

1/10/2006 MINUTES By Dave Shiffman

The ExComm convened at Pancho's Restaurant on White Station at 6 PM, with Dave Shiffman, Brent Milton, and Michael Barnette present, along with a number of members and guests. Sherry Mars and Joe Baker arrived soon after. This was election night, so the election committee of David Norris, Susan Hinson, and Dick Shaw were present to accept ballots until the deadline, tally them, and announce results.

Since this was the final meeting of this ExComm, no official business was transacted, but several announcements were made.

Dave Shiffman requested that upgrading our printer be placed on the agenda for the February planning session. Also, National Mensa award nominations will be due soon, and we should consider what (or whom) to submit for consideration in time to qualify. And Symposium 2006: Revolution in Cosmology will be held in Albany, NY in October.

Joe Baker announced that the February program will be about the ancient library in Alexandria, Egypt. Joe intends to relinquish his position as Program Chair after this month, so we are seeking someone to take this position.

Ed Raper announced children's events for February, March, and April. He plans to have such events on the third Saturday of each month for 2006.

CultureQuest applications must be submitted by March 31. We still need a team captain and host for the contest, to be held on April 30. The team captain will be responsible for receiving, administering, and returning the tests for scoring, as well as monitoring the process in case of challenges. Winners will be announced at the WG in August.

The membership meeting presentation followed. It featured Randall Roby and Mensan Sammy Crews, respectively the Planning and Exercise officers for Shelby County Emergency Management Agency, leading a discussion about disaster planning and personal readiness.

Summary election results were announced later that evening, after the monthly gathering presentation. The new ExComm will consist of Aimee Sufka, Brent Milton, Sherry Mars, Greg Childers, and Dave Shiffman.

Most - but not all - Mensans present approved of the new location at Pancho's Restaurant, so (by executive decision) we will return there for the February 14 meeting. Complaints centered on the 20% automatic service charge, coupled with inadequate service. They have promised better service in the future.