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Loosing My MIND

Vonda Heverly, Editor

loose (/loo̩s/): v. 1. set free, release. 2. Relax

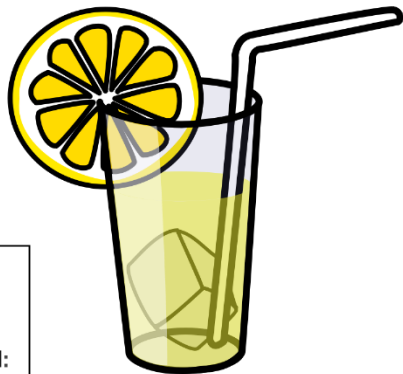


Long time, no see! As you will read in Teresa's LocSec column, I had an April issue ready and sent it to the printer on time. The printer, alas, had shut the doors without notice. Not "COVID-19" shut the doors, but "we-are-no-longer-printing-ever-again" shut the doors. You can read the April issue online; however, I am re-running two columns from that issue in case you missed them: *Letter to Fellow Mensans*, and Margy Fletcher's *Books on the Runway*.

As a result of the crisis we found ourselves in, no May issue was created. However, some regular columnists from other groups offered up their columns for use by all in future issues. I am trying out two of these in this issue. One is a cartoon by Betty Hass, editor of the SFRM *Intelligencer*, and the other is a puzzle column by the puzzle editor of *LA Mentary*, Alan Stillson. My thanks to both for their kind offers of their materials.

Lastly, there's a new SIG in town, Whimsical M. I've already joined and enjoy the monthly newsletter. Check out the ad below, then shoot them an email to get subscribed.

Cheers!



I wish I had a boyfriend, but I can't compete with all the young, attractive, well-put-together FMs, so I'm starting a new Mensa SIG instead: WhimsicalM@outlook.com.

Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, LocSec

The world has turned upside down in the last three months. We have some catching up to do.

MIND – We found out on March 17, our scheduled MINDbending for the April issue, that our printer had retired with no notice. (He sent an email a month later.) This was just days after Indianapolis was closed. The April edition of MIND is online at IndyMensa.org or at us.mensa.org, but no paper version was sent out. There was no MIND at all for May. Jan Pfeil Doyle did some research and has connected us with a new printer in Florida. He will do it all: print, seal, address, stamp, and mail it for us. He does this for 15 other Mensa groups around the country and they all give him good reviews. This is our first issue using him so a few things might look different.



Calendar – in late March one of our members, Basil Vareldzis, invited some of us to a Zoom meeting. We liked the look and ease of attending, so we scheduled all our regular events for April on Zoom. We also added a new weekly event, the Sunday Social. We continued this in May, and once again, all our events in June will be online with Zoom. For security reasons, we will not publish the link to the events in a public place, but all active members of our group with an email address on file with the national office will receive an email from “American Mensa” with the subject line “CIM Meeting ReMINDer.” In it, you will find a list of the events for the week with the Zoom links. If you do not receive this email and you think you should, check your Spam folder. You can contact me if you need additional help.

This has been a great way to stay in touch. It has also given us the opportunity to meet people who have not been able to physically attend in the past. The people who are used to meeting at a restaurant must bring their own food, but that’s a minor inconvenience. Even after we can meet in person again, we will continue to do some Zoom meetings. It’s something we have talked about for a long time, and this has forced our hand.

Elections – This is an election year for CIM. Karen Guse is chairing this committee for us. We are running behind schedule due to the disruption of life, but we have been granted permission to adapt the election to the current situation. We anticipate that we will still have the election in September as usual. With our newly adopted meeting technology, and no further need for MINDbending, the ExCom (the elected board that conducts the business of Central Indiana Mensa) will continue to meet online. Because of this, we hope to attract some candidates from outside the immediate Indianapolis area. Think about it! If you are interested in running for ExCom, please contact Karen Guse (karen.guse@outlook.com) by June 30. She will be happy to answer any

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question you might have. Remember, this group is run by volunteers. We need YOU!

Cancellations – As you may already know, American Mensa has cancelled the Annual Gathering that was scheduled over the July 4th weekend in Kansas City, MO. Having chaired one of those with the amazing Jan Pfeil Doyle, our hearts go out to the chair and her committee. However, it has been rescheduled in KCMO for 2024. Next year will be a World Gathering in Houston, TX, in late August. The last World Gathering was Orlando in 2006.

Along with this, we also cancelled our OMG! Outdoor Gathering This is one of my personal favorite events. We look forward, hopefully, to next year. Our January WTF Regional Gathering is still in the works, but we are moving slowly with it. Our January RG this year was one of the last events before the shutdown.

Book Group – The Book Group was the first to hold a Zoom meeting back in March. In June they will have their annual Bring-a-Book meeting where people can pitch a book to be included on the meeting schedule. If you haven't been involved but would like to be, this is a good meeting to attend. The books are generally non-fiction and around 300 pages max. Contact Rich Gibson for more information. hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com

Losses – As many of you know, we lost our friend and former RVC, George Haynes, in mid-April. He had been battling brain cancer since September and contracted COVID-19. He lived in St Louis and leaves behind two young children.

At the ExCom meeting, I shared the names of four CIM members who have passed away recently. When a member in good standing passes away, our group makes a \$50 donation to our CIM scholarship fund that is managed by the Mensa Education and Research Foundation. It was decided that this should be noted in MIND and that those members should be listed.

- ♥ Paul Destefano, Seymour (3/7/20) He was a member for 34 years.
- ♥ Jon Seifers, Petersburg (4/19/20) He was a member for 18 years.
- ♥ Edward Voliva, Newburgh (4/16/20) He was a member for 32 years.
- ♥ William Westphal, Avon (2/1/20) He was a member for 31 years.

Check in – Let us know how you are doing. Check in with each other. Even the hard-core introverts in the group might be chafing under the isolation orders. The National Office has encouraged us to move cautiously as things start to open up, making the safety of our members our first priority.

Without YOU there is no US.

Letter to Fellow Mensans

Donald Cobb, Evansville

Greetings fellow Mensans,



The cover of the March *Mind* brought back many memories. Seventy-six years ago, I boarded a Navy destroyer named USS Murphy DD603 on St Patrick's Day. Since it had an Irish name, there was a large Shamrock on the starboard side of the rear smokestack. We were at Normandy and Southern France, and on Valentine's Day, 1945, we transferred King ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia over to the USS Quincy to meet with President Roosevelt after transporting him and 48 of his entourage from Jidda, Saudi Arabia. I titled my book, *The Lady with a Shamrock*. I joined Mensa two years ago at the age of 92 years. I have not attended a meeting since I live in Evansville. I do enjoy the monthly *Mind*.

Donald Cobb

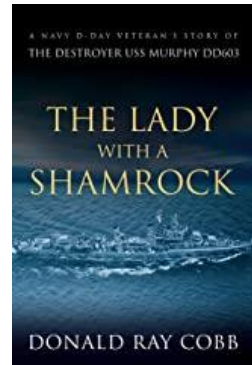
From the Editor:

What a treasure trove of living history! Mr. Cobb's letter sent me off on a search to learn more about his military past. His book is, of course, available on Amazon. I'll share a couple of the interesting sites I found here, but if you want more just enter the name of his ship into Google.

Did the USS Murphy sink? Not according to the Navy, yet its remains were found. Read about it on the Insight2History blog here: <https://tinyurl.com/umjpk82>

I found footage on YouTube of the ship transporting King Saud: <https://tinyurl.com/qs8b3qo>

If you or your local library subscribe to fold3.com, there are actual war diaries of the ship available there.



USS Murphy from the archives of NavSource.org

Books On The Runway

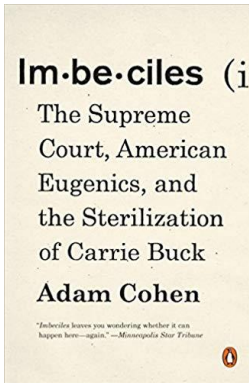
Margy Lancet Fletcher

Author: Adam Cohen

Title: *Imbeciles: The Supreme Court, American Eugenics, and the Sterilization of Carrie Buck*

Publisher: Penguin Press

Year: 2016



Book Description: *Imbeciles* brings to light what should have been one of the most prominent - and notorious - U.S. Supreme Court cases, but one that has instead been consigned to the dusty catacombs of American judicial history. Based on scant and ill-gotten evidence and accompanied by a chorus of proto-Nazi cheers, *Buck v. Bell* dubiously confirmed the legality of eugenic sterilization (which allegedly preserved desirable genetic characteristics) and condemned a working-class Virginian to reproductive barrenness.

Legal journalist Adam Cohen's clarion call for the preservation of civil liberties begins with a summary of the events that mobilized the eugenics movement in

the 1920's and the significance of *Buck v. Bell* to the worldwide political climate, past and present (an excerpt is cited below). The second and penultimate chapters provide a poignant biography of Carrie Buck before and after her mandatory sterilization.

The intervening chapters profile the following four powerful men instrumental in the Supreme Court decision to forcibly render Carrie Buck incapable of conception:

- (1) Albert Priddy, physician and Superintendent of the Virginia Colony for Epileptics and Feeble-Minded, where Carrie and her mother were inmates. He helped draft Virginia's eugenic sterilization law and recommended Carrie Buck as a guinea pig in the legal test case.
- (2) Harry Laughlin, scientist and manager of the Eugenics Records Office and staunch supporter of sterilization as a means of improving America's genetic stock. He served as "expert witness" in the Virginia and U.S. Supreme Court cases against Carrie Buck.
- (3) Aubrey Strode, the trial lawyer who drafted the legislation advocating eugenic sterilization. He narrowed the scope of the proposed law to sufficiently ensure that it would be appealed all the way to the Supreme Court.
- (4) Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., the Supreme Court justice, whose written opinion supporting the Virginia law convinced seven of the other eight justices to vote in favor of denying Carrie Buck one of her basic human rights, based on a specious collective judgement that Carrie was certifiably "feeble-minded," and therefore a genetic danger to the nation.

The author concludes with a grim prognostication of the future of human civilization if the appropriate lessons are not learned from this legal travesty. Underlying Cohen's incisive narrative is the contention that, contrary to the

allusion created by the blindfolded Greek statue of justice, the modern American practice thereof is not impartial, but highly selective toward the strong over the weak. In this instance, the author poses the question: Who are the real imbeciles?

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how?

In addition to severely testing my faith in American jurisprudence, *Imbeciles* reveals a cornucopia of astounding facts, such as the immense nationwide popularity of the “negative germplasm” notion during the Roaring Twenties, even among such notable progressives as Theodore Roosevelt, Louis Brandeis, William Howard Taft, Alexander Graham Bell, Jane Addams, and Margaret Sanger, as well as members of the League of Women Voters and (gasp!) my own Disciples of Christ Church. Years before Adolph Hitler’s rise to power in Germany, status seekers among the American intelligentsia were seduced by their own “master race” mania; indeed, Madison Grant’s idealization of the Nordic race in *The Passing of the Great Race* served as a template for Hitler’s *Mein Kampf*. I can only be grateful that reason and compassion eventually triumphed over the pseudo-science of eugenics - but for how much longer?

Who should definitely read this book? Why? Just as Charles Davenport’s *Heredity in Relation to Eugenics* was once part of the biology curriculum of colleges and universities across the country, *Imbeciles* should be required reading for all actual and would-be natural and biological scientists, as well as legal scholars. For anyone invested in the health of our liberal Western culture, this book packs a powerful punch.

How long might it take to read this book? A relatively modest 327 pages of text and 57 pages of notes would require no more than three to five days of “study time.”

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

The Code of Hammurabi is one of the world’s great legal artifacts. When French archaeologists discovered it in 1901, they learned that ancient Babylonia had a strikingly sophisticated legal system. The code, which was carved onto a black stone slab, included 282 distinct laws covering such modern-seeming doctrines as liability for negligent acts and the presumption of innocence. As significant as these individual rules was the code’s eloquent statement of its own purpose, contained in the preface: “to bring about the rule of righteousness in the land . . . so that the strong should not harm the weak.”

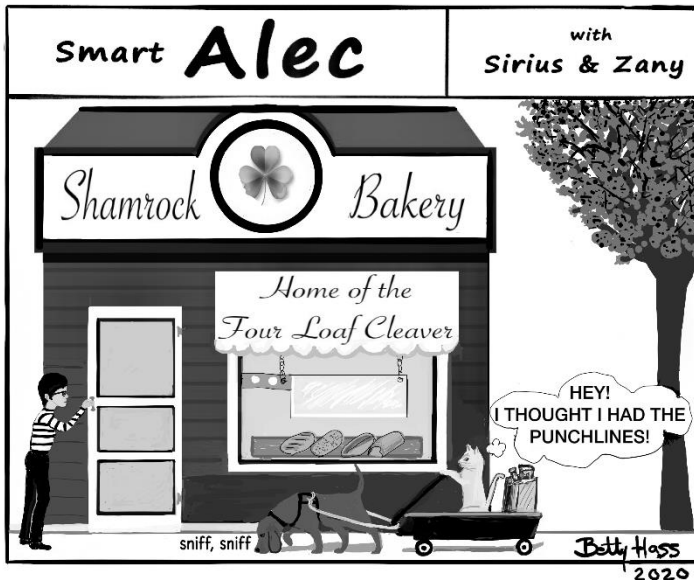
That simple ideal remains, more than 3,500 years later, the law’s highest calling. It is a vision that the American legal system has failed to live up to all too often . . . In fact, a tendency to favor the powerful could be said to be one of American law’s defining features. Legal historians note that American courts have had the predisposition since the nation’s earliest days and even before. In the Massachusetts Bay Colony, judges were willing to try people for witchcraft, but their enthusiasm waned when accusations began to be

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made against prominent members of society, including the president of Harvard College. In modern times, there has been no shortage of cases in which the rich and well connected wrongly escape unscathed, or in which the poor and weak were crushed.

Additional Remarks: Members of Mensa should take note that *Imbeciles* provides a frightening glimpse into the dark side of intellectual superiority, and that the eugenicists' intolerance toward imperfection motivated the inclusion in their "hit list" of not only the "feeble-minded," but also of individuals who were racially, physiologically, and financially "inferior" (e.g., African-Americans, Jews, epileptics, indigents, physically handicapped persons) - all of whom were deemed unfit to reproduce. Once the "genetic purity" insanity starts, where does it end? To paraphrase the sixteenth-century English reformer, John Bradford, there but for the grace of effective and humane leadership go you and I. Read *Imbeciles* and heed its cautionary message.



June 2020 Events

Please note that ALL regularly scheduled events are online. During this time of social isolation, Central Indiana Mensa wants to reach out to our members. We are hosting online virtual events and we'd love to see you. We chose to use Zoom videoconferencing software because it is very user friendly and it's free. You may connect via computer, tablet, or smart phone. Zoom meeting links will be sent weekly on Monday to all current members of CIM who have an email address on file with the national office. The subject line will contain "CIM Meeting ReMINDER." If you do not get the email, and you would like to join a meeting, contact the organizer who is listed prior to the meeting.

If you need help with Zoom, please contact Teresa at ag18tg@yahoo.com. We are all new at this. We appreciate your patience and support.

If you have ideas for additional events or activities that would be fun to try online (games, etc), please contact Teresa.

VIRTUAL Ham'n Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads) –1st Saturday from **9:45 a.m. - 12 noon**. Drop in any time for casual conversation and lively discussion. Contact: Alison Brown, 317-846-6798, SIGHT@indymensa.org.

VIRTUAL Indy Lunch Bunch - 1st and 3rd Wednesday at **11:30a.m.** Bring your own lunch! Contact: Karen Steilberger, steilkr@sbcglobal.net.

VIRTUAL Sunday Social – Every Sunday from **7:00p.m. –8:30p.m.** Drop in any time for casual chat. Contact: Teresa, ag18tg@yahoo.com.

VIRTUAL Monthly Gathering - 2nd Friday, **7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.** Our usual format of announcements at 7:45p.m., a short program, then conversation. Bring your own snacks and beverages. Contact: Teresa, ag18tg@yahoo.com

VIRTUAL ExCom– 3rd Tuesday of the month. **7:00 p.m.** All active members are welcome to see your board in action. Contact: Teresa, ag18tg@yahoo.com

VIRTUAL Book Group – **2:00 p.m.** This is the annual Bring-a-Book, your opportunity to pitch something you would like the group to read. Our books tend to be non-fiction and do not exceed about 300 pages in length. Contact Rich: hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com or 770-548-5217 for more details or to RSVP

Please send Calendar Items to MIND.editor@yahoo.com

June 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 Indy Lunch Bunch |
| 7 Sunday Social | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 14 Book Group; Sunday Social | 15 | 16 ExCom | 17 Indy Lunch Bunch |
| 21 Sunday Social | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 28 Sunday Social | 29 | 30 | |

| Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 Ham'n Eggs |
| 11 | 12 Monthly Gathering | 13 |
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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.

Jon's Journal – News for Region 4

Mensa in Sad Times (for May)

Jon Gruebele, RVC4

My last newsletter article ended with links to a variety of planned Mensa events across the region and beyond. Sadly, the COVID-19 forced local and national leaders to make painful decisions to cancel them, helping to protect our members and the public. Springtime RGs? Gone. Monthly Gatherings? Canceled. Mind Games® and CultureQuest®? At best postponed. The AG? Too soon to tell.



Even sadder is the toll this scourge is exacting on everyone, from the loss of loved ones, to the economy, jobs, and the restrictions we've endured as we've sheltered at home. As I write this article at the end of March, the predictions are dire. With fatality predictions reaching into the 100,000+ range, it's perhaps inevitable that Mensa members and their families will be affected. While I hope that won't be the case, the math suggests otherwise.

Some wag once opined that Mensa was like academia: the arguments are so fierce because the stakes are so low. Yet when times get tough, I've seen us pull together and act in generous, kind, and loving ways. I would expect this crisis will be no different. Think about reaching out to your Mensa community if you need a shoulder to lean on. We are truly all in this together.

Beyond canceling events, Local Groups have faced challenges producing print newsletters. Some Local Groups rely on printers who shut down their business for the duration. Other groups have fold-label-stamp gatherings, and that's ill-advised under the current circumstances. If you have a physical newsletter, someone may have done a lot of work all by themselves or at least got very creative. Be sure to thank your editor and newsletter team for going above and beyond.

As there's a good chance that some Local Groups will continue producing electronic publications even if print is unavailable, this might be a good time to review your communications preferences on the National website, <http://us.mensa.org>. Not only can you get newsletters on-line, you can also allow your Local Group to send you an occasional e-mail with important updates. Simply navigate to My Mensa, My Profile, and My Communication Preferences, then select the settings you want.

Despite these scary times, I dare say that Mensa will come through them and prosper. Thank you to all the volunteers who have had to make difficult choices and go beyond the call of duty. We truly appreciate everything you do. Floreat Mensa!

On another topic, American Mensa's Board of Directors (AMC) had a teleconference meeting on March 21st. The mini-minutes are available on the website under Lead, Board of Directors (AMC), and Meeting Reports. Several motions were considered, and we adopted the 2020-2025 strategic plan. I'll have more to say about all of that in my next article.

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Board of Directors (AMC) Meeting Report (for June)

American Mensa's Board of Directors (AMC) held a teleconference meeting on March 21st. It was originally scheduled to be held in conjunction with the Las Vegas RG; unfortunately, COVID-19 dictated otherwise.

Important actions taken included:

- Appointing Dr. Renee Lexow as our new Supervisory Psychologist, replacing Dr. Frank Lawlis who is retiring. Their primary responsibility is to oversee Mensa's new member testing program.
- Approving the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. It remains to be seen what adjustments may be required in the light of the pandemic. Membership renewals may be affected, and large events remain in question.
- Approving the 2020-2025 strategic plan. In short, it calls for increasing outreach to new and lapsed members, improving the experience for current members, and reducing the reliance on dues for income.
- Removing a requirement to include a budget item every year for equity restoration. As we have a net negative asset balance, it's vital to chip away at that deficit every year. This, however, is only achieved if our revenues exceed our expenses. Adding a line item to the budget doesn't change that and is not a standard budgeting practice.
- Allowing hosts to exclude members from events that aren't "official", even if Mensa funds are used to subsidize the event. I voted against this proposal, as all members should be able to enjoy the benefits of their dues.
- Approving allowing a member whose membership lapsed at some point to buy back up to 5 of the missing years. As usual, conditions apply.
- Defeating a proposal to change the requirement for Local Groups to provide the National Office with copies of their newsletter.

For more details, the mini-minutes are available on the [American Mensa website](#) and navigating to Lead, Board of Directors (AMC), and Meeting Reports. Also posted there are the audio recording of the meeting, the proposed budget, several presentations, and multiple reports from officers and committees. The full meeting minutes will be posted once approved at our next meeting, currently scheduled for July 2.

Finally, I am sad to report that former RVC4 George Haynes passed away in April at the age of 51. He contributed to Mensa in many ways, from Editor and LocSec for St. Louis Area Mensa to his national service on the AMC. His friendly nature and good humor will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, George. You will be remembered. Feedback? Please contact me at rvc4@us.mensa.org or via phone/text at +1 309 693 1359. Region 4's Facebook group is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/695847670490858>.

Puzzle Column

Written by Alan Stillson of Greater Los Angeles Mensa and reprinted with permission of the author (<http://stillsonworks.com>)

APR words:

Fill in the blanks surrounding APR to form words, based on the clues:

Example: __ A __ P __ __ R __: traditional outdoor story-telling venue

Answer: CAMPFIRE

1. __ APR __ __ __: whim
2. __ A P __ __ __ R: Gerardus Mercator's field
3. A __ P __ R __ __ __: inhale
4. __ A P __ __ __ R __: church section used for immersion
5. __ __ A P __ __ __ __ __ R: mythical changer of physical form
6. __ __ A P __ R __ __ __: safeguarding escort
7. __ __ A P __ __ R: Swingline is one
8. A __ __ P __ R __: many, but not all, are international
9. APR __ __ __ __: relevant
10. __ A __ __ P __ __ __ R: title of a 1965 Elizabeth Taylor movie (with *The*)

See answers at the bottom of the next page.



“I figure I’d have time alone with my thoughts. But it turns out I don’t have as many thoughts as you think.” –Joey Tribbiani, from the sitcom *Friends*



2020 Book Group Reading List

Rich Gibson

Book Group is currently meeting virtually via Zoom. It meets on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. once a month. Check the calendar for exact dates and contact information for Rich Gibson.

June 14--Bring a Book!



New Members

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| Philip Germani | Indianapolis | IN | MoveIn |
| Robert Massey | Evansville | IN | Joined |
| Laine McNally | Indianapolis | IN | MoveIn |
| Michael Semon | Indianapolis | IN | Joined |
| Catherine Winslow | Carmel | IN | Joined |

Answers to Puzzle Column on preceding page:

1. whim = caprice
2. Gerardus Mercator's field = mapmaker
3. inhale = aspirate
4. church section used for immersion = baptistry
5. mythical changer of physical form = shapeshifter
6. safeguarding escort = chaperone
7. Swingline is one = stapler
8. many, but not all, are international = airport
9. relevant = apropos
10. title of a 1965 Elizabeth Taylor movie (with *The*) = *Sandpiper*

Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 2/18/2020

Ann Hake, CIM Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Vice LocSec Kurt Williams called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm. Members present were Vicki Adang, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Ann Hake, Pat Milligan, and Bob Zdanky.

Absent: Teresa Gregory.

Guests: Alison Brown, Alan Schmidt.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the January 2020 ExCom meeting. Jan Pfeil Doyle moved that the minutes be accepted. Vicki Adang seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report for January 2020. Ann Hake moved that the report be accepted. Vicki Adang seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

A membership report was compiled by Teresa Gregory based upon the information available as of 1/31/2020 from American Mensa: 519 members, 2 new, 1 movein, 3 rejoins, and 13 prospects. One candidate was tested.

Old Business

Regional Gathering (RG) – took place January 24-26, 2020. Receipts are still coming in; Treasurer Kurt Williams will include a preliminary breakdown of the profit/loss at the next ExCom meeting.

Outdoor Gathering (OG) – will take place the last weekend of May (May 29-31, 2020) in Versailles State Park. Registration is available on EventBrite.

The Mensa Scholarship essay judging is in progress. Nearly 400 entries were received, compared to the usual of fewer than 100. The deadline for judging has been extended to allow for the increased volume.

Nominating Committee – to be determined before the next ExCom meeting. Vicki Adang moved that the ExCom continue to consist of 7 members. Jan Pfeil Doyle seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Bob Zdanky and Jan Pfeil Doyle will be the designated Meetup administrator/coordinators who should be contacted when events need to be posted.

Kurt Williams reached out to the science fair organizers but has not yet received a response.

New Business

CIM member Thomas McAllister passed away in January; a \$50 donation will be sent to MERF.

MensaCares! week is April 19-25, 2020.

There being no other business, Ann Hake moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bob Zdanky seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 4/21/2020

Ann Hake, CIM Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Note that the March ExCom meeting was deferred because of the COVID-19 situation.

LocSec Teresa Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Members present were Vicki Adang, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Pat Milligan, and Bob Zdanky.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the February 2020 ExCom meeting. Kurt Williams moved that the minutes be accepted as amended. Vicki Adang seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's reports for February and March 2020. Jan Pfeil Doyle moved that the reports be accepted. Ann Hake seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

A membership report was compiled by Teresa Gregory based upon the information available as of 3/31/2020 from American Mensa: 528 members, 6 new, 2 moveins, 5 rejoins, and 25 prospects. Three candidates were tested.

Old Business

Regional Gathering (RG) – took place January 24-26, 2020. A small profit was realized.

Outdoor Gathering (OG) – is scheduled for the last weekend of May (May 29-31, 2020) in Versailles State Park; a deposit of \$518 for the use of the park has already been made. We will plan to take the event off the calendar, but wait to cancel with the park service until the official status of the shutdown is better known. Those who have registered already will receive refunds. Kurt Williams moved, Ann Hake seconded; and the motion was carried.

Regional Science Fairs have been cancelled; we may look into sponsoring a prize again next year.

Nominating Committee – because of the COVID-19 situation and the sudden retirement of our MIND printer, we are behind the schedule mandated by our bylaws for assembling our slate of officers for the fall. We will work with our RVC to get an exemption that will allow us to move forward, with the goal of keeping our same election date.

New Business

The CIM Monthly Newsletter MIND was not able to be published in paper form since February because of the abrupt retirement of the printer. The MIND was published online only since then, but, as noted above, this impacts the ability to publish the notifications surrounding the upcoming ExCom election in accordance with the Bylaws. AML bylaws permit temporary adjustments to local bylaws in such situations with consultation with the group's RVC, so we will be working with Jon Gruebele, our RVC, in order to find the least disruptive solution. A prospective new printer is being investigated.

We will continue to hold ExCom and other meetings virtually via Zoom for the foreseeable future to protect the health of our members.

There being no other business, Jan Pfeil Doyle moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ann Hake seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Kurt Williams, CIM Treasurer

Following is the financial statement through February 29 and March 31, 2020:

Assets

| | 02/29/20 | 03/31/20 |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Regular Checking | \$ 5,876.77 | \$ 6,355.02 |
| Scholarship Checking | \$ - | \$ - |
| Events Checking | \$ 7,942.28 | \$ 7,917.28 |
| MG Cash | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| USPS Stamps | \$ 541.15 | \$ 541.15 |
| TOTAL | \$ 14,385.20 | \$ 14,838.45 |

Revenue & Expenses

| <i>REVENUE</i> | February 2020 | March 2020 |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| National Support | \$ 441.15 | \$ 446.25 |
| Testing Support | \$ 70.00 | \$ - |
| New Member/ Lapsed Member | \$ 5.00 | \$ 7.00 |
| MG Income | \$ 104.00 | \$ - |
| Total Revenue | \$ 620.15 | \$ 453.25 |

EXPENSES

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| MG Hospitality | \$ 23.10 | \$ - |
| MIND Printing | \$ 308.96 | \$ - |
| MIND Hospitality | \$ 82.30 | \$ - |
| RG Hospitality | \$ 575.83 | \$ - |
| Postage stamps | \$ 506.70 | \$ - |
| Total Expenses | \$ 1,496.89 | \$ - |
| Net revenue for the period (loss) | \$ (876.74) | \$ 453.25 |

Following is the financial statement through April 30, 2020.

Assets

| | 04/30/20 |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Regular Checking | \$ 6,943.67 |
| Scholarship Checking | \$ - |
| Events Checking | \$ 7,892.28 |
| MG Cash | \$ 25.00 |
| USPS Stamps | \$ 538.95 |
| TOTAL | \$ 15,399.90 |

Revenue & Expenses

REVENUE

April 2020

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| National Support | \$ 449.65 |
| Testing Support | \$ 55.00 |
| New Member/ Lapsed Member | \$ 4.00 |
| RG Income | \$ 55.00 |
| MG Income | \$ - |
| Total Revenue | \$ 563.65 |

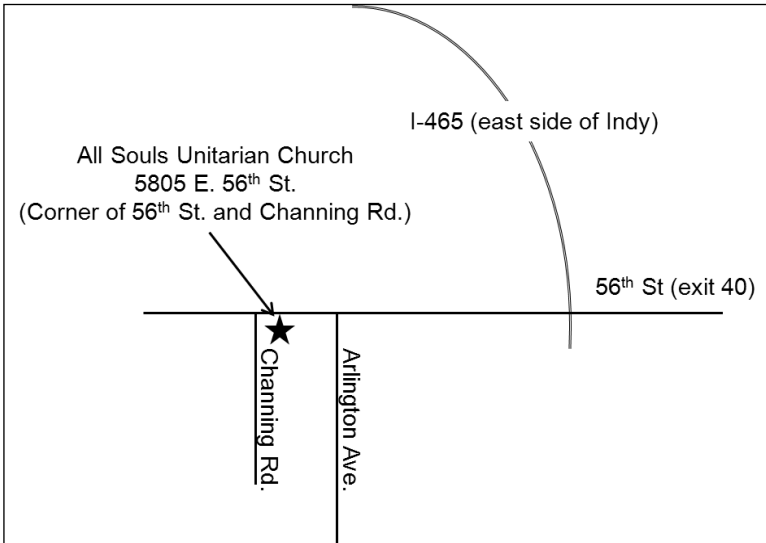
EXPENSES

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| MG Hospitality | \$ - |
| MIND Printing | \$ - |
| MIND Hospitality | \$ - |
| RG Hospitality | \$ - |
| Postage stamps | \$ - |
| Total Expenses | \$ - |
| Net revenue for the period (loss) | \$ 563.65 |

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.
- Look for signs within the building.



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