Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club
Minutes of Steering Committee Meeting, 13 May 2015

Present: Tracey Smith Srinidhi Reddy
John Griffin Christina Gomez
Eric Eversley Phil Weintraub
JK Costello

Excused: Fred Ris

(Numbering below references the meeting agenda)

Tracey called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM

1.) Preliminaries
   a. Regrets: Fred
   b. Guests: Ed Fields
   c. Agenda Adopted
   d. Personal Matters
      • Srinidhi will be headed to Wharton in the fall and will be leaving Denver next month

2.) Consent Agenda
   a. April meeting minutes adopted

3.) Financial Report for October
   a. See Christina’s email
      • In the red on the Berry event given the number of reduced early tickets
      • Reimbursed hotel; Berry didn’t submit additional car rental or food expenses
      • University Club added 22% service charge plus 4% tax which was unexpected

4.) Past Events
   a. HAA Faculty Speakers Bureau Program
      • 91 attendees
      • The event was really well received; we should definitely try to have similar events in the future — potentially once if not twice a year with the speakers bureau
      • Berry was a great speaker; based on the event, the speaker might be more important than the topic — we would rather have a dynamic speaker
      • Berry had an additional incentive to come since he has family in the area
      • The University Club was a really good location; they gave us a discount due to our regular patronage; also Friday is a slow night for them
      • The only real issue was the cash bar didn’t accept credit card; plus there were some additional expenses we didn’t expect such as the bar set up fee, the AV fee, etc.
   b. Berry Small Group
      • Very well received
      • 10 attendees including three Steering Committee members
      • Guests felt very welcomed and appreciated

5.) Upcoming Events
   a. Serving Lunch to the Homeless (May 28th)
• First email sent out earlier this week
• 10 people have RSVP’d so far
• The kitchen needs more help in the summer since there are fewer school groups; will aim to have one event each month
• If the kitchen can’t accommodate us, JK will look into other options near that area since the location is good
b. Speaker Series, Peter Hanson (June 9th)
• Sent out the first email earlier this week as part of the newsletter
• About 10 people have RSVP’d so far
c. GNN (June 22nd)
• Denver event at Viewhouse in DTC; Tracey still negotiating logistics with venue; Chinook will be the backup location
• Tracey still looking to confirm hosts for Boulder, Colorado Springs, Fort Collins

6.) Events in Gestation
a. Member / Volunteer Appreciation Event (late July / early August)
• Could potentially host at a person’s home (Eric’s home is a possibility depending on the size of the group)
• Tentative Date: Saturday, August 8th
b. Annual BBQ (September 13th)
• Potential Location: Pool house that we used last year; John will look into reserving the space for us again this year
• Pool needs to be available for swimming
c. Harvard Glee Club (March 18th)
• Venue: St. John’s Episcopal Church; seats 300 people and they expect to fill it
• They need help from us to find hosts for the 55 students that will be attending for a couple of nights
• They would also like help with ticketing which we can do through AlumniMagnet (Tracey to connect with Fred)
• Glee Club will reimburse us for our expenses including postcards, other publicity materials, etc.
• We can send out a save the date postcard in addition to the regular postcard

7.) Status Update
a. Schools Committee
b. Membership Committee
c. Communications / Webmaster
d. Local Speaker Series
• JK will route smaller speaker events to Anna Jones for her potluck series
• Potential future topics: sports (for example, should NCAA be salaried, Olympics, Rick Reilly; several Harvard clubs across the US have had sports people speak to their clubs recently), journalism, military, Outward Bound (current alum in Colorado Springs)
• Next event likely to be in August (one event every two months)
e. Young Alums
• JK to look into baseball event for the summer
f. Other
• Tom Beresford – Tracey will put “5th Annual Verse Seminar: Shakespeare under the Stars” (Saturday, June 13th) event on RMHUC social media

8.) Pending Issues
a. Bylaws Revision
b. Keeping Club Archives
c. Membership Survey
d. Book Prize
e. Insurance
f. Stationery

9.) Other Business
   a. Minds Matter
      • See Fred’s email
      • Minds Matter picked up the check from Christina for the amount that we matched
        (almost $1,900 out of the $2,000 that we offered)
      • Will table matter for next month

10.) Action Item Review
11.) Adjournment

Next meeting:  Wednesday, June 10th (Fred)

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM