

EXCOMM MINUTES



Tidewater Mensa Executive Committee Meeting November 2008

From the Scribe: Peggy Laws

The Executive Committee of Tidewater Mensa held a short meeting on November 16, at the conclusion of the 2008 Tidewater Regional Gathering, at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Williamsburg. In attendance were Tidewater members Loretta and Kevin Beard, Anne Bell, Jeannie Lankes, Steve and Pat Yaros, Dave and Joyce Gunderlach, Kim Rouke, John Treffeisen, Neil Bates, Steve Carlton, Darlene Pineda, and Peggy Laws. In addition, several visitors also attended the meeting: Leah Kinder, Marc Lederman, Marie Sawczuk, Michelle Bracken, Rebecca Prather, and Margaret Fowler.

Loretta Beard called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. She began by expressing her thanks to all who had contributed to the Regional Gathering's success. Among those who received special thanks were the Pungo Players, Dave Gunderlach, John Treffeisen, Kim Rouke, John Williams, and Joe Turlo. Later, Kevin thanked Loretta and Jeannie for their work on publicity.

A short discussion ensued concerning the current number of members, which stands at 267, and prospective members, at 41. Loretta suggested sending invitations to the December Monthly Meeting to prospective members. Dave noted that he routinely contacted prospective members, and Kevin added that he had invited them to the Regional Gathering.

Marc Lederman, who is a candidate for RVC2, addressed the group, briefly outlining his experience with Mensa and describing his vision of Mensa leadership. Leah Kinder, Pat Yaros, and Loretta Beard—all of whom had experience working with him—expressed support for his candidacy. He also extended an invitation to everyone present to attend his group's December Regional Gathering. Marc also reminded everyone that Mensa dues will increase by \$7.00 on 1 January 2009; however, anyone renewing by 31 December 2008, can lock in at the current rate for as many years as desired.

John Treffeisen announced that Marc won the Ice-breaker Contest. Loretta reminded everyone that anyone wishing to share photographs can do so through the web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am. The December Executive Committee Meeting will be held December 2 at Max and Erma's Restaurant in the Norfolk Hilton.



December MG – Holiday Party

Steve Yaros, Activities Chair

What better way to celebrate the winter holiday season than to join your fellow Tidewater Mensans for the gala Holiday Party, which will be the MG for December. This extremely popular event features the unsurpassed hospitality of the Hornbergers combined with the unremitting materialism of the Tidewater Mensa membership.

Join us at the Hornberger home in Hampton on **Saturday evening, December 13th, at 7:30 pm**. Directions are elsewhere in this issue of *M-Tides*. Bring a wrapped gift of value between \$5 and \$10. Gifts will be chosen in order by lot, and the infamous "gift-stealing" will begin immediately. Come join the fun...and bring a snack and/or beverage of choice if you so desire. New members and shy members are especially welcome!

2008 RG a Success!

Our Regional Gathering in Williamsburg was a great success; everyone tells me they had a good time. Pictures are already posted on the TM web-site and thank-you letters are being written.

We had 82 participants, excellent speakers, games, great food, another outstanding play and more. Our many thanks to everyone who helped make this a great success.

Kevin Beard, RG 2008 chair