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Mollie the Mensa Owl has better than a front row seat!

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From the Editor's Cubicle

Rich Gibson, Editor

Where's Mollie? Standard reminder: First, Mollie (*Mensa owl-lie*) will appear on the cover of MIND each month with a person or in a place that is appropriate to that month. Second, if you show up to the Monthly Gathering and provide the right answer, you'll be entered in a drawing for a door prize. Third, these images are generated by AI; the gap between what I want and what it gives me can be huge. So, fourth, you deserve a hint: What's the term in England for the shortest night of the year? If you don't know this, Google does!



I was reading a book recently (*Is Earth Exceptional?*--for more, see Books on the Runway) and came across the fact that the Earth is 4.54 Billion years old (my practice is to capitalize Billion just so the reader knows I didn't mean a mere million). This got me thinking how poor we humans are conceptualizing big numbers. First, though, the idle thought crossed my mind, "How old was the Earth when I was born, 76 years ago?"; it was promptly replaced with the realization that the Earth was, um, 4.54 Billion years old when I was born. More thought led me to realize the Earth was 4.54 Billion years old when Mohammed, Jesus, Moses, Socrates, Siddhartha Gautama, Confucius, Homer, Gilgamesh, and Sargon of Akkad were born. It was 4.54 Billion years old when *homo sapiens* first wandered through the African veldt one or two hundred thousand years ago. You want to move the numbers a little? When the Chicxulub meteor cashed the dinosaurs out of the game 65 million years ago, the Earth was 4.475 Billion years old. You know what that second decimal place means? It's one one-hundredth of a Billion, or ten million. So that third and last digit in 4.54 Billion is 40 million years. So the official age of the Earth will roll over on that second digit, to 4.55 Billion years, some time in the next 5-10 million years. If you look on the internet, you can find the typical span of a large mammal species to be anywhere from almost one to almost four million years. Thus humanity's time on Earth, from origin to extinction, may well occur completely within the time that the Earth was 4.54 Billion years old. The mind boggles.

It's nearly summer by the time you read this. Hope you had a great spring. Hope you continue the good times, whether it's spending time outdoors (highly recommended) or just doing something you love. And don't forget the AG in Fort Worth next month! It should be a barn burner!

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle



CIM Election Update – Central Indiana Mensa’s biennial election will be held in September. You can see the slate of officers put together by the Nominating Committee in an article later in MIND, along with information on how to run as a petition candidate. Many thanks to Bob Zdanky (Chair,) Larry Marcus, and Sharon Merriman for serving on the Nominating Committee! Those three also comprise the Election Committee, with Larry and Sharon serving as Co-Chairs.

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

- From what I’ve heard, people had a good time at our Outdoor Mensa Gathering! Many thanks to long-time attendees Mary Lee Kemper, John Massura, and Virginia Plottel for running the weekend because Gatherings Chair Teresa Gregory and I couldn’t be there this year. Mark your calendars for May 14-16, 2027 for next year’s OMG!
- If you missed Leo Doyle’s talk on Artificial Intelligence at the April meeting, you may view it online at www.leodoyle.com.
- At the May Monthly Gathering, Dann Allen regaled us with stories of unexplainable events that have happened at his old properties in NE Indiana that some say are haunted.

CIM Events Outside Indianapolis – We know most of our activities are held in the Indianapolis area, largely because that’s where the bulk of our members are. We’re happy to report that members from the Columbus/Seymour and Lafayette areas have expressed interest in holding events in those areas. Watch for details in MIND and the CIM Weekly ReMINDer email messages. If you live in another area and would like to meet with other members closer to you, we can help with planning and providing contact information. Please contact me (317-431-3500 or jan@mw.net) if you’re interested in getting together with Mensans who live near you.

Annual Gathering July 1-5 in Ft Worth – The Annual Gathering (U.S. Mensa’s national convention) will be July 1-5, 2026 in Ft. Worth. The theme is “All Roads Lead to the AG.” Many of us consider the AG to be the ultimate Mensa experience—several speaker tracks, 24-hr games and hospitality rooms, SIGs, Meet-and-Greets, tours, 1,500 or so fellow Mensans to hang out with, and more—the AG has it all! You can find more information and register at www.ag.us.mensa.org

CIM Election Update

Bob Zdanky, Nominating Committee Chair

The Nominating Committee presents following slate of candidates for Central Indiana Mensa's ExCom:

- Teresa Gregory – Local Secretary
- Ethan Blocher-Smith
- Emily Boomershine
- Len Farber
- Ann Hake
- Candis King
- Catherine Knox
- Judy Weitzman
- Karen Wilczewski

Thanks to all who agreed to run for office.

Bob Zdanky, Chair
Larry Marcus
Sharon Merriman

Petition Candidates

Larry Marcus and Sharon Merriman, Election Committee Co-Chairs

If you look at the candidates for ExCom and decide you also wish to run, here are the rules as listed in our Bylaws:

- You must be a current member in good standing of Central Indiana Mensa.
- No member of the current Nominating or Election Committees may be a candidate in the upcoming election.
- You must submit a petition signed by ten current members of the local group (please have both signatures and printed names) to one of the Election Committee Co-Chairs by July 1, 2026.

If you have questions or want to submit a petition, you may contact either of the co-chairs of the Election Committee, Larry Marcus or Sharon Merriman. Larry's contact info: larryamarcus@yahoo.com, or (317) 842-6658 . Sharon's email: smerri327@gmail.com.

Larry Marcus, Co-Chair
Sharon Merriman, Co-Chair
Bob Zdanky

2025-26 Book Group Reading List

Rich Gibson

Title	Author(s)	Date
Aging as a Spiritual Practice	Lewis Richmond	6/21/2026
4000 Weeks: Time Management for Mortals	Oliver Burkeman	7/19/2026
Bring a Book!		8/16/2026

Mensa Book Group Previews

Rich Gibson

THIS MONTH: *Aging as a Spiritual Practice*, by Lewis Richmond
Aging as a Spiritual Practice—A Contemplative Guide to Growing Older and Wiser, by Lewis Richmond, 256 pp, published in 2012. The CIM Book Group will discuss this book on Sunday, June 21st, at 2:00 PM Eastern. Check the Calendar and Events for more information.

Many self-help books promise to conquer your problems: become a confident public speaker, win friends, earn promotions, and so on. Although lots of biological, medical, and computational research is underway to try and conquer or reverse aging, this book isn't about that. It begins with the presumption that you, the reader, are going to die. You may try everything you can think of to put it off, but it's inevitable. This book has some advice on what to do about it.

If you want advice on diet, supplements, and exercises, this isn't that book. It's about tending to your mental and spiritual being; about learning and dealing with yourself as an integral, connected part of the world in which you're immersed. The book is chock-full of practical advice on how to incorporate gratitude and loving-kindness into your life.

Ain't none of us getting any younger. Whatever your spiritual or religious beliefs, if any; however much of yourself you're prepared to invest into living for a long, long, time yet; the odds are still good that the Big End is waiting for you, maybe just around the corner. You could probably benefit from scanning through this book. If you get something out of it, consider attending our discussion on Sunday, June 21st, at 2:00 Eastern.

NEXT MONTH: *4000 Weeks: Time Management for Mortals*, by Oliver Burkeman

Four Thousand Weeks: Time Management for Mortals, by Oliver Burkeman, 288 pp, published in 2021. The Book Group will discuss this book on Sunday, July 19th, at 2:00 PM Eastern. The Events and Calendar has more information.

The central idea of this book is that time is precious and limited, and that treating it like a resource to be managed is a horrible way to waste it. Four thousand weeks works out to about 79 years, a time that's a) pretty much the current US life expectancy, and b) a nice round number. Last month's book contained a line from poet Mary Oliver: "*Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?*" This book hammers her point: you cannot accomplish everything you want to. Focus what time you have on those things that you most need and want to do. You're not going to get it back. Treat each moment as precious, valuable. Beauty exists everywhere in the world. If you want to prioritize the amount of beauty you appreciate, you must stop dead in the moment and stare until you see it. It gets better with practice.

This book is either a self-help book or a spiritual guide, possibly both. I guess it depends on what your priorities are. The one extremely useful thing this book tries to emphasize is that you can't have it all. You can have a lot of it, but you have to be ruthless with what you want to achieve or accomplish and what you have to sacrifice to get the time to do it.

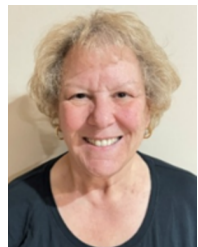
This might be an interesting book to discuss with friends and family. It's been around a while; I imagine you could find a copy in your library. Why not pick it up and give it a try? You may want to join us on Sunday, July 19th, at 2:00 PM. We'd love to see you!

Regional Vice Chair Thoughts

Judith Weiss

June always feels like a bridge between the busy spring Mensa season and the full-speed-ahead energy of summer.

Mind Games 2026, held in Herndon, VA, was a great event. I got to play games with lot of my (new and old) friends, and even got to take one of the winners home with me. Mensans did what they always do at Mind Games--played, evaluated, discussed, debated, laughed, snacked, and chose this year's Mensa Select® winners. It's one of the best examples of member engagement in action — smart people coming together around play, consensus, and community.



Looking ahead, bids for future Mind Games will be solicited soon. If your Local Group has ever considered hosting, now is a great time to start thinking about it, asking questions, and exploring what it might take. It's a significant undertaking, but also an incredibly rewarding way to showcase your group and bring Mensans together from across the country. The host group keeps a copy of each entered game, which is nice. Keep an eye out for the Mind Games Bid Packet.

Local Group and SIG activity continues to be the heartbeat of Mensa. Groups are offering such a wide variety of activities and virtual events; thank you for making those opportunities available. And just as importantly — if your primary connection to Mensa right now is reading your newsletter from the comfort of home, you’re as much a part of this community as those who attend in person. Engagement is different for everyone; there’s no “right” way to be a Mensan.

If you’re looking for ways to connect, consider trying something new — whether engaging with a SIG on-line, attending an event, joining a SIG, or hopping into a virtual program. There are many ways to participate; we hope you find ones that fit you.

Next up nationally is the Annual Gathering, July 1–5 in Fort Worth, Texas. The AG is our largest annual event, with programs, games, tours, hospitality, and plenty of opportunities for both planned and spontaneous connection. Also, the Mensa Foundation Colloquium, **Brain Health Across the Lifespan**, offers a thoughtful and engaging lead-in to the week.

In my role as Pillar Lead for Sustainable Revenue & Events, I also look ahead to how we continue to grow and evolve what Mensa offers. I would love to hear from members who have ideas—whether that’s new national event concepts, enhancements to existing programs, or creative approaches to generating sustainable revenue that help support and expand what we do. Some of our best ideas come directly from members, and I welcome those conversations.

Whether I see you in Fort Worth, at a Local Group event, online, or somewhere in between, I hope June brings you good conversations, good ideas, and good reasons to stay connected. Hope to see you soon.

I’m always glad to hear from you at rvc4@us.mensa.org or (937) 902-5161.



John Campbell	Beech Grove	IN	MoveIn
Davis Conway	Bloomington	IN	MoveIn
Siyoon(Charlie) Seong	Carmel	IN	Join
Matthew Tandy	Zionsville	IN	MoveIn

June 2026 Events

Indy Lunch Bunch – 1st and 3rd Wednesday

6/3, 12:00 noon ET - Virtual *Online*

6/17, 12:00 noon ET - MCL Restaurant and Bakery, 2370 W. 86th St, Indy

RSVP Karen Steilberger, steilkr@sbcglobal.net

LIVE Ham'n Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads) – 1st Saturday

6/6 10:00am – 12 noon ET

Atrio, 11700 Illinois St, Carmel, IN (Located at IU Health North)

RSVP: Jen Clark jclark7251@gmail.com

Spend the Day in West Lafayette – Choose One, Two or Three events!

Wabash Valley Astronomical Society Open House and Open Meeting

6/6, Open House 3:00 - 5:00pm ET

6/6, Open Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm ET

West Lafayette Observatory, 600 Cumberland, West Lafayette, IN

Join us for our third open house for 2026 at the West Lafayette Observatory! This month, our schedule is a little different. Our open house will take place in the afternoon, and we will have portable telescopes outdoors to view the Sun (weather permitting) with special solar filters for safety. There will also be a brief presentation indoors about the Sun at 3pm. After an extended break for supper (on your own), we will return to WLO at 7pm for our usual open meeting with astronomy news, new toys, an astronomical or space-related presentation and general discussion. You don't have to be a member to attend, but we encourage you to consider joining if you haven't already to help support our year-round outreach activities bringing the wonders of astronomy to students and the general public. You can learn more at wvastro.org or contact Bill Tilford, Secretary, Wabash Valley Astronomical Society Pilotund1@gmail.com

West Lafayette Dining Out

6/6, 5:00pm – 6:30pm ET

The Bryant Food and Drink Company, 1820 Sagamore Parkway, West Lafayette.

RSVP: Judy Weitzman bridgejudy@aol.com

LIVE Mensa Chowhounds Lunch – 2nd and 4th Wednesday

6/10, 2:00pm ET - Adele's Greek Restaurant, 10450 N College, Carmel

6/24, 2:00pm ET - Urban Apple, 18236 Spring Mill Rd, Westfield

VIRTUAL Sunday Social – Some Sundays (check the calendar) from 7:00pm

–8:30pm ET Drop in any time for casual chat. Contact: Jan at jan@mw.net

VIRTUAL and LIVE Monthly Gathering - 2nd Friday,

6/12, 7:00pm – 11:00pm ET

All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226. See last

page of MIND for map and directions. Members: \$7.00, Non-Members: \$10.00; Children 6- 18: \$5.00, under 6: free.

Forget boring presentations: some PhDs come with choreography now.

The Dance Your PhD Competition is back for 2026, where researchers explain

their dissertations the only logical way: through interpretive dance. Because clearly,

the best way to understand complex science is... jazz hands!

This year's winners cover physics, biology, chemistry, social sciences, and even a

brand-new AI category, which means somewhere, somehow, a machine learning model just got expressed through a dramatic floor spin. Honestly, at this point, if your research doesn't include a dance number, is it even peer-reviewed?

Contact: Jan at 317-431-3500 or jan@mw.net

LIVE Sit-N-Knit – NEW TIME

6/18, 4:00pm ET

MOTW Coffee Shop

12761 Old Meridian St, Carmel, IN

RSVP Emily Boomershine - emilyknits@comcast.net Come for the knitting, stay for the lively conversation!

LIVE Games and Conversation Night – 3rd Saturday, Even Months

6/20, 7:00pm – 10:30pm ET

Westfield, IN

Join Candis and Robert King for an evening of Games & Conversation. Please call

630-642-9063 or 630-253-1350 to indicate you will be there and to get the address.

VIRTUAL and LIVE Book Group

6/21, 2:00pm ET

Ageing as a Spiritual Practice – Lewis Richmond

For more details, to RSVP, or for Zoom link, contact Rich Gibson at hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com or 770-548-5217.

LIVE Mensans Dining Out - 3rd Sunday

6/21, 6pm ET

45 Degrees, 756 Massachusetts Ave, Indianapolis

Half price sushi. Parking may be tight; carpool if you can.

June 2026

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

Virtual Zoom Events

Important Info for In-Person Events: Be Kind!—As we are entering cold and flu season, if you’re not feeling well or have any symptoms such as a fever, cough, runny nose, COVID, etc, PLEASE be courteous to your fellow members and don’t attend.

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6 Ham'n Eggs; Astronomy; Dining Out
11	12 Monthly Gathering	13
18 Sit-N-Knit	19	20 Games and Conversation
25	26	27

If you lose your MIND (oh, my!) or want additional information, check www.indymensa.org.

Watch your email on Mondays for the CIM Weekly ReMINDER.

Puzzle Column

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

Cheesy endings

Find the names of cheeses, given the last 4 letters. Alternative answers may be possible.

Example: bert = Camembert.

1. fort
2. iago
3. tost
4. zola
5. ster
6. hego
7. arti
8. otta
9. yere
10. rger

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Books On the Runway

Rich Gibson

<i>Author:</i>	Mario Livio & Jack Szostak
<i>Title:</i>	Is Earth Exceptional?
<i>Subtitle:</i>	The Quest for Cosmic Life
<i>Publisher:</i>	Basic Books
<i>Year:</i>	2024
<i>Pages:</i>	284 (text), 329 (total)

Book description: This book's authors are a Nobel-winning chemist and an astrophysicist. That it has two parts should not therefore be too surprising. The surprising part is that the parts are interrelated and fit so well. The main thrust of the book is to describe the search for a reasonable path for chemistry to turn into biology; the search for extraterrestrial life, both in our solar system and in the thousands of exoplanets we have so far discovered; and to show how progress in either of these searches helps the other.

A more concise term for “chemistry into biology” is *abiogenesis*; a longer description is: given the geology and atmosphere of a very young Earth, say in its first Billion years, how and under what conditions did elements and molecules develop into primitive life? The description of this research takes up chapters 2-6, and requires a huge CAVEAT: the discussion presupposes a much more intimate knowledge of organic chemistry than I, a reasonably intelligent Mensan with a masters in systems engineering, have or want. Any doctors or chemists out there will probably lap this stuff up. I managed to wade/skim through it without losing the thread, much.

Once you get past that, the rest of the book addresses the search for life on Mars, Venus, some of the outer moons, and exoplanets in a clear and straightforward fashion. If you followed the abiogenesis discussion closely enough, you’ll easily see how our best ideas for how life might have formed on earth helps us shape our search for conditions and chemical signatures on moons and other planets that might indicate similar processes out there.

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

If you read my musings on human perceptions of time in this issue’s editor’s column, you’ll remember my mind-boggledness at the realization that humanity’s time on Earth, from first steps to today, fits easily within the last decimal place of the Earth’s current age, 4.54 Billion years—about as easily as a BB fits in a boxcar. Given that, the concept that “chemistry into biology” probably occurred within the first Billion years of Earth’s life is quite credible: One Billion Years is a VERY LONG TIME.

Who should read this book? Why?

Anyone curious about life in the Universe—Earth is a mighty small planet, and the Universe is incredibly huge; that’s it’s only there to give us night-time lightshows feels a bit wasteful—should give this book a shot. As noted, unless you’re quite familiar with organic chemistry, the first half will be a slog or a skim. But it’s worth it!

How long might it take to read the book?

Two weeks, if you just tackle a chapter a day. It’s pretty clear sailing from chapter 7 on, and you could finish it much faster.

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

How did life begin? Are we alone in the Milky Way?—have become two of the most vibrant and dynamic frontiers of scientific investigation.

Remarkably, the answers to these inquiries hinge on a third question, one that is relatively simple to formulate, certainly well defined, and most definitely answerable (in principle, at least): *How likely is it for life to emerge on the surface of a potentially habitable planet?*

In Case You Missed It



Chowhounds at Culinary Dropout



Chowhounds at Culinary Dropout



Chowhounds at Birdie's Sports Bar



Theodore Talk

NASA Psyche Mission: 1st Journey to a Metal World

Brad Lucht

How are habitable planets like the Earth built? How do we learn what they were built from, and when? We can learn about the rocky exteriors, but one fundamental mystery remains: The metal core.

When our solar system was just an infant, thousands of planetesimals (tiny planet-like objects) formed in fewer than one million years. Many melted, allowing metal cores to form inside rocky mantles. One of these metal cores may still exist, revealed in the asteroid (16) Psyche. The NASA Psyche mission is sending a robotic (uncrewed) spacecraft on a long journey through space to visit this asteroid, which orbits the Sun between Mars and Jupiter. We are sending the probe there because this asteroid seems to be made largely of metal, and to have a partially metal surface. This will be the first metallic object humans have ever visited! It is primary, fundamental exploration, visiting a new class of solar system object.

Lindy Elkins-Tanton, Foundation and Regents Professor in the [School of Earth and Space Exploration at Arizona State University](#) and Principal Investigator of the [NASA Psyche mission](#), will discuss what is known and what is hypothesized about the asteroid, how we have planned a mission and built a spacecraft to study this unknown object, and how we progressed with the mission through COVID, with its intense challenges to teams. Now, two years after launch, the spacecraft is soon to receive a gravity assist from Mars, and slingshot out further in the solar system to intersect with and go into orbit around the asteroid in 2029.

Register for this presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/3d6vtabt>

If you can't attend the live Theodore Talk, registering will give you access to the Zoom recording.

The Theodore Talk lectures are made possible by the generous financial support of Life Member Dr. Mark Cohen.

A list of future Theodore Talks is on the [Mensa National Events Calendar](#) and the [American Mensa home page](#).

Questions? Contact us at MensaTheodoreTalks@gmail.com.

Puzzle Solutions

1. fort = Roquefort
2. iago = Asiago
3. tost = Gjetost
4. zola = Gorgonzola
5. ster = Muenster
6. hego = Manchego
7. arti = Havarti
8. otta = Ricotta

9. yere = Gruyere

10. rger = Limburger



Paleontology–Far More Than Just New Fossil Discoveries

Roy Plotnick

Sunday, June 21, 2026, 5:30 PM Eastern Time

Paleontology is one of the most popular yet most misunderstood fields of science. Paleontologists are assumed only to be interested in dinosaurs and are imagined as bearded white men in battered cowboy hats, with hammers and whisk brooms. Instead, paleontologists are a markedly diverse group of scientists who use cutting-edge methods. Headlines over exciting new fossils grossly underestimate the true importance of paleontology. Its real significance lies in how such discoveries illuminate the grand history of life on Earth. From its beginnings more than three billion years ago to the present day, fossils record how life adapted or perished in the face of major environmental challenges. Paleontologists know that understanding life's past is critical to anticipating and adapting to life's and humanity's futures. Paleontology is vital because it brings its unique and critical perspective to current challenges in climate change, biodiversity loss, and the environment.

This is a Zoom meeting Please register:

<https://livepresentation.link/JUN>

You will receive a confirmation email with the login information.



Science at 17,500 MPH: Performing Payload Operations on the International Space Station

Cameron McCarty

Saturday, June 13, 2026 5:30 Eastern Time

Since 1998, more than 4,000 scientific investigations and experiments have been completed on the International Space Station. These investigations range from K-12 experiments to world-class research by a variety of institutions. Organizing and operating the variety of science on orbit requires coordination of timelines, managing requirements, scheduling, ground commanding, and ensuring the experiments are safely executed. Cameron will cover what type of experiments are run, how transmissions to communicate with the crew are handled, why the ground controllers continuously monitor the scientific instruments, and how experiments can even be run from the ground while the crew sleeps.

This is a Zoom meeting.

Please register:

<https://space-talk.link/JUN>

You will receive a confirmation email with the login information



Treasurer's Report

Emily Boomershine, Treasurer

Statement of Assets

Account	Balance
(1) PNC Checking – Regular	\$ 2,899.78
(2) PNC Checking – Scholarships	\$ 658.20
(3) PNC Checking – Events	\$ 3,902.06
(4) MG Petty Cash	\$ 25.00
(5) CD – First Internet	\$ 10,018.26
Total Assets	\$ 17,503.30

Statement of Activity

Activity	Amount
Receipts	
Monthly Gathering Income	\$ 84.00
National Support	\$ 463.72
Interest	\$ 32.36
Annual CD Interest Deposit	\$ 421.20
Receipts Total	\$ 1,001.28
Transfers	
Annual CD Interest Scholarship Transfer	\$ (421.20)
Transfers Total	\$ (421.20)
Expenses	
Facility Rental (All Souls)	\$ (100.00)
MIND Printing	\$ (340.00)
Expenses Total	\$ (440.00)

Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 4/21/26

Karen Wilczewski

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

Members present: Ethan Blocher-Smith, Emily Boomershine, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Ann Hake, Candis King, Judy Weitzman, and Karen Wilczewski

Guests: Jon Applegate, Rich Gibson, Teresa Gregory.

The March meeting minutes were reviewed. Judy moved and Ethan seconded that the March minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed.

Ann moved to accept the March Treasurer's Report, Candis seconded. The motion passed. Emily also shared the Local Group's Annual Treasurer's Report, April 1, 2025, March 31, 2026, which was also accepted.

Jan compiled the March membership report based on information available as of 3/31/26 from American Mensa: total members: 431; 4 new, 1 move-in, 1 rejoin, and 10 prospects. Judy asked to assist with recruiting lapsed members.

Old Business

OG Update: Teresa reported 10 registrants for this year's OG and continues to work on preparations, including Friday setup and Sunday takedown. She will also reserve next year's OG venue.

Plans for Sunday's CultureQuest event have been confirmed. Ann reported having two teams, including Candis, Emily, and other Ms. Jan will serve as an alternate.

New Business

Judy has offered to send out mail reminders to lapsed members. She will check with Jan regarding existing mailing lists and previous letter templates, checking for deceased members before mailing out.

CIM lost member Kenneth McKee in 2025. A memorial donation will be made in Kenneth's name. Emily will process a \$50 donation from the John Matthews Scholarship Fund and send a sympathy note to the family. Emily will also check with Jill Beckham at National to see if the Mensa Foundation sends letters to the families of deceased members.

Judy asked if our local group can apply for 501c3 status. Teresa explained that while this has been explored previously, the costs outweigh the benefits due to National Mensa being incorporated in NY and operating in Texas.

The CIM CD is maturing. Teresa received notification that the new interest rate will be 3.61%, and the decision was made to renew the CD for one year. The current balance is \$10,421.20. Teresa asked the ExCom if we wanted to withdraw the interest or the entire amount. There was a discussion about interest rates at other banks, but it was decided to withdraw the interest only for the Scholarship Fund and leave the principle for another year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Mensa Monthly Gathering Location
All Souls Unitarian Church
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, meeting in Beattie Room

