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Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

We have winners! Not only do we have a new ExCom, but we have fresh, new Bylaws for Central Indiana Mensa. It's about time!

The times they are a-changing. Jan and I have started planning in earnest for the 2018 AG here in Indy. That seemed like a long time off until we were presented with a timeline and discovered the clock is already ticking. It started without us. We are also on committees for the 2017 AG in Hollywood, Florida. Oh, my!



In my own personal life, I am facing big changes. I wrote a piece that I posted on Facebook about getting ready to enter the Last Demographic. (See page 8 for a reprint.) In January I will be 65. I will not just be entering the Last Demographic, but I will be entering retirement. I told my manager in mid-August. That sounds like a lot of notice, but I didn't want it to slip out on social media and her find out from someone else. Now everyone in the office knows.

My manager has asked me what I plan to do. Other people have asked the same thing. I say I will have more time for the things that I want to do. I have a very active life outside of work. Planning an AG is one of those things.

Congratulations to the new ExCom. And a personal thank you to Karen Steilberger who is stepping down. While a member of ExCom, and even before, she is one of those volunteers who is easy to take for granted because she never needs to be micro-managed. When she was calendar editor, and, more recently as recording secretary, I knew when I looked in MIND mailbox, her report would be there. She has been our gatherings registrar for several years, and, besides being the person collecting the information, she has been the cheerful face sitting at our registration table when people arrived. She hosts Lunch Bunch twice a month downtown. And, if you get to know her, you'll see she has an incredible sense of humor. Karen is cutting back on some of her Mensa obligations, but she'll still be with us helping out and hanging out. She's that kind of person. CIM is lucky to have her.

Some of our neighbors are having RGs. Check them out and see if you can work one of them into your schedule. You won't be sorry!

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Election Results – Thank you to everyone who voted in our elections! The bylaws revisions passed unanimously, I'm sure due in no small part to the excellent work of our local bylaws committee. **Marcele Everest** willingly agreed to chair the group even though she'd done it before and had some idea of what she was in for (can you say, "Herding cats?"). **Jon Applegate, Ethan Blocher-Smith, Leo Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, and Petra Ritchie** (proofreader) filled out the rest of the committee. Many, many thanks to each of them for the hard work they put in for our group. I, for one, TRULY appreciate their thoughtful, considered efforts and I know the rest of the group does, too! We definitely have a better set of bylaws because of their efforts.



More Election Results – The second part of our election was for the ExCom (Executive Committee, the board that manages our local group). I was re-elected as Local Secretary (it's hard to lose if you're unopposed-ha!). Please welcome new board member, **Kurt Williams**, who will be joining returning members **Jon Applegate, Ethan Blocher-Smith, Ann Hake, Diane O'Brien, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick**. I'd like to thank **Karen Steilberger** for her years of service to the board as calendar editor, gatherings registrar, and recording secretary. Karen decided not to run for re-election this year. Thanks also those of you who ran but weren't elected (this time!). And finally, thanks to the nominating committee, chair **Larry Marcus**, with **Teresa Gregory** and **Alan Schmidt** and to the election committee, chaired by **Petra Ritchie**.

Half Price Testing – October is National Testing Month. This year, the price for testing has been reduced to \$20 for the month. If you know someone who's interested in or might like Mensa, encourage them to take the test! CIM will be giving the test in Indianapolis on Saturday, October 18th; there may be other locations as well. Details in the calendar or from Testing Coordinator **Teresa Gregory**. If you have friends or family in other areas of the country who might want to take the test, have them check out the national testing calendar at www.us.mensa.org/join/testing/testing-calendar/. Thanks to Teresa, and the rest of our CIM proctors who volunteer their time to administer tests to prospective members.

HalloweeM – Hubby Leo and I are heading to HalloweeM, the Chicago Area Mensa Regional Gathering, October 27-30. Their RG is so well attended (500+), it's like a small Annual Gathering. They have a great "punny" costume contest, multiple speaker/activity tracks and wonderful hospitality: www.chicago.us.mensa.org/weem/.

AML Database Switch Will Cause Short Online Service Breaks

Pamela Donahoo, CAE

Executive Director, American Mensa

American Mensa's website will experience some brief, planned service interruptions in the coming weeks. For example, there will be a short period where payments, such as event registrations, will not be able to be processed on us.mensa.org.

The interruptions are an unavoidable side effect of the organization's transition to a new Association Management System (AMS).

"The new AMS will be fantastic at making easier some tasks performed by volunteers and the National Office, so we can offer more and better services to members and improve the Mensa experience," said Trevor Mitchell, American Mensa's Senior Director of Membership and Strategy, who is leading the AMS changeover. "Unfortunately, the transition is not as easy and instant as flipping a switch, and there will be short periods where some functionality on Mensa's website will not work."

The parts of the website that will be affected are primarily related to functions that involve payments, logging on to the site and uploading information. The interruptions are expected to last only a few days, notwithstanding unforeseen technical glitches, and will be timed during low-traffic periods on the site. Members can expect periodic updates, primarily via email, on the exact timing and services affected. And Local Group leaders and other Mensa volunteers will receive communication informing them if and how their work will be affected.

Because the new AMS will operate using member email addresses for login, members are encouraged to check their contact information and make sure theirs is up to date. This can be done by visiting us.mensa.org/profile. After the website's transition to a new AMS in early November, membership numbers will no longer be used for login purposes.

Updates on the AMS transition, including affected services and their timing and the answers to frequently asked questions, can be found at goo.gl/9aFOIB, which will be updated regularly.

[This has been a Public Service Announcement from American Mensa]

Cincinnati Area Mensa's 34th Regional Gathering
December 2-4, 2016
Doubletree Suites by Hilton, 6300 East Kemper Road,
Cincinnati, 45241

Call for Hotel Reservations at (513) 489-3636

or for Online Reservations

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=14582966 (Block Open until 11/24)

RG Hotel Rate \$99 (please mention Cincinnati Mensa RG)

Come join us at Concinnity in Cincinnati – enjoy instances of skillful harmonious arrangement of RG parts in an elegant facility! Speakers and Tournaments and Hospitality oh my! The Registration Rate does include 2 breakfasts, lunch, 2 sumptuous buffet dinners and all you can eat snacks and drinks! Registration Rates are as Follows:

Full Weekend Day Rates \$80 Until 11/15/16; \$85 After 11/15/16

Friday Only \$30

Saturday Only \$60

Saturday After 5:00 pm \$30

Kids Ages 6-11 \$15 per Day

Attendees Ages 12-20 Half of Adult Rate

\$30 Kids Ages 6-11

See our Facebook Event Page for current information:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/824976430945582/>

Please note all refunds will have a \$5 service charge. Make checks payable to Cincinnati Area Mensa RG. Paypal is accepted at www.cincymensa.org.

Name: _____

Name for Badge: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ Total: _____ Local

Group: _____

Mail Checks & Forms to Drew Wagers, 6010 Meadow Spring Court, Liberty Township,
OH 45011

The Last Demographic

Teresa Gregory

Over the years, I have looked forward to birthdays as markers of achievement and gateways to the next steps in my life. I've heard people say, "Oh, I'd love to be XY again." Not me! I can't think of any age I would want to repeat. Of course I have had wonderful experiences, but it would be like watching a movie for the second time: I already know the outcome. While there are certainly things I wished I had done differently, there is nothing I would change because everything that has happened so far has gotten me to where I am now, and I'm pretty happy with that.

So there are birthdays, and there are BIRTHDAYS. Birthdays mark time. BIRTHDAYS mark milestones, the ones where I move into a new demographic. You know, where they break people up into five year increments. "This restaurant was most popular with the 30-34 year old males and least popular with the 45-49 year old females." Moving to a new demographic seemed exciting. Would my opinions change? Would I outgrow favorites while finding new ones? Would that demographic change me or would I change it?

In a few months, I will have another BIRTHDAY. It will be my last BIRTHDAY because I will enter the Last Demographic, "65 and Over." Yes, once I turn 65, I will be lumped in with everyone else who has passed that milestone and is still breathing. Will I find commonality with someone who is 80? Will I start thinking like a 92 year old?

That elicits more questions: when I was in the 35-39 demographic, did I think and act like a 35-39 year old? What was typical for that demographic? What were the expectations for that group? Did I conform? Was I typical? I don't know. I have to think that someone somewhere put a label on that group and said, "These are the people who will want to buy this type of car and this flavor of ice cream."

Once I pass that portal into the Last Demographic, does that someone think we all have the same opinions, likes and dislikes? Does that someone no longer care what our opinions, like and dislikes are? Perhaps. But maybe as people age, the lines between the demographics start to blur, and by the time they get up to 65, our interests and opinions are so diverse that age lines are no longer valid. I like to think that, after many years of moving from one room to another with each demographic change, I will be running through the door onto the great playground where I'm off the radar, free to be any age I choose, because "age" is just a word. My brain is aching anticipating all the possibilities. Woo Hoo! Freedom is just around the corner.

The Forgotten Garden

Robert Adair

Strolling along a country lane
I had not visited in many years,
past a large mansion,
the work of a fine architect,
fitly framed together,
built not just for then,
but for the coming ages!
Still in good repair.
Behind it, the spreading space
where once a wondrous garden
bloomed in awesome beauty!
The great lady working there,
training the roses to climb just so,
clipping, uprooting, planting,
she had time to talk, working away,
or resting under a shady arbor.
She doesn't get out much anymore.
Now you could scarcely tell how
her garden ran to the rippling creek
whose unpolluted waters
tumbled over the rocks,
passing through the old spring house.
The lilac bushes, rose of Sharon
and many a rare, exotic, colorful plant,
a blossoming myriad of loveliness,
long gone to grasses and wildflowers.
I think I glimpsed her through a window.
The years draw nigh,
passing away says the world,
the glory of the past,
the beauty which once was.

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Move In	Robert B Eaton	Paducah	KY
Move In	Cathy A Allen	Henderson	KY
Move In	Laurel D Blough	Fishers	IN
Move In	David R Dehnke	Mooreville	IN
New	Jeremiah Martin	Evansville	IN
New	Jesse H Johnson	Evansville	IN
New	Gavin Rulon	Noblesville	IN
Reinstating	Dwight A Henry	Middletown	IN
Reinstating	Kay S Batta	West Lafayette	IN



Petra's Punny (NOT PUNY) Page

Petra Ritchie

Thanks, Karen Steilberger!

- 1 - There was an archeologist who made no bones about digging dirt up on people.
- 2 - I can't eat breakfast without a couple slices of wheat on the side because I'm lack-toast intolerant.
- 3 -How do farmers make crop circles? With a protractor.
- 4 -Pharmacists find their work to be very encapsulating.
- 5 -All of the good Chemistry jokes Argon.

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

[Ed. Note: Last month there was a typo in the Table of Contents for this feature. Can you guess what it was?]

October 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 p.m. -12 Midnight. After the presentation, there will be 10 minutes of Math and Science hosted by George Dunn. **Returning to All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226**. This month’s guest speaker will talk about “Indiana In 200 Objects,” currently featured at Indiana State Museum. See last page of *MIND* for map and directions. Members: \$5.00, Non-Members: \$7.00; Children 6-12: \$3.00, under 6: free.

Mensans Dining Out – 6 p.m., October 16, Diavola Pizza, 1134 E. 54th St., Indianapolis, IN 46220. 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

Book Group – 2 p.m., Sunday, October 30. NOTE: This is a week later than usual. Our selection this month is *The Big Thirst*, by Charles Fishman. 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.

October 2016 Events (cont.)

Mensa Admission Test – Sunday, 10/16; Registration at 1:00, test at 1:30. Near 116th Street and Rangeline Road. Email for information.

(teresa.gregory@yahoo.com) Put “Testing” in the subject line. **SPECIAL TESTING PRICE:** This month, the fee is \$20. If you have some friends you know belong, this is a great time to test at a great rate.

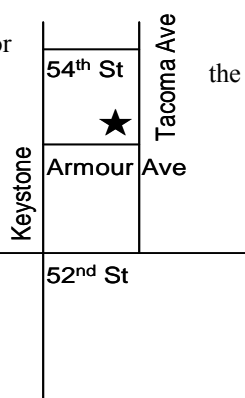
Event: Indiana in 200 Objects – 1 p.m., Sunday, October 23. Meet at the Indiana State Museum, 650 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204, at the beginning of the exhibit on the 3rd floor. For more information, Bob Zdanky at zdanky@gmail.com or 317-219-3773 for more details.

MINDbending/ExCom – 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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

10/18, 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 September *MINDbenders* 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.

Chicago Area Mensa’s Halloween 41: Wizard of Oz – October 27-30. For more information and to register, go to: <http://chicago.us.mensa.org>.

November 2016 *MIND* calendar items due 10/1/16 to: biltmore@topdogcom.com.

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2 Bridge Club	3	4	5 Indy Lunch Bunch
9	10	11	12
16 Mensans Dining Out; Mensa Admission Test	17	18 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	19 Indy Lunch Bunch
23 Event:Indiana in 200 Objects	24	25	26
30 Book Club; Chicago Mensa HalloweeM	31 Halloween		

October 2016 (Cont.)

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

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

Wil Wheaton's keynote speech at the San Diego AG was an event I'll never forget. He was "firing on all cylinders" as he kept everyone in the room in rapt attention for an hour and a half. His two main areas of focus were nerd culture and taking care of yourself if you struggle with depression/anxiety issues. The topic of nerd culture and what it means to self identify as a nerd is the focus of my column, here. My focus is different than Mr. Wheaton's speech. I mention his address merely as a springboard for conversation.



I begin by stating that what I'm about to write is half light-hearted and half serious. The topic I'm addressing is this: "When can one rightly self identify as a nerd and what are legitimate descriptors of a true nerd?" One portion of my thinking (which is both serious and frivolous) acknowledges that everyone can define the term nerd as they see fit and no one can stop them. Another part of me (also serious and frivolous) believes that this term has been co-opted by too many people out of fashion and trendiness.

In my opinion, Mensans, more so than anyone, should be the defining stakeholders and guardians of a common definition of nerdhood. Before calling oneself a nerd was hip and a staple of pop culture, most of us paid serious dues in the past living with a title that was foisted upon us, usually out of ridicule or being placed in a social caste not of our choosing. In a sense, American culture has "The Old Nerds" and "The New Nerds." The Old Nerds have the scars, calluses, and true street cred. The new nerds (hereafter not capitalized) have a trendy bandwagon they can jump on or off of at their caprice.

I use the word "Old" in the sense of historical fellowship and ontology...not in reference to anyone's age. One may be an "Old Nerd" and only be 11 years of age. What I'm about to give is my attempt at ten defining characteristics of a true and real "Old Nerd." If you can resonate with and embrace at least 6 out of 10 of these, you receive a passing grade and may rightly call yourself an Old Nerd. Old Nerds are the REAL nerds. The new nerds are poseurs!!

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(Remember: I'm trying to give you a fun read. Please don't contact me with a boatload of offense. If you're offended, you've missed the point)

An Ontology of Nerdhood

(or "How To Call Yourself a Nerd and Not Be a Poseur")

1. I was/am ridiculed on a consistent basis for my intelligence.
2. I was/am ridiculed on a consistent basis for a physical characteristic (e.g. overweight, skinny, general physical unattractiveness, too short, too tall, nose, ears, teeth, etc.)
3. I excel in some/many part(s) of the STEM world.
4. I was in high school band and/or I still play an instrument (voice is an instrument)
5. I was/am bad at competitive team sports.
6. I'm an introvert. (Introvert is defined here as "recharging" by being alone...NOT avoiding people altogether).
7. I have a large vocabulary which I use in conversation.
8. I obsess over at least one thing and have a highly specific knowledge of that one thing (This is what the new nerds call being a nerd, by the way).
9. I have a deep and abiding interest in science fiction, fantasy, comic books (any combination of the three).
10. I had/have a difficult time with romance and sex.

As I evaluate myself, even with my own list, I score an 8 out of 10. I encourage you to make your own list and share it with me. I'd love to hear how other Mensans define being a true nerd. You might even make it into a future column, as I plan to be around for awhile as your RVC (Yes, I'm planning to run for reelection). Thanks for reading. I hope you had fun.



Books On the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Title: *Shakespeare Saved My Life: Ten Years in Solitary with the Bard*

Author: Laura Bates

Year: 2013

Book Description: It can be safely assumed that no one of sound mind would add a trip to a maximum security prison to his or her “bucket list.” However, Dr. Laura Bates’s vivid account of her ten years of teaching Shakespeare to Indiana prison inmates in solitary confinement should not be missed. Like a typical Shakespearean drama, this eloquent memoir is peopled with a colorful cast of characters, but the main focus is on the professor herself and her star pupil, Larry Newton, who is currently serving a life sentence for fatally shooting a college student during his youth. This superbly crafted narrative chronicles a decade-long odyssey of discovery for both the author and Larry Newton, during which Dr. Bates evolves into an esteemed mentor to a group of felons, and Newton into a textbook author and Shakespeare expert in his own right. Along the way, astonishing insights are revealed: why prisoners are often more capable of understanding Shakespeare than is the average university student, despite the antiquated language and the inmates’ limited education; why solitary confinement is an ineffective punitive measure that exacerbates, rather than quells, violent impulses; and what actually motivates a person to commit a savage act - to name just a few examples. *Shakespeare Saved My Life* is a heroic saga of triumph over adversity, and a manifestation of the Bard’s genius and his enduring influence four centuries after his passing.



Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? Admittedly, as a self-professed law-abiding citizen, I have harbored a disdainful attitude toward the prison population, considering these folks beyond redemption and deserving of whatever punishment is inflicted on them. *Shakespeare Saved My Life*, written in a non-judgmental tone that mirrors the author’s educational approach, shattered those preconceptions and encouraged a much more humanistic view of criminal justice. I found this book to be a fascinating character study that conveys its messages through personal experiences and never stoops to pedantry: teaching without preaching. Certain candidates for political office could learn from the author’s example - if only they would.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? Anyone with an open mind and a modicum of curiosity about how the “other half” lives will appreciate this subtle but incisive commentary on education and incarceration. The reader is *Continued on next page*

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treated to a series of surprises, in the vein of a good mystery novel. Because of the occasional explicit language and graphic descriptions - these Shakespeare students are criminals, after all - this book is not recommended for the squeamish or ultra-orthodox. The rest of us will undoubtedly consider it a delightful antidote to the end-of-summer blahs, suitable for a casual read on a hammock or chaise lounge - and a reminder to be grateful for the freedom to enjoy the balmy outdoor weather while it lasts.

How long might it take to read this book? Contrary to the initial grim impression the prospective reader might glean from the title and subject matter, *Shakespeare Saved My Life* is consistently upbeat in tone, with a delightful mix of subtle humor, candor, and emotional intensity. Moreover, each chapter represents a milestone in the intellectual and personal growth of Dr. Bates and her students, and thus never exceeds three or four pages - easy to work into a busy schedule. At a mere 284 pages, the reading task will be finished speedily, albeit reluctantly.

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote:

[Convict Larry Newton's commentary on Othello, from the Shakespeare workbook he created - quite an eye-opener.] "Girl meets boy. Usually, you would expect a nice love story to follow. But, as most of us know, love is not always so predictable - or always so nice. Of all the experiences we go through, love is sometimes the most pleasurable, and sometimes it is the most painful. It is also one of the most used story lines of storytellers, and *The Tragedy of Othello* is no exception. However, it is unlikely that you will ever read a story that captures the misery of love's parasite - jealousy - as well as it is captured in Shakespeare's play. Anyone who has experienced the tail side of love's coin will sympathize with Othello's misery. The image of the betraying act that attaches itself to the victim's thought like a leech that won't let go. The pain, the anger, the hatred, the confusion, the blame, the guilt, and oh the torment! Despite the universal experiences of love and jealousy, the actions and reactions spawned by the act of betrayal are as diverse as their justifications: some simply live a lie to avoid the misery; some sever the ties to the loved one; some even take the life of the perpetrator. For a seasoned warrior, therapy for betrayal is most often violent. Othello is again no exception... At the end of the play, after Othello kills his wife, one of the characters raises a great question: 'Is this the noble Moor whom our full senate call all in all sufficient?' So, is it? Or is it really Iago, the instigator behind the scenes? Who among us cannot identify our Iago somewhere in our lives? But the fact is, no one can make you be anything that is not already you, even if that you is buried deep inside, no? You may say, 'If Iago had not done such and such, Othello would not have done such and such.' If your mother was not forced to work away from home, she could have paid more attention to you and you might not have done such and such, but should your mother be in prison for what you have done? Who is responsible for what you do?"

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Additional Remarks: Jan Pfeil Doyle and Teresa Gregory, co-chairs of the 2018 Mensa Annual Gathering hosted by Central Indiana Mensa, are currently working diligently to engage Dr. Laura Bates as one of the event's featured speakers. As her presentation promises to be stimulating and informative - and perhaps provide updates on the status of some of the major players in her prison drama - please send plenty of positive energy their way. Your homework assignment during the intervening months is to pick up a copy of this extraordinary book - and enjoy your time in captivity!

[Ed.Note: Jan and I are looking for interesting speakers for the 2018 AG here in Indianapolis. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. We have a little time, but we are making a list.]



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 7/26/16

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, July 26, 2016.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Members present were: Jan Pfeil Doyle, Diane O'Brien, Karen Steilberger, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Wilczewski. Absent: Jon Applegate, Ethan Blocher-Smith, Ann Hake, and Karen Zwick.

Guests: Dave Appel, Teresa Gregory, Larry Marcus, Petra Ritchie, and Alan Schmidt.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the June ExCom meeting. Karen Wilczewski moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, Diane O'Brien seconded the motion, and it passed.

Jan Pfeil Doyle distributed the Treasurer's report supplied by Karen Zwick. Karen Steilberger moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Diane O'Brien seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report shows 3 new, 1 renewing, and 5 reinstating members, 10 prospects, and 515 total members.

Old Business

Testing location: Jan Pfeil Doyle said Alison Brown's bank has a room that is separate from the bank and they may let Alison have a key. The committee discussed additional ideas.

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Meeting location: Jan Pfeil Doyle said David Bonner has offered his new Apogee School as a possible meeting location. We have a contract with All Souls Unitarian Church for a year.

ExCom election: One candidate has withdrawn because of health issues.

New Business

AG 2018: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that she and Teresa Gregory have been named co-chairs of the 2018 Annual Gathering (to be held in Indianapolis). They have tasks for the 2017 AG (in Hollywood, Florida) to help them learn about the AG inner workings. They are not sure yet about how much control we have (versus National) on speakers, tours, etc.

GenCon: Resulting from efforts of our RVC, George Haynes, National's marketing department decided to sponsor a lounge at the GenCon convention in Indianapolis, Aug. 4-7. George and the assistant RVC, Jeudi Jeutten, will be coming to town to check it out. One ticket from among those provided is still available. The committee discussed ideas for a user for that ticket.

New and younger member initiative: Bob Zdanky reported on his action plan to attract new and young members, a result of the Leadership Development Workshop at the AG. He will ask Ann Hake or Ethan Blocher-Smith about starting a Twitter account. Because National's survey results indicated that millennials like museums, he is organizing a visit to the Indiana State Museum's state bicentennial exhibit on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Scholarships: Jan Pfeil Doyle received a letter from MERF. They are encouraging local groups to increase their yearly scholarship award to \$600. The amount we award is \$500. Jan asked if we want to increase our award. Karen Steilberger made a motion to keep our award at \$500. Bob Zdanky seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. Jan said Laurel Richardson would like help with the scholarship work. Diane O'Brien and Karen Wilczewski expressed interest in helping.

There being no other business, Karen Wilczewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Zdanky seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Steilberger

Treasurer's Report

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 08/15/2016)

Bank Accounts	07/25/2016	08/15/2016
Checking – Regular	\$7,190.77	\$7,141.33
Checking – Scholarship	1,167.03	1167.03
Checking – Youth Membership	69.34	69.34
Checking – RG/OG Fund	9,596.84	9,525.15
Checking – Youth Activity Fund	480.40	480.40
Total Assets	\$18,504.38	\$18,383.25

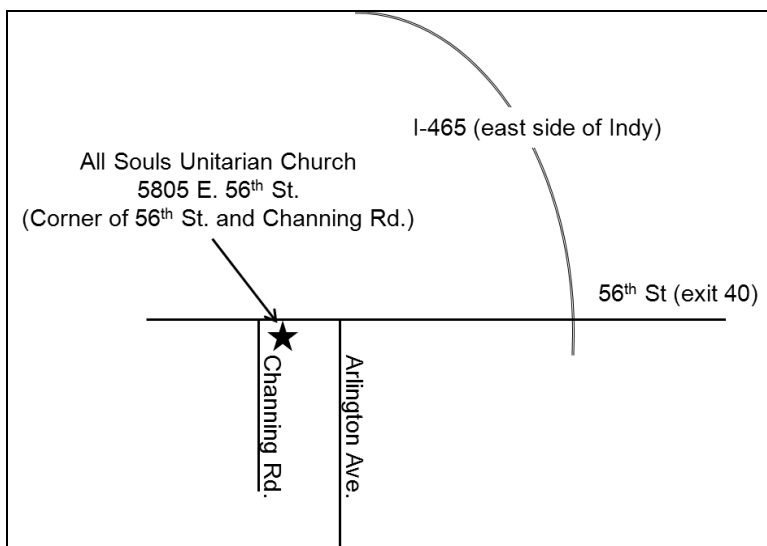
Profit & Loss Statement (07/26/2016 – 08/15/2016)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering (Aug)	100.00
	Total Income	\$100.00
Expense		
	501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality	45.71
	503.1 – OG Hospitality	71.69
	520 – Miscellaneous Expenses (Gift Card for RVC)	103.73
	Total Expenses	\$221.13

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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