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Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

As of January first, I am officially retired. My last scheduled day to work was Friday, December 30, but I didn't get everything done that I intended to do, so I went back on Saturday, December 31, my last official day of employment. I spent about 3 hours tying up some loose ends. I put my keys on a coworker's desk with a note and walked out the door. It was a little bittersweet after 10 years. I feel so much better since that last day.



It does still feel like I am “off work” and that I will have to go back at some point. Usually if I took more than a day or two off, I was going somewhere. I truly enjoyed the first snowy day, looking out at in while in my robe, knowing I didn't have to leave my cozy nest. I was going to try to accomplish three things each day, but I gave that up about the third day. Right now I'm just getting used to not going somewhere.

This does not mean that it's been all about relaxing and things going smoothly. If you are reading this, a miracle occurred. I commented that I wanted to get MIND to the printer this month without having to stay up all night to do it. [sigh] I said it out loud. I got a late start. While searching for something in a drawer next to the table. I accidentally dumped a Pepsi onto my keyboard and killed my computer. I have a second computer, but it doesn't have the MIND template on it, and I just installed Word 2016 on it. The other one had Word 2007.

I checked some emails and found a recent issue that I could use, but there have been more challenges since then. So I'm typing this at 5:45am the day of MINDbending. I hope the printer can work with this.

Please enter the Name AG 2018 contest. It would be so cool if someone from our group won.

Happy Valentine's Day!

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

If you're reading this before Jan. 27th – it's not too late to attend CIM's biggest event of the year, our RG (regional gathering/convention) on Jan. 27-29, 2017 at the Clarion Hotel on the west side of Indianapolis. You can come for all or part of the weekend. A registration form and other information about the RG can be found on our website, www.indymensa.org. You can register online at <http://cim-rg-2017.eventbrite.com>. (If you're reading this after Jan. 29th and didn't get there, you missed a good one!)



Games & Conversation - Our January games and conversation night was well attended. People talked, ate, and played euchre, Thingamajig, Cards Against Humanity, and several other games. It was a nice, casual evening and we had several new and interested members there. The threat of an ice storm didn't stop people coming from as far as Newburgh, Columbus, Bloomington and Pendleton.

No RG or OG in 2018?? – Because the AG (Annual Gathering, US Mensa's national convention) will be here in July 2018, the ExCom is planning to cancel Central Indiana Mensa's RG (regional gathering/convention) and OG (our outdoor camping weekend) for 2018. Many of the people who would normally run the RG and OG will be busy preparing for the AG. IF you would be interested in planning and running the RG or OG in 2018, please let me know by the middle of February or so. We can give you lots of advice and answer questions, but can't promise a lot of time to help run the event.

Don't Forget

- The Name-the-2018-AG Contest
- Prior Evidence Evaluation Fee (normally \$40) waived in January and February 2017
- CultureQuest® team entries due March 31
(www.us.mensa.org/attend/culturequest/)
- Nominations Due for MERF Awards
(www.us.mensa.org/recognize/foundationawards)
More info on all of these elsewhere in MIND

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!
DUE DATE IS MARCH 31st**

Letter to the Editor

Dear fellow Mensa members!

As you recall, in 2015 I came to you for donations for research in childhood cancer. Your generosity enabled Jud Horning's and my participation in the St. Baldrick's Shaving event:



Rather than passing the hat - or wig - this year, I registered at the St.

Baldrick website. If everyone reading this would donate \$10, my goal would be reached - indeed, my goal would be reached if every member of Central Indiana Mensa donated just \$1. Your donations will go to support projects at the Riley Hospital for Children and the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent as well as two St. Baldrick's Scholars at

Riley. <https://www.stbaldricks.org/grants-search/grantPeriod/current/country/US/state/IN/page/1/>

Please, support my efforts for this worthy cause by visiting: <https://www.stbaldricks.org/donate/participant/882657/2017> Many thanks in advance.

Alison Brown, Mensa life member since 2009



CultureQuest® for fame and glory

Facing questions that range from film to politics, from literature to geography, from music to history and farther afield, Mensan teams of up to five members gather in their neighborhoods on a single day across the U.S. and Canada and, for 90 minutes, compete for cash prizes and cultural literacy bragging rights.

Mensans **Joyce Lundeen** and **Becky O'Neal** founded CultureQuest as a competition between Region 6 Local Groups in 1990. After some success at a leadership weekend, and with the support of then-RVC **Carol Hilson**, the quest grew to have almost every group in Region 6 participate during the second year, and two teams of Board members were also invited to participate. In 1992, the competition went national and, in 1997, teams from Mensa Canada participated. CultureQuest: The Next Generation began supporting youth teams in 1999.

While CultureQuest® might be considered a trivia game or competition, its intent has always been to promote and test cultural literacy. The competition takes place each May.

Registration for CultureQuest 2017 opens Jan. 17, 2017.

Living Better with Less

Part 1: Do you have a problem with stuff?

Hi, I'm Karen Zwick and I've been a member of Mensa since 2006. That was the same year that I started on a journey of decluttering my life and home. This journey started with an empty nest, a desire to downsize to a much smaller home, and a few reality television shows that provided practical approaches to the decluttering process.

In the past years, I've gotten rid of at least 75% of my possessions. The results have included:

A reduction in stress

More time available for myself (fewer things to take care of)

More time spent with people I care about

More money for experiences instead of stuff

Donations to charities that I care about

This journey has been so rewarding and personally beneficial that I'd love to help others who seek help in this area. Over the next months, I'll be writing a series of articles on living better with less. This month's article is about recognizing whether or not you have a problem with too much stuff.

You might have a problem of too much stuff if...

Symptom of too much stuff	Why this might be a problem
Your home is messy most of the time.	According to Psychology Today, mess causes stress. It bombards our minds with excessive stimuli, distracts us, makes it more difficult to relax, creates feelings of guilt, and prevents us from locating what we need quickly.
Your closets are filled from top to bottom.	If the clothes in your closet are crammed and crumpled, you aren't getting the most out of your wardrobe. In a tidy closet, you can retrieve a favorite outfit quickly and get out the door that much faster.
Your kitchen countertops are not mostly clear when you are not preparing a meal.	The kitchen is a high-traffic area and is often used as a collection area for various odds and ends. An uncluttered kitchen counter provides a clean place to prepare food and promotes calm and order throughout the entire home.

Symptom of too much stuff	Why this might be a problem
Your dining room or kitchen tables are not mostly clear when not eating or if you can't eat at the tables.	Eating meals with your family or others provides physical, mental, and emotional benefits. If a table isn't clear, you are less likely to eat together.
You can't park your car(s) in the garage.	25% of people with two-car garages don't have room to park cars inside and 32% only have room for one vehicle. Parking a car inside the garage avoids theft and scraping snow/ice off the windshield.
You rent offsite storage.	The cost – enough said.

If you are experiencing any of the issues listed above, stay tuned for future articles on how to reduce the amount of stuff and live better with less.

If you can't wait to get started, here are two books I found especially helpful:
The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying by Marie Kondo
It's All Too Much: An Easy Plan for Living a Richer Life with Less Stuff by Peter Walsh

Decluttering Hint: Consider borrowing these books from a public library.



Contest – Name the 2018 AG

Hello! You may have heard that Mensa's Annual Gathering will be in Indianapolis in 2018. We are having a contest to help us come up with a catchy name. The winner will receive a free registration to the AG and acknowledgement in the program! We're looking for a word or phrase that captures the excitement of Indianapolis/Central Indiana. An example would be "Race to Indy"-- but we don't want to use that because we're so much more than racing (and corn!). Put your thinking caps on and come up with a winner! The contest is open to all members.

Send your ideas to Teresa Gregory at ag18tg@yahoo.com by Feb. 28, 2017. If there are duplicates, the first one received wins.

Teresa Gregory and Jan Pfeil Doyle, Co-chairs 2018 AG

Nominations Due for MERF Awards

One of the Mensa Education & Foundation's purposes is to identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity. To further this goal, several awards programs have been established to recognize the research and support of intelligence both nationally and internationally. Nominations are due March 1, 2017. You may nominate yourself for the first two awards.

Copper Black Award for Creative Achievement

Copper Black was a Mensan who valued creativity. In her will she left a legacy funding a special annual award to recognize an outstanding creative achievement by a member of American Mensa. The creative achievement may be an invention, an innovation, or a unique improvement. Artistic accomplishments are not eligible.

Intellectual Benefits to Society

The Intellectual Benefits to Society Award recognizes individuals who have contributed, through their intellectual abilities, tangible benefit to society. Acceptable activities include, for example, new education programs for employees, clients, or business associates; programs designed to educate the public; novel philanthropic efforts; and intellectual research and development. Political activities are excluded. Consideration will be given to the number of people impacted.

Distinguished Teacher

The Mensa Distinguished Teacher Award recognizes a teacher, professor or instructor at any educational level who has had an especially positive influence on the education or life of a Mensa member. The educator can impact the Mensa member directly or as a result of their influence on the education of a dependent.

Excellence in Research

Presented jointly with Mensa International, Ltd., these annual awards are given internationally for outstanding research on intelligence, intellectual giftedness and related fields. If you have published an appropriate paper in a peer-reviewed journal or presented it at a peer-reviewed conference within the past three years, please consider submitting it for award consideration.

More information and applications may be found at
<http://www.us.mensa.org/recognize/foundationawards/>

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Due to upgrading the computer system at the National Office, we did not receive any information on new members this month. We hope to have a lot to list in our March issue.



Petra's Punny Page

Petra Ritchie

The next few months will consist of a BUNCH of puns Karen Steilberger was generous enough to share. Thanks, Karen!

1 - Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

2 - How did the spaceman tie his shoes? In astro-knots

3 - Two windmills are out standing in the field making conversation to pass the time. One asked, "What kind of music do you like?"

The reply came back, "I'm a big metal fan."

4 - Why do you cover you eyes with ketchup? Because Heinz sight is 20/20.

5 – When chemists die, they barium them.

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



February 2017 Events

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

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

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

Dr. Adam Fleisher will speak to us about the principles of Tai Chi and give a demonstration. Dr. Fleisher, who is currently a second degree black belt in Kung Fu, is an instructor of Kung Fu, Tai Chi, and Qigong with United Kung Fu. He earned his first degree black belt at the Shaolin Temple in China. By day, he is a Neurologist on the Alzheimer’s team at Eli Lilly.

Mensans Dining Out – 6 p.m., February 19, Greek Islands, 906 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225. 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

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 Indy Lunch Bunch
5 Bridge Club	6	7	8
12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15 Indy Lunch Bunch
19 Book Club Mensans' Dining Out	20 President's Day	21 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom Paducah Area Group Meeting	22
26	27	28	

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Ground Hog Day	3 <i>MIND</i> deadline	4 Ham 'n' Eggs, Cal. Deadline
9	10 Monthly Gathering	11
16	17	18
23	24 Cinder	25

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.

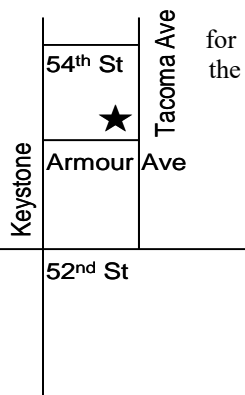
February 2017 Events (cont.)

Book Group – 2 p.m., Sunday, February 26. We will discuss *A Year in the Life of William Shakespeare* by James Shapiro. 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.

2/21, 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 January *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.

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

March 2017 *MIND* calendar items due 2/4/17 to: biltmore@topdogcom.com.

Four To The Fore

George Haynes, RVC4

As promised, I intend to expand upon the list created back in October. That list provided ten defining characteristics of what it means (according to me) to be an “Old Nerd.” As stated previously, the word “old” has nothing to do with chronological age. It represents a separation and a protest from the current usage of the word nerd. These “New Nerds” being protested against are poseurs and interlopers in a culture of which they know nothing (Jon Snow!) They follow the caprices of band wagons and believe that obsessing over one particular interest/hobby gives them the right to call themselves nerds. They may have also just found a pair of glasses and therefore think that wearing spectacles gives them authority to self-identify as a nerd. With my nose held high at these ridiculous new nerds, I sneer and offer a hearty “Pshaw!!”



It’s February. The obvious item from the list I should expand upon is the one that says “I had/have a difficult time with romance and sex.” In order to be as authentic and truthful as I would like to be with that topic, it requires a vulnerability which I’m not ready to publish for the world to see. Maybe someday. Thanks for understanding.

Let’s talk about this one: “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).”

From my earliest days, I remember people pointing out that I have a big head. I’m not speaking of the metaphor which refers to one’s ego. The topic here is physical cranium size. I do indeed have a large melon resting on my shoulders.

As a small child in the 70s, the epithets “water head” and “mongoloid” entered my vocabulary. Adults, who should have known better, were quick to raise the topic when I was within earshot. I suppose they weren’t aware that a highly verbal toddler would remember everything said about him.

Attending a city school in the heart of Indianapolis for kindergarten and first grade gave me a “schooling” I would carry for the rest of my days, i.e., if you look and behave differently than the monosyllabic small-headed masses, you will be an object of curiosity, confusion and ridicule during many moments of your life. Not long after first grade I became overweight as well. A big-headed, linguistically adept fat kid has no home in the petri dish of conformity and hive-mindedness called public school.

By the beginning of sixth grade, I was already resigned to my lot. I would never fit in. Providentially, sixth grade also introduced me to two things which saved

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me: Friendship and band. I met Frank in 1980 and we have been brothers ever since. I also joined the beginning band program in 1980. Music was already an incubating muse in my pre-band days. Band started the late-term gestation which gave birth to a life-long passion I nurture to this day. My adolescence, college days, and young adulthood would have all been bleak and desolate places without friendship and music. I shudder to think what I would have become in light of the daily ridicule of being fat, smart, and well-endowed (cranium-wise).

I posit that most people who are true nerds have at least one life-long “cross to bear” within a cocktail of items like my original defining list of what makes a nerd. We nerds all carry an albatross which has made us feel different and unable to fit in. I realize that this is part of the human condition and most people will assert that they relate to this suffering. The thing that makes it specific to nerdhood, however, is the recipe and combination of ingredients which coalesce to form a De facto culture and shared experience.

What is your albatross? What items are on your list of what makes a true nerd? I would love to hear your thoughts and insights. Thanks for reading.

Editor’s Note: I can’t relate at all to this column. As you can see from this picture, I was one smoking-hot 7th grader. This was the year that my parents finally realized that I wasn’t “dense.” I just couldn’t see. It will always be a mystery why my dad took me to get my eyes examined. I’m sure my parents did not think that I would need glasses. And I am very sure that my mother would not have let me have these super-cool cat eye glasses. In the picture, they look white, but they were so much more. They were a faux mother-of-pearl, kind of like white Formica without the sparkles.



I guess I was all about cats even then. Not only did I have the cat eye glasses, but I was wearing my favorite pastel blue jumper and a white blouse with a pussy bow. These have been in the news since the election.

I had slept on rollers all night so that I could tame my curly hair. Yes, that’s about as tame as it got. This was one of my better school pictures. At least I was not wearing my uniform. Some years we had to do that.

Oh, and did I mention I was painfully skinny? Also, I was very pale and had a chronic cough. If I didn’t want to stay at school. I would tell the teacher that I was sick, and I could go home. So, George, I guess you got me after all!

Teresa Gregory, Editor

Books On the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Title: *The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water*

Author: Charles Fishman

Year: 2011



Book Description: Indubitably, water is the most precious and vital substance on our planet, without which none of its inhabitants could survive. And yet, most of us who regularly benefit from adequate rainfall and reliable water sources rarely give more than a passing thought to this liquid treasure. We assume that it will always be available when we need it, however frugal or wasteful we are with it. In *The Big Thirst*, Charles Fishman warns us that such water complacency is dangerous and irrational; like the air we breathe, we ignore our water at our peril. However, his book is more celebratory than critical in tone, focusing as much on the potential of positive change as on the grim realities of the modern era. He commences his narrative with a brief history of humankind's relationship with and attitude toward water, followed by a richly detailed summary of its scientific characteristics - e.g., its molecular structure, terrestrial origin, and utilization by the human body. The next six chapters examine several worldwide water crises, the success or failure of various types of water systems, and social and political mindsets that either promote or prevent water cleanliness and maintenance. The author cites Patricia Mulroy, head of the Las Vegas Valley water district, and various American corporations (Coca-Cola, IBM, General Electric) that utilize effective water management strategies, as praiseworthy conservation pioneers. In stark contrast, most of metropolitan India exemplifies egregious water neglect: dangerously polluted rivers, antiquated water and sewer conduits, lack of indoor plumbing for most residents, a high rate of infant and toddler mortality due to polluted water, and a common, fatalistic belief that the state of their water is in the hands of otherworldly powers. The penultimate chapter makes a potent case for a water allocation system based on supply and demand (the brilliant "water-glass layer" concept proposed by Australian water economist Mike Young). The author concludes his work with several suggestions for improving water quality and quantity, and the assertion that "[i]t is our understanding of water...that will ultimately determine whether we solve our water problems." The paperback edition contains an "afterward" that recounts the catastrophic water-related events of 2011, including Australian flash floods, Japan's tsunami, and a lengthy drought in Texas - devastating natural disasters that nevertheless have raised awareness of water issues and of the importance of long-range planning.

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? "Water, water, everywhere" was a favorite mantra
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during my childhood, and for good reason. I spent my formative years in the state of Indiana, which contains an abundance of lakes, rivers, and creeks, and my home was always equipped with indoor plumbing. The Big Thirst evaporated my past assumptions about water availability and compelled me to walk in a much less privileged pair of shoes - say, belonging to an Indian woman forced to give up her education in order to walk several miles to the nearest well or water truck to gather her family's daily water supply. We Hoosiers, who have never suffered more than an occasional dry spell that has temporarily curtailed our outdoor watering, are truly fortunate, and we owe it to ourselves to ensure that future generations are equally blessed.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? I urgently recommend this book to everyone with at least a high school education, as its subject matter affects every living creature. This potent - and potable - mixture of science, history, and human interest is an entertaining and enlightening read. The prevailing positive outlook encompasses both ends of the political spectrum: conservatives will be grateful for the author's depiction of capitalists as savvy water management experts rather than as venal sociopaths; and liberals will feel vindicated by the book's additional evidence of the effects of climate change (facts do, indeed, trump conspiracy theories, and denial is beyond deplorable - it's deadly).

How long might it take to read this book? In the literary sense, this book is comparable to a tall glass of fresh-squeezed fruit juice: a bit tart, but otherwise refreshing and invigorating. It can be savored, down to the last delightful drop, in a week or less.

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: "Every glass of water you pour - whether it's coming from an Evian bottle, a filtered refrigerator spigot, or the kitchen's tap - has a rich history. Americans like to debate the palatability of what's called 'toilet to tap' - taking a city's wastewater, purifying it to drinking water cleanliness, and putting it back into water mains. Almost no municipalities have the fortitude to do that. But in the larger context, whatever place you find least appealing to imagine your water, well, your water has been there. More than once. That's not gross. In fact, it points up two central facts about water, and our relationship to water. The first is, water can be cleaned, always. The spinning weather machine that is earth's climate, in which water is a full partner, does a great job of turning swamps and oceans into crystalline mountain streams. And almost no matter how dirty we humans make water - and we've gotten much more sophisticated in making water dirty in the last hundred years - we can clean it back to the point that it's drinkable again, history notwithstanding. The second point is, you can't use up water... The water used to raise rice...isn't lost at all... The water goes into the rice growing process - and it is completely recovered, back into the ground, or

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the atmosphere, or back into the river into which the farm runoff flows. With a bit of water into the rice itself... We get all the water back, but where it appears, and on what timescale, is often not well controlled. Water scarcity is often the direct result of bad water management by people.”

Additional Remarks: To many of us, this frigid, somber winter season represents a period of atonement for past transgressions, represented either by the beginning of the new year or the observance of Lent. The author of *The Big Thirst* might suggest that we make this ritual truly meaningful by confessing our sins against our water supply, such as the waste, frivolous use, or wanton pollution thereof. At the very least, we should raise our glasses in celebration of this marvelous, versatile, endlessly fascinating molecular triad: H₂O. Cheers - and (ahem) bottoms up!



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 11/15/16

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

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm. Members present were Jan Pfeil Doyle, Jon Applegate, Ethan Blocher-Smith, Ann Hake, Diane O'Brien, Kurt Williams, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick.

Absent: Karen Wilczewski.

Guests: Dave Appel, Teresa Gregory, Petra Ritchie.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the October ExCom meeting. Ann Hake moved that the minutes be accepted as amended. John Applegate seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

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

The membership report shows 3 new and 1 reinstating member, 4 renewals, and 1 movein.

Old Business

Recount: The recount was performed by Regional Vice Chair George Haynes. The total tally for the Bylaws vote was 33 for and 1 against. The ExCom tally resulted in the same outcome.

Holiday party: Our next monthly meeting on Friday, December 9 will be our annual holiday party. The ExCom will be supplying meat and bread. Karen Zwick and Karen Wilczewski will supply turkey and beef and Karen Zwick will bring bread. Petra has volunteered to decorate and Alan will serve as the elf for the gift exchange.

Regional Gathering: Teresa Gregory reports that she has learned that national kazoo day falls during the RG. She has obtained 100 kazoos in order to celebrate this auspicious event. The three Karens have volunteered to serve with Teresa Gregory to help with the RG and they are welcoming any other volunteers. It was additionally discussed that we will likely not be able to manage an RG in 2018 since most of the people involved in organizing the RG are already deeply involved in working on the AG that will take place in July 2018. However, if there are other volunteers who would like to manage the 2018 RG this is also a consideration.

Testing: We have certified or are in the process of certifying several new proctors. We are still in need of places to test new candidates. Ideally we would like to test at least once per quarter; being able to test every two months would be even better.

ASIEs: The ExCom is collecting ASIEs and other best practices for easy reference in order to help facilitate smoother operations.

There being no other business, Karen Zwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ethan Blocher-Smith seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Hake, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 12/19/2016)

Bank Accounts	11/14/2016	12/19/2016
Checking – Regular	\$6,794.06	\$6,587.73
Checking – Scholarship	749.50	749.50
Checking – Youth Membership	69.34	69.34
Checking – RG/OG Fund	9,525.15	9,525.15
Checking – Youth Activity Fund	489.40	489.40
Total Assets	\$17,627.45	\$17,421.12

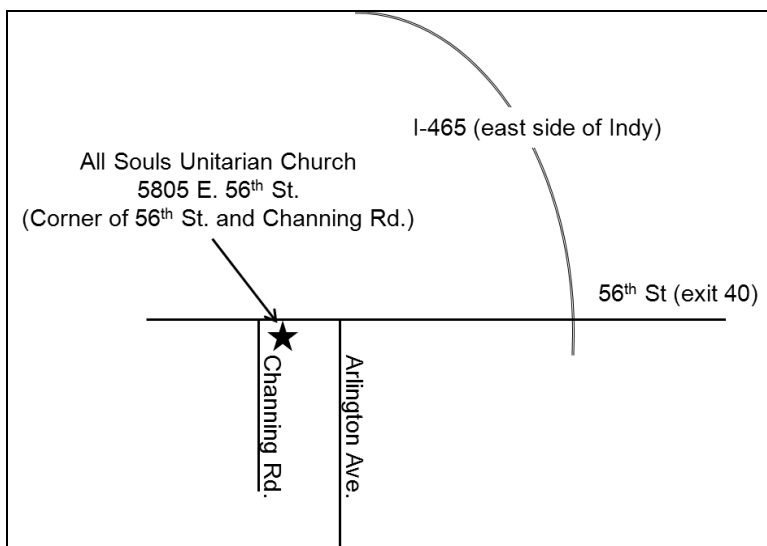
Profit & Loss Statement (11/15/2016 – 12/19/2016)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering (Dec)	35.00
	402 – National Mensa, Inc.	545.75
	Total Income	\$580.75
Expense		
	501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality	113.86
	505 – Food for ExCom/MIND Bending (Nov)	77.25
	505.1 – MIND Printing (Dec)	317.17
	505.2 – MIND Postage	235.00
	510.1 – New Member Dinners	18.80
	510.2 – Postage for New Member Mailings	17.02
	520 – Miscellaneous – Election materials	7.98
	Total Expenses	\$787.08

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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