

Channel Islands Mensa
ExComm meeting – September 23, 2014

Present:

Saundra King, President
Laura Nanna, Vice President
Vaughn (Parkie) Parker, Treasurer
Gary Ansok, Secretary
Nancy Bowen, Editor
William Noack, Circulation Manager

Absent:

Kevin O'Gorman, Ombudsman

I CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm via teleconference by President Saundra King.

II OLD BUSINESS

Approval of August 19 minutes – Two errors were identified in the minutes for the August 19 meeting as originally distributed – Laura Nanna was present, and in the Treasurer's Report section “Out balance” should have been “Our balance”. Moved (Parkie/Laura) that the minutes be approved with these corrections – Passed.

Treasurer's Report – We currently have 217 members. No current balance was available, but no substantial change from the previous month. An Audit Committee needs to be appointed. Laura will contact Sheila Federman to see if she can be part of this. No audit has been done since Parkie took over as Treasurer, so the question was raised as to how far back the Audit Committee needs to look. The consensus was 5-6 years.

Scholarship – Nancy is on the email list for Chapter scholarship chairs, and reports that lots of information is available there. She should be getting a list of high school contact information. She has a volunteer for the Ventura area, and expects to get moving shortly, getting info sent out to high schools, junior colleges, libraries, and newspapers.

Proctors – Saundra reported that the latest prospect list from the National Office included lapsed members. This is their error and is being corrected. Each Proctor contacts the prospective members in their area – Saundra prefers to use email when possible, but others have their own methods. Nancy mentioned that she may have a possible Proctor from Camarillo, but Sandra has not yet had a chance to meet this person.

Sunday Dinner – Alison Hubbard will be looking for a date and location for an October dinner, but no information was available at the meeting.

Other Old Business – None.

III NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter Spending – We discussed how much the printed newsletters cost to prepare and mail, since Nancy would like to be able to increase the newsletter to up to 16 pages (it is normally 12). Each additional page (two-sided) would add \$13.80 to our printing bill (12 cents per page, and we have about 115 copies printed). The printing bill from the last newsletter was \$86, which included an additional charge for pastel colors. It was proposed that we limit the newsletter spending to \$1 per copy, but it was then pointed out that this would barely cover printing for a 16-page (8 two-sided sheets) newsletter. A 16-page newsletter was estimated at 96 cents printing, plus 70 cents first-class postage. Moved (Laura/Gary) that we allow a budget of \$1.75 per printed and mailed newsletter copy – Passed. Our monthly subsidy from National for newsletters is about \$180, and under this budget the printing and mailing would be around \$200. Members who select electronic delivery will reduce this cost further.

Other New Business – Sandra received a notice from National looking for editors to enter newsletter competitions. Nancy is willing.

IV NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at 4:30 pm, to be held via teleconference (Sandra to send out details).

V ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Ansok
Secretary, Channel Islands Mensa

[corrected at 11/18/2014 meeting: removed reference to Joe Peel, who is no longer Testing Coordinator]