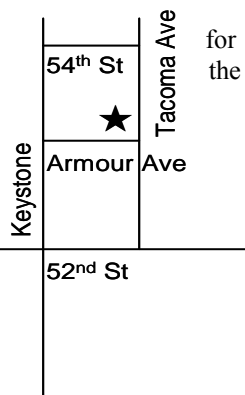
*MIND*Bending is the preparation of next month's *MIND* mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping *MIND*s.

4/19, 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 March *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.

Book Group – 2 p.m., Sunday, April 24. We will discuss *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. 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.

Mensa Admission Test – Sunday, April 10, 2016,

1:00 Registration-1:30 Test

The location is a business north of the Mass Ave area of downtown Indianapolis that is closed on Sunday. Please email for the address and directions. (teresa.gregory@yahoo.com) Please put "Testing" in the subject line. (This is for the Mensa Admission Test, NOT the Culture Fair.)

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

May 2016 *MIND* calendar items due 5/2/15 to: biltmore@topdogcom.com.

Four To The Fore

George Haynes, RVC4

Fifth Grade. We lived in Somerset, Kentucky. This was my fourth and final year of school in my father's home town. We had moved there at the beginning of my second grade year when Dad fell on hard times, financially, and moved the family from Indianapolis back "home." His 15-year job at Western Electric had fallen through and he embarked on a course of various odd jobs until finally becoming an over-the-road trucker. This 5th grade year of school was my first encounter with being gifted, though I wasn't even aware of it at the time.



Mrs. Flynn brought us into the multi-purpose room with all the other 5th grade classes for an unnamed activity one day. I was glad to get to sit next to my buddy, Steve, on the cafeteria tables/de facto desks and chit chat before this mystery event occurred. We talked about the 45 rpm single "Pop Muzik" by M Factor he recently acquired. Envy and simultaneous excitement for him was palpable in my gut.

A nameless faceless teacher from my past silenced the 5th graders and began distributing booklets, pencils and erasers. Instructions followed regarding where to print our names and how to fill in the corresponding bubbles under each letter. Further instructions I don't recall were given. A time limit was imposed and we were off. I opened the booklet.

Which of these words doesn't belong? Which shape is next in the pattern? Which number completes this pattern? Look at these lines and think of a way to connect them with other lines you've drawn.

I had been given some form of an IQ test and had been screened for an early 1980s version of a gifted program. I didn't know that at the time. But I know it now. A week or so later a letter went home to my parents saying that in 6th grade I would be removed from my regular classroom, periodically, to go to another class (6th grade was still in the elementary school in 1980). I was mortified.

"Dad, I don't want to go to a special class. Kids will think I'm weird or different!"

"It'll give you a better education, Son."

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"I don't care. I just don't want other kids to think I'm weird."

Summer of 1980 was the summer we moved to York, Pennsylvania because my Dad had gotten a good union trucking job with *Consolidated Freightways*. This job transfer prevented me from ever knowing what a 6th grade gifted class in 1980 would have been like.

to be continued....



OMG! Outdoor Mensa Gathering!
May 20 - 22, 2016
Versailles State Park, Indiana

Join Central Indiana Mensa for a laid-back weekend in the woods. If you're thinking that you aren't the "out-doorsy" type, think again! You get food, lodging, scenery, and more for only **\$55** per person! Saturday only is \$35. Kids up to age 6 are \$20, and ages 6-12 are \$35. There is also a per-car park entry fee. So grab your sleeping bags and towels, and join us at Versailles State Park.

Adults: \$55; Saturday Only \$35

Kids:

- \$25 – under 6 years old
- \$40 – 6 – 12 years old

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Register and pay online at: <http://cim-og-2016.eventbrite.com>
Or... mail a completed form and your check to the Registrar.

Mail:

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Gardener's Lament

Joanne Ortman

I weed and I pull and I tug
My feelings so fixed and so smug

These plants belong
These plants do not
This plant goes here
This is its spot

Finally I slip
The weeds come on through
The chosen plants wither
The rejects regroup

With mocking beauty they seem to say
“Aren't you sorry you chased us away?”

[Reprinted from the April, 2000, edition of MIND]



Books On the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Title: *Nature Anatomy: The Curious Parts and Pieces of the Natural World*

Author: Julia Rothman, with help from John Niekrasz

Year: 2015



Book Description: Many small-town and rural denizens harbor the pejorative notion that city dwellers are content with their cacophonous steel-and-concrete environment and do not appreciate the natural world. Author/illustrator and New York City resident Julia Rothman, assisted by her naturalist friend, John Niekrasz, has made it her mission to eradicate that urban legend. The end product, of which they are justifiably proud, is *Nature Anatomy*, an elegant and eloquent tribute to our planet and its physiological and biological marvels. Each chapter examines a different earthly characteristic: 1. Common Ground - What is contained on and beneath the earth's surface (an excerpt is quoted below); 2. What's Up? - Atmospheric phenomena; 3. Come Close - What can be discovered in a field or yard - e.g., wildflowers, prairie plants, insects, and spiders; 4. Take a Hike - The wide variety of plant species found in a forest; 5. *Continued on next page*

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Creature Feature - Examples of the more common Western Hemisphere mammals and reptiles; 6. A Little Bird Told Me - Remarkable avian features and behaviors; 7. Head Above Water - Types of aquatic formations and their ecosystems. This is a basic nature lover's handbook, akin to a beginning science course but a lot more appealing to the senses, as this volume contains many fascinating facts, exquisitely rendered drawings, and even a few art project instructions and recipes containing indigenous plants as an added bonus. Mission brilliantly accomplished.

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? Like the author, my fascination with my natural environment dates back to early childhood, when I enjoyed collecting and identifying wildflowers, tree leaves, and insects, and witnessing the feeding rituals of butterflies and birds. Thus, I am always on the lookout for high-quality wildlife literature. I discovered this volume during an annual trip with friends Alison Brown and Siegmund Haider to the Ohio Light Opera at the College of Wooster, when we took a side trip to Lehman's, the Amish Country hardware and gift store in nearby Kidron, Ohio (www.lehmans.com, in case you're interested in old-fashioned, American-made merchandise). Just a brief glance at the gorgeous artwork convinced me to make the purchase. For me, this book has been both a refresher course and a source of wonder at the bounty of life with which we are still blessed. Definitely a keeper.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? Life and earth science experts and enthusiasts with a strong aesthetic orientation will appreciate this book. The facts presented in this relatively small volume are elementary rather than comprehensive - the appetizer, not the main course - but nonetheless engrossing. The author summarizes the book's purpose as follows: "I hope our book inspires you to be curious about your own back yard, too, whether it's rolling hills or a flower box on a fire escape."

How long might it take to read this book? Perusing the text should not take more than a day, but I recommend allowing some extra time to examine and appreciate the superb illustrations.

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: Layers of the Earth: Planet Earth was formed 4.54 billion years ago. Most of what we know about the structure of Earth comes from °studying the seismic waves that pass through the planet during earthquakes. Earth is distinctly layered and each layer has its own unique characteristics. Crust: The earth's crust is between 3 and 44 miles thick, being thickest where there are land masses and thinnest beneath the oceans. It makes up less than 1% of the planet's total volume. Mantle: This layer of iron- and magnesium-rich silicate rock is hot

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enough (between 930° and 7,200° F) that it flows very slowly, causing earthquakes as the surface plates shift atop it. The mantle composes 84% of earth's volume. Outer and Central Core: The core has two parts: The outer core is primarily molten iron. The central core - an alloy of iron and nickel - is under so much pressure that it has crystallized into a solid even though it is hotter than the surface of the sun."

Additional Remarks: The epilogue of *Nature Anatomy* contains some sound advice on conserving our natural resources. For much more on that subject, please see Elizabeth Kolbert's *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History*, a previous Books on the Runway subject. *Nature Anatomy*, by contrast, avoids dire predictions and provides a positive, dynamic approach to our appreciation of the living world around us, while admonishing us to "connect with the nature near you in a conscientious way." Our natural environment is endlessly intriguing; *Nature Anatomy* will assuredly contribute to a rewarding ecological treasure hunt. May your cognitive journey be fruitful.



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 1/19/16

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:55 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.

Absent: None.

Guests: Teresa Gregory.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the December ExCom meeting. Jon Applegate 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. Karen Zwick said there will be more income to report next month with the RG registrations. Ann Hake moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as corrected. Ethan Blocher-Smith seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report shows 5 new, 2 reinstating, 1 preferencing, and 4 move-in members; and 15 prospects.

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Old Business

Regional gathering: Teresa Gregory reported on the status of her preparations with the hotel, the menus, and the programs. Karen Zwick will, along with Matt Zwick, bring drinks and coolers. Karen is also bringing DVDs to exchange for donations to the scholarship fund, and she has raffle tickets we can use. Teresa said Barbara George also offered to help. Jan asked Teresa to let us know what other help she needs. Teresa still could use an organizer for the games, and she is open to additional help and suggestions. Karen Steilberger reported that there are 46 RG registrations so far, including 3 newly reported by Teresa.

Proctors and tests: Ann Hake will observe testing at the RG. Karen Zwick and Teresa Gregory are working on dates and locations for upcoming tests.

Monthly meeting place: Karen Zwick said the meeting room at the Quality Inn is not available in June. Jan Pfeil Doyle said we have the insurance papers we need to go back to All Souls Unitarian Church. We are paid at the Quality Inn through April. The committee discussed how late at night to reserve the room at All Souls, as there are additional charges for hours after 10:00 p.m. The committee decided to book the room from 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight starting in May. Jan will confirm with the church.

Web page: Ethan Blocher-Smith said the page should be ready by the February ExCom meeting. He and Ann Hake will meet to discuss the page.

New Business

School support: Jan Pfeil Doyle said she heard from a teacher from Sidener Academy for High Ability Students. His students enjoyed a Mensa card deck as a recess activity, and he asked for other challenging activities. Jan found some things on eBay and asked if CIM would like to buy them for the school. The committee discussed soliciting items and ideas from CIM members, and other possible ways to help the school. Karen Zwick moved that we spend up to \$100 to buy games for the Sidener Academy recess bins. Bob Zdanky seconded the motion, and it was carried. We will see if they had other needs that we might get involved with.

There being no other business, Karen Wilczewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Zwick seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Steilberger

Treasurer's Report

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 02/15/2016)

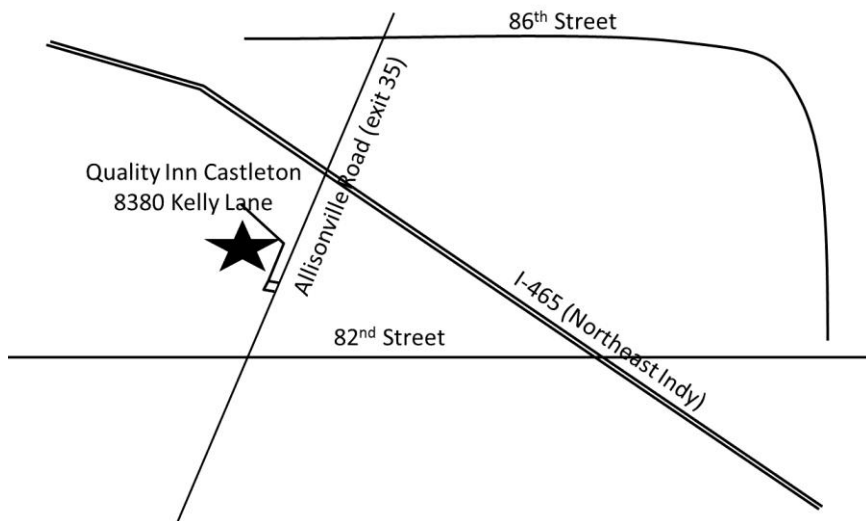
| Bank Accounts | 01/18/2016 | 02/15/2016 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Checking – Regular | \$9,464.39 | \$8,858.87 |
| Checking – Scholarship | 383.03 | \$1,209.03 |
| Checking – Youth Membership | 427.34 | \$427.34 |
| Checking – RG/OG Fund | 8,657.84 | \$9,633.64 |
| Checking – Youth Activity Fund | 480.40 | \$480.40 |
| Total Assets | \$19,413.00 | \$20,609.28 |

Profit & Loss Statement (01/19/2016 – 02/15/2016)

| Income | | |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------|
| | 401.1 – Monthly Gathering (February) | 120.00 |
| | 401.2 – RG Registrations | 4,150.18 |
| | 401.3 – OG Registrations | 320.00 |
| | 403 – Donations for scholarship fund (\$500 individual, \$323 RG Raffle ticket & DVD sales, \$3 MG book sales) | 826.00 |
| | 410 – Payment for two Mensa tests administered at RG | 80.00 |
| Total Income | | \$5,496.18 |
| Expense | | |
| | 501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality | 45.29 |
| | 502.1 – RG Hospitality | 1,723.58 |
| | 502.2 – RG Facility | 1,167.28 |
| | 502.3 – RG Presenters | 300.00 |
| | 502.4 – RG Program Printing | 70.14 |
| | 502.5 – RG Equipment | 233.38 |
| | 505 – Food for ExCom/MINDBending | 64.26 |
| | 505.1 – MIND Printing | 312.17 |
| | 505.2 MIND Postage | 303.80 |
| | 520 – Payment to National Mensa for two Mensa tests (given at RG) | 80.00 |
| Total Expenses | | \$4,299.90 |

MEETING LOCATION

Quality Inn Castleton
8380 Kelly Lane
Indianapolis, IN 46250



Directions from I-465 From I-465 on the NE side of Indianapolis, take Exit 35, Allisonville Rd • Turn south on Allisonville Rd • Take the first right onto Kelly Lane • Follow Kelly Lane around to the Quality Inn.

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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