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April's speaker, Kim "the Bee Lady" Lehman with Ron Edelstein, LSM President.
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April ExComm Meeting Minutes

-submitted by Don Drumtra, Vice President

The regular monthly meeting of the Lonestar Mensa Executive Committee (ExComm) convened on April 2, 2008, at 6:07 PM, at Northwest Community Center, 2913 Northland Dr., Austin, TX. Attending were: President, Ron Edelstein, as Chairman; Vice-President and Bylaws Committee Chairman, Don Drumtra, as secretary; Treasurer, Patty Drumtra; and Members at Large, Janet Kres, Kathie Blair Lawler, and John Neemidge.

Speaking for the Testing Coordinator Mark Kres, Janet announced that we have testing sessions scheduled for April 15 in Austin, May 3 in Buda, and tentatively, the end of May (for June) in Austin and mid July in Temple.

The Bylaws Committee Chairman, Don, provided the monthly Bylaws Committee report as published in the February Armadillo Literary Gazette, vol. 35, no. 4, page 4. The next Bylaws Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 10 at Central Market.

The President announced that he planned to provide some additional announcements to members on ongoing events. He reported that on April 2, 2008, he reviewed the March 4, 2008 original bank statement, and compared all transactions with supporting documentation. No discrepancies were found.

The Treasurer provided a report consisting of spreadsheets summarizing program revenue and expenses for March, and the account balances as of March 31. The ExComm adopted the report without debate. She also proposed the financial report for the first quarter, which, after an addition, was adopted as published in the May newsletter. Financial reports are available to members by request. Quarterly reports are published in the Armadillo Literary Gazette.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Bylaws Committee Report

-by Don Drumtra, Bylaws Committee Chairman

The Bylaws Committee met for the fourth time 7:20-8:20 PM, April 10, 2008, with TGIT, at Central Market. We approved prior work with two exceptions and continued work on the ideas and questions that we need to answer. The minutes and other details of our work are posted our Website, <http://www.ischool.utexas.edu/~drumtra/website/LSMBylaws/>

More specifically, the committee approved correcting the spelling of the local group name to "Lone Star Mensa," and reconsidering the formula for determining the number of Members-at-Large on the Board. It also approved a three level structure of local group officers consisting of the Board, four standing committees and three annual ad hoc committees, and the committee members. The standing committees areas of responsibility will be: recruitment, membership, testing etc.; communications, newsletter, website, advertizing, email lists, etc.; education, scholarship awards, gifted children, gifted teens, etc.; and symposia, monthly meetings, social activities, etc. The committee chairs will be members of the Board with limited voting privileges. There will also be a small number of independent officers such as the Ombudsman some of whom require national office approval.

At our next meeting we plan to take up questions like the term of office for the Board and its members, how officers are elected or appointed, and titles of officers. Come help. The next meeting will be 7:15-8:15 PM, Thursday, May 8, at Central Market with TGIT. The meetings are open and all may attend.



Treasurer's Report - First Quarter 2008

-submitted by Patty Drumtra, Treasurer

I am able to report that Lonestar Mensa was in sound financial condition with revenue greater than expenses at the end of the first quarter. We need to particularly thank Mark Kres and his inspiration Janet as well as Ellen Lukasik for testing 13 prospective members, providing much needed revenue to our Recruitment Program. As may be seen from the tables, except for the Communications Program, expenses during the first quarter were significantly below budget indicating that we could do more with our money. One problem on the horizon lies with our CD interest income that is expected decrease from 4.91% to 3.11%, potentially impacting our Education program revenue. Hopefully revenue from our RG this year will offset this decrease. The Lonestar Executive Committee approved this report on April 2, 2008.

Lonestar Mensa

Balance Sheet

2008 March 31

Assets

Current Assets

Cash	\$ -
Checking Account	1,970.68
Certificates of Deposit	17,137.19
Less Funds & Obligations	-15,000.00
Accounts Receivable	94.12
Interest Receivable (Alloc.)	- 11.70
Prepaid Expenses	425.51
Total Current Assets	4,615.80

Long Term Assets

Funds	15,000.00
Equipment	325.74
Total Long Term Assets	15,325.74

Total Assets

\$ 19,941.54

Liabilities, Approp., and Net Assets

Liabilities and Appropriations

Accounts Payable	417.93
Escrow Accounts	982.42
RG Reserve	365.17
Eqpmt Replacement Appr.	105.75
Total Liabilities and Appropriations	1,871.27

Net Assets \$18,070.27

Total Liabilities, Approp., and Net Assets \$19,941.54

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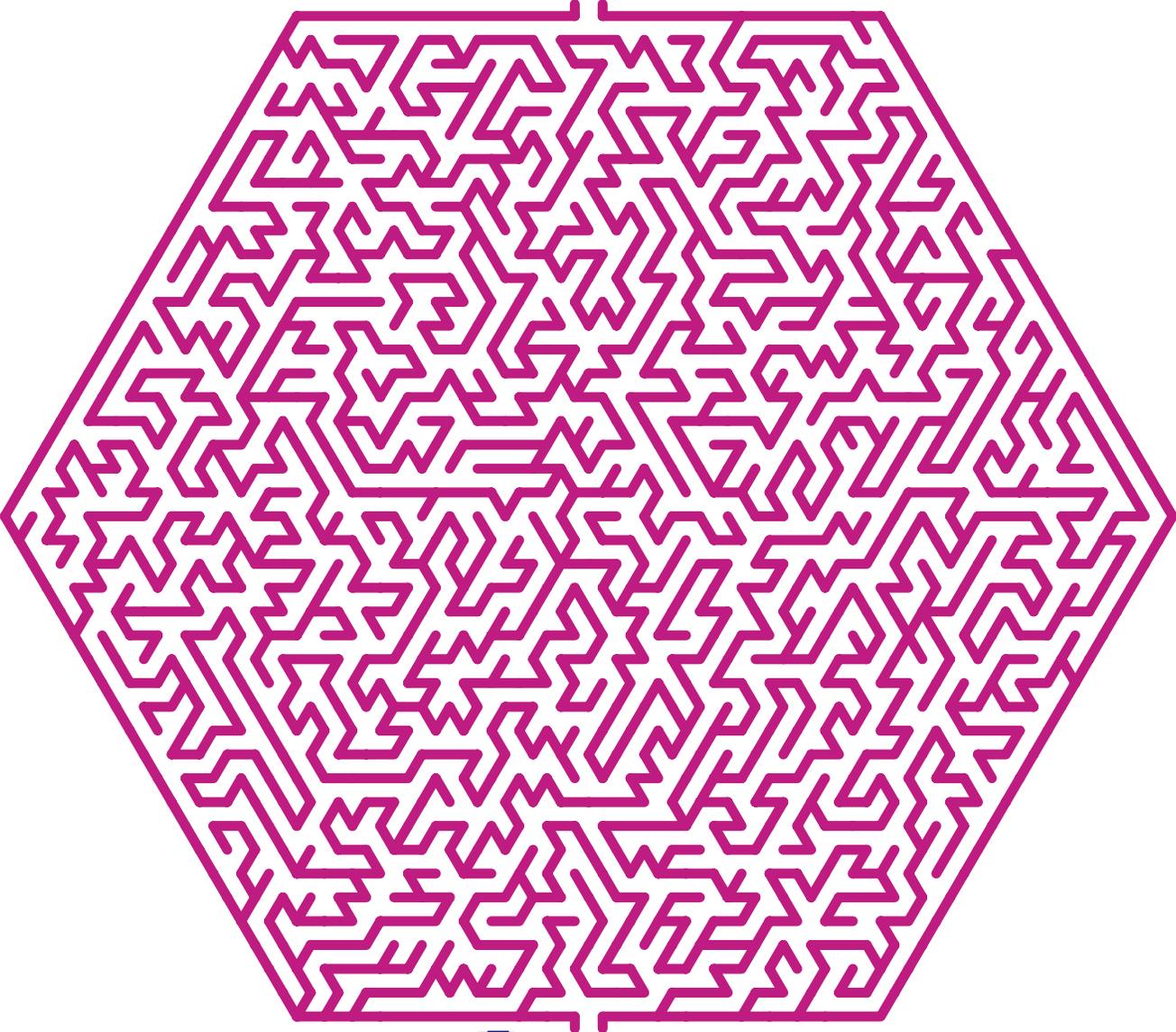
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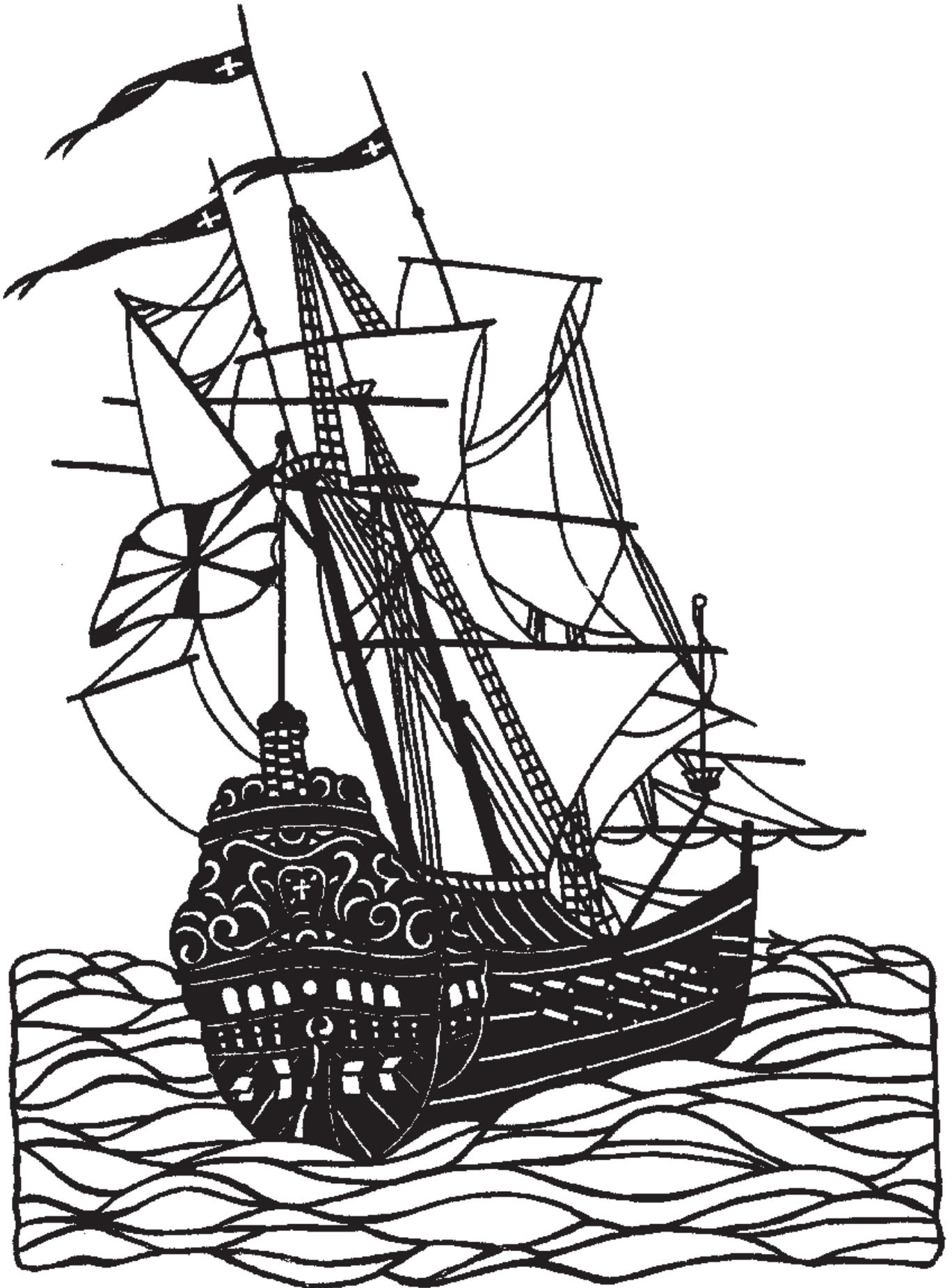
2008 January 1 - March 31

	2008 Budget	Actual to Date	%
Recruitment Program			
Total Revenue	\$ 900.00	\$ 214.00	24%
Total Expense	900.00	6.45	01%
Communications Program			
Total Revenue	3,600.00	909.10	25%
Total Expense	3,600.00	809.97	22%
Symposia Program			
Total Revenue	900.00	225.00	25%
Total Expense	900.00	30.00	03%
Education Program			
Total Revenue	480.00	120.00	25%
Total Expense	480.00	63.91	13%
Subgroup Program			
Total Revenue	300.00	75.00	25%
Total Expense	300.00	-	0%
Common Activities			
Total Revenue	150.00	37.50	28%
Total Expense	150.00	21.88	15%
All Programs			
Total Revenue	6,330.00	1,580.60	25%
Total Expense	6,330.00	932.21	15%
Total Programs	-	648.39	
LonestarRG			
Total Revenue	4,200.00	-	0%
Total Expense	4,000.00	-	0%
Total Disbursements	200.00	-	0%
Undistributed Rev and Exp			
Total Revenue	760.40	177.00	26%
Total Expense	-	-	
Total Revenue	\$ 481.00	\$ 825.39	



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What's Happening in May?

ExComm Meeting

1st Wednesdays

Wednesday, May 7

6:00-7:00pm

Northwest Recreation Center, Arts & Crafts Room
2913 Northland Drive, Austin

Contact Ron Edelstein at (512) 491-9881 to get an item on the agenda. All members welcome.

Mensa Testing Session

Saturday, May 3

1:00-3:00pm

Buda Public Library
303 Main St, Buda

Please confirm a reservation with Mark Kres.
(512) 836-5773 JMKres@sbcglobal.net

1st Saturday Bridge Night

Saturday, May 3

7:00-10:00pm

Home of Duncan and Jeanne Stewart
13106 Bidwell Dr, Austin (512) 335-4409

Please RSVP so we will know how many bridge players we will have. Instruction will be provided. Beginners welcome. This is "party bridge", not duplicate bridge.

Thank Goodness It's Thursday (TGIT)

2nd & 5th Thurs (except Thanksgiving & Xmas)

Thursday, May 8 & May 29 6:00-8:00pm

Central Market Café

4001 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin (512) 206-1020

Meet us at the Café after work for fun, conversation, and food. Prospective members welcome. Central Market Café is located in the Central Park shopping center on the east side of Lamar Blvd between 38th and 41st Streets. Central Market is the anchor store. Central Market Café's is adjacent to Central Market on the south side. We meet upstairs.

Bylaws Committee Meeting

Second Thursday

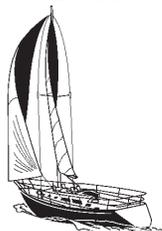
Thursday, May 8

7:15-8:15pm

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The Bylaws Committee meeting is open to all LSM members. See the Bylaws Committee Report for more information on our progress. See TGIT above for directions.



Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 13

7:00-8:45pm

Austin Public Library -- North Village Branch

2139 W. Anderson Ln, Austin (512) 491-9881

Topic and Presenters: The Austin Metal Detectors Club will provide a speaker, with metal detectors and examples of the goodies they find on their Hunts. Be there, and see for yourself what is out there be found with proper equipment.

Ethnic Eats

Thursday, May 15

6:30pm

Host: Ron & Linda Edelstein (512) 491-9881

Bombay Grill, 3201 Bee Cave Rd, Austin

Going a little farther afield this month, taking the recommendation of Aaron Rabushka, Ethnic Eats will be at the Bombay Grill, an Indian restaurant in Westlake Hills, at 3201 Bee Cave Road. Meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 15. Call Ron or Linda Edelstein, or e-mail ledelstein@mindspring.com by Tuesday, May 13, to let us know if you are coming.

Poker Night

Saturday, May 17

7:00pm-???

Laura Shankland's house

11300 Bunting Dr., Austin (512) 297-8344

lolas@laurashankland.com

Please RSVP so we know how many to expect. Nickle ante; dealer's choice; BYOB.

Games Night

Saturday, May 24th

7:00-10:00pm

Linda and Ron Edelstein's house

1439 Dapplegrey, Austin (512) 491-9881

We've got Scrabble and several other word games, plus board games or bring your favorite. Light refreshments.

Fold & Sticker

Last Thursday

Thursday, May 29

6:00-8:00pm

Central Market Cafe, Austin

4001 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin (512) 206-1020

Help fold and label the newsletter. Prospective members welcome. See TGIT for directions.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Bridge Night
4	5	6	7 ExComm	8  TGIT Bylaws Comm.	9	10
11	12	13 Monthly Meeting	14	15 Ethnic Eats <i>'Dillo Deadline</i>	16	17 Poker Night
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Games Night
25	26	27	28	29  TGIT <i>Fold & Sticker</i>	30	31

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