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Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter

GPM Quarterly

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COVID-19 UPDATE

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Treasurer's Report YTD as of 30 June 2020

Income	2,369.36
Expenses	81.88
CU GPM General Account	18,644.56
CU GPM Savings	55.00
Total	$18,699.56

GPM ExCom Minutes

Submitted by David Pivin, Recording Secretary

The ExCom meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, or by Zoom Teleconference at 2 p.m

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND

April 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec Richard Morris; AsstLocSec Lynn Floyd; Treasurer Marni Landry (absent exused); Recording Secretary David Pivin; Parliamentarian Chris Ingle; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Members at Large Jim Delton, David Sebesta, John Perez; Members Lyn Stinnett, and Zoe's Kids; Guest Peter Costantino.

Approval of Minutes

ExCom Meeting, 8 March 2020 - Motion to Approve by Dave Sebesta, seconded by Lynn Floyd, approved at 2:45 PM after it was decided that this would still qualify as an official meeting since we did not change the date or time and a quorum was present.

Old Business

• 2020 RG - Theme/logo - David Sebesta, "From the Ashes" is the theme.

• T&C - Chris Ingle - drafted from similar corporate guidelines. A committee was formed to complete this to be chaired by Jim Delton. Chris and Dave Pivin to be on the committee. Dave proposed an implementation plan once the text has been agreed:

1. Page in member's section of site with the Official Event Rules (reference bylaws)
2. Note on GPM Calendar pages
3. FAQ entry on the subject
4. Separate RG site page or section of About Registration with full T&C referencing rules page
5. All registration pages have some minimum words and link to Rules
6. Link in header of eUpdate
7. Note in MAAM.

• RVC Approval - David Sebesta. Done.

• Cancellation and refund policies - All - Hotel terms given to him. 90 days is the drop dead date with the hotel. End of August, but will confirm with the hotel if there is any leeway considering COVID. Decide in August ExCom.

• Nominations - All - Please indicate your intentions for next year to Judy Herrmann.

New Business

• Website traffic - Richard - Traffic down. Any ideas? None.

Coronavirus effects on GPM - Policy - All - essentially we are shut down. Future ExCom meetings - All Richard said at least through May and June for Zoom.

Officer Reports

Treasurer - Reimbursed myself for 2019 postage expenses $7.40. 2019-2020 Annual Financial Report filed on 0405020

Started a new bookkeeping spreadsheet for 2020-2021 (04/01-03/31) new alignment with NO fiscal calendar.

- As of 4/1/20: total funds $16,412.08. Checking $16,357.08 Savings $55.00.

MAAM Editor - GPM Quarterly Shipped.

RecSec - Likes doing this from home.

ISComm - RG site ready to go with the additional detail of the theme provided today and will wait for the T&Cs and Logo.

Members @ Large - Dave Sebesta has a paid Zoom account as backup.

LocSec - Heads up on budget:

This year's expenditures vs. Pro Forma budget

Proposed budget for '20-'21 - take a look at what Marni has added to Treasurer Docs, discuss and vote to approve at June ExCom.

• Suggestion by Dave Pivin to make this an official meeting since we did not change anything but the location from the Hilton to Zoom. Info on how to join the meeting was posted in the calendar and in the eUpdate and all ExCom members connected along with members who regularly attend. All agreed that we should do that, so we went back to approve minutes.

All others - NTR

Next Meeting

12 May 2019, 2 PM using Zoom, Marni to provide a link.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Chris. David Sebesta seconded. Motion passed at 2:50.

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May 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. Present were LocSec Richard Morris; AsstLocSec Lynn Floyd; Treasurer Marni Landry; Recording Secretary David Pivin; Parliamentarian Chris Ingle (absent exused); MAAM Editor David Pivin; Members at Large Jim Delton, David Sebesta, John Perez; Members Zoe's Kids; Guest Peter Costantino.

Approval of Minutes

ExCom Meeting, 12 April 2020 - Motion to Approve by Dave Sebesta. Lynn Floyd seconded. Motion passed at 2:01 PM.

Old Business

• Member Owner's Manual - Lynn Floyd - by the end of the week. To be forwarded to Dave Pivin to also include new behavior notes.

• ExCom Nominations - Richard

LocSec David Sebesta nominated.

Default Parliamentarian is Richard Morris

Need to appoint a Treasurer. David will search again. Richard Morris will send a thank you to Judy Herrmann.

• GPM Census - Richard - Census is impacted by COVID-19.

New Business

• '20-'21 Budget - All Richard sent out a draft budget. Assumption of 125 attendees at RG drove the 9500 number. $600 scholarship should be included in the numbers.

RG Programs Chair - David Sebesta - No nibbles on that yet.

Officer Reports

Treasurer - Observed on Mensa Officer eList that many other Treasurers were not prepared for their annual report, unlike herself. Checking balance $17,173.89, Savings Balance $55.00, Total Funds $17,228.89. Filed new 2019-2020 Accounting spreadsheet in Google Drive Treasurer Workspace.

MAAM Editor - Small issue with being able to login to Tumblr blog that had me worried. It was resolved in a few hours.

All others - ntr

Next Meeting

14 June 2020, 2 PM as Zoom Teleconference

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by John Perez, Dave Sebesta seconded. Motion passed at 2:23.

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June 14, 2020

Meeting via Zoom Teleconference called to order at 2:01 PM. Present were LocSec Richard Morris; AsstLocSec Lynn Floyd (absent excused); Treasurer Marni Landry; Recording Secretary David Pivin; Parliamentarian Chris Ingle; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Members at Large Jim Delton, David Sebesta, John Perez.

Approval of Minutes

ExCom Meeting, 10 May 2020 - Motion to Approve by Marni Landry. David Sebesta seconded. Motion passed at 2:02 PM.

Old Business

• Budget - All - Line item for Awards should be $600, draft to be updated. Total increased by $350. Motion to adopt as modified by John Perez, seconded by Dave Sebesta. Motion carried at 2:07 PM.

• Incoming ExCom - David Sebesta as LocSec and only Parliamentarian designated by Nominating Committee. We need to submit a list of volunteers to RVC so that we can have a quorum for the first ExCom in July. Marni Landry was suggested to be Assistant LocSec and accepted. Chris Ingle was suggested to take Treasurer and accepted. Dave Pivin will continue as Webmaster, Editor, and RecSec. John Perez and.Jim Delton as MALs. Richard Morris as Parliamentarian. Chris suggested Clark Jones might be interested in the remaining MAL position.

• Report of AML - Richard - will communicate the above to RVC. (approval granted later today)

• RG Programs Chair - David Sebesta - No interest in that yet.

• Member Owner's Manual - All Final Draft sent to Richard Morris and ready to print. Consensus to print in half size. Quantity, 500 suggested. Only about 30 new joins,100 move-in and 100 rejoins per year. This is at a cost break point.

• GYP update - Richard Morris - Julie Gunnigle had not renewed and subsequently renewed. She has not replied as to whether she will be willing or able to continue as GYC.

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SUBMIT A COPY OF THIS PAGE FOR EACH REGISTRANT

Phoenix Phiesta XXXVIII:
"From the Ashes"
56 Years of Greater Phoenix Mensa
GPM Regional Gathering (RG)
November 26-29, 2020

Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck Buffet

30-Plus Programs to Inform, Stimulate and Amuse:
- Interesting Speakers on many subjects
- Games Galore!
- Parties After Dark (pack a bathing suit)
- Romance! Sex! Adventure!
- **Awesome Kids Track – All Day!**
- Endless conversation and an infinity of puns
- Saturday Night Banquet with awesome entertainment!
- **AND MUCH, MUCH, MORE!!** (Subject to confirmation or change)

Hotel Information:

Hilton Garden Inn – Midtown Phoenix, 4000 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012
Hotel Rates: $89 + Tax per room/night, single or double
Rates good from Nov 24th thru 29th, for reservations made by Nov 18.
Includes: free self-parking, free in-room internet & free Fitness Center entry.
Hotel is 100% non-smoking.
Phone: 602-279-9811 (1-800-446-6677), Code: MENSA

Regional Gathering Prices:

Full Registration: ***Includes all meals***

	To Jun 15	To Aug 15	To Sep 15	Thereafter
Adults*	$110.00	$125.00	$140.00	$150.00
First Timers*	$100.00	$115.00	$130.00	$140.00
Kids 7- 14	$55.00	$62.50	$70.00	$75.00
Kids Under 7	Free	Free	Free	Free

*GPM Members and recent transfers who joined or arrived after December 2019 are eligible for a $10 discount off the Adult prices.

Day Rates:

Friday	$75
Saturday (Including banquet)	$100
Banquet only	$60

Cancellation Policy: 100% through September 1, 50% through October 15. No refund thereafter without good cause, subject to the sole and absolute discretion of GPM ExCom.

You may register and pay with credit card:
https://tinyurl.com/gpm-rg2020

***Terms, conditions and other folderol:**
The rates applicable are determined by the date the registrations are submitted or the postmark of the envelope if hard copy. And if you've ever been arrested for drinking chocolate milk in a suspicious manner you may not claim a discount.The rates applicable are determined by the date the registrations are submitted or the postmark of the envelope if hard copy. And if you've ever been arrested for drinking chocolate milk in a suspicious manner you may not claim a discount.

The Regional Gathering will be a friendly and safe environment for attendees and speakers. Inappropriate physical contact, verbal abuse, or harassment will not be tolerated, and persons not in compliance may be removed from the event without a refund. Volunteers act with the authority of ExCom and members and guests are expected to comply with their directions. For further information, please refer to the full Event Code of Conduct, available here: **https://tinyurl.com/GPMCode**

Registrant Information:

Name:_____
Badge Name:_____
Address:_____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone:_____
Mensa #:_____
Date: _____
E-Mail:_____
Age if minor:_____

Full Weekend: $_____ (Price depends on age group)
Partial:
Fri. Only _____ $75
Sat. Only (Incl. Banquet) _____ $100
Banquet Only _____ $60

Extra Credit questions (If to get the 10% Adult price discount):
First RG? _____
New Member or
Transfer into GPM this year? _____
Member #_____
(First registrant only)

T-Shirt: $15 (high-quality 100% cotton T-Shirt with RG Logo printed)
Youth: ___ M (10-12) ___ L (14/16)
Adult: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL
Adult: ___ 2XL and up $18
None___

Total enclosed for this registrant: $_____

Please make your check payable to **Greater Phoenix Mensa**

Mail to:
RG Registration
P.O. Box 60456
Phoenix AZ 85082-0456



Mensa Acronyms & Calendar

AG: Annual Gathering (convention)
AMC: American Mensa Committee (Nationally elected/appointed Officers)
AML: AmericanMensa,Ltd. (National Office Employees)
ASIE: Action Still In Effect (Existing AMC or GPM policy)
ExCom: Executive Committee GPM Greater Phoenix Mensa
LDW: Leadership Development Workshop
LocSec: Local Secretary/President
M/Ms: Mensan/Mensans
MERF: Mensa Education & Research Foundation
MIL: Mensa International, Ltd.
NO: NationalOffice
RG: Regional Gathering
RVC: RegionalViceChair
SIG: Special Interest Group
SIGHT: Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers

Calendar Event Codes

MO: Mensans, guests and prospects only.
ME/P: GPM Event, public welcome.
PE/M: Public event, Mensans welcome.
GYP: Event hosted by our **Gifted Youth Program** to support our youth members, families and guests.

IMPORTANT NOTE: As of the time the calendar was printed, the following information was current. For more current information and updates, please go to the website **http://www.phoenix.us.mensa.org/**

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Weekly Event Details

- ME/P - Whine and Dine Happy Hour, Wednesdays 5 - 7 pm - Location varies, 1st Wed. - Desert Jade Kitchen, 3215 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, 2nd & 4th - Wildflower Bread Company, 4290 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix (602) 850-8585, no alcohol, 3rd - Manuel's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina 2820 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85016, 3rd - Manuel's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina 2820 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85016, 5th - Aunt Chilada's 602-703-9324, 7330 N. Dreamy Draw Dr, Phoenix 85020, Contact Mike Johnson 602-703-9324

Monthly Event Details

2nd Sunday

- MO - Executive Committee (ExCom), 2 - 3 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. ***MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!***

2nd Tuesday

- ME/P - Ahwatukee M Happy Hour, 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Keegan's Grill, 4723 E. Ray Road, Phoenix. Michael Riordan 480-335-9890 or PHXRiordan@gmail.com

1st Thursday

- ME/P - The Idea Exchange, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Denny's, 3315 N. Scottsdale, Rd Scottsdale. Contact Mike Johnson at mensamike@gmail.com or 602-703-9324.

4th Friday

- ME/P - Mensa Forum, 7 - 8:45 pm ON HIATUS July and August. Topics Vary. Paradise Valley Town Hall, 6401 E Lincoln Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253. Contact Forum Coordinator, Jim Delton, jimntempe@yahoo.com for info.
- ME/P - Post Forum Debriefing, 9 - 10 pm - ON HIATUS July and August. Humble Pie Pizza, 6149 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250. Contact Forum Coordinator (above) for info.
- PE/M - Contradance, 7:30 - 10:30 pm at Irish Cultural Center, 1106 N Central Ave, Phoenix. Contact Peter B. 323-788-4883 or 1bergonzi1@gmail.com

1st Saturday

- ME/P - Casino Lunch, 12 - 3 pm - This alternates the location each month. About $18. Call 602-703-9324 or MensaMike@gmail.com

2nd Saturday

- PE/M - Contradance, 7:30 - 10:30 pm at Kenilworth School, 1210 N 5th Ave, Phoenix. Contact Peter B. 323-788-4883 or 1bergonzi1@gmail.com (off in July)

3rd Saturday

- ME/P - DINE OUT GROUP (D.O.G.) - 2:00 - 4:00 PM Hey you! Get out of the house and make new friends! Monthly meals at various locatons. Joint meeting with Intertel. RSVP by Wednesday before to Judy Herrmann at MensaDinner@gmail.com.

4th Saturday

- MO - 6:00 to 11:00 PM - Original Games Night! Owl is $2.00 per person. SO, WBC. New host, Chris Ingle may be contacted at christopher.ingle@yahoo.com or by cell at 520-240-9810 for detailed directions to location near Baseline Rd and Loop-101 in Tempe.

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New Business

- Code of Conduct ASIE - All - Moved by Chris Ingle seconded by Dave Sebesta. Motion carries at 2:29 PM. ASIE 2020 - 1 GPM Event Code of Conduct available on GPM Member Page.
- Mailing of Owner's Manuals - Richard Morris
- Access to list - Dave Pivin will forward the list each month.
- Debit card - will continue to use current.
- Question from Chris Ingle about expected number of RG attendees. August is the Hilton drop dead date for a cancellation decision without penalty. ⅔ of registrations occur after September. We will revisit the decision in July.

Officer Reports

Treasurer - Includes PayPal sweep of RG Registrations today. Total funds $18,699.56. Checking $18,644.56 Savings $55.00.

LocSec - Last ExCom for me. See you on the other side.

All Others - ntr

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12 July 2020, 2 PM via Zoom Teleconference

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by David Sebesta. Chris Ingle seconded. Motion passed at 2:45.

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