Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club
Minutes of Steering Committee Meeting, 14 January 2014

Present: Tracey Smith Phil Weintraub
Srinidhi Reddy Junko Kim
Vincent Oletu

Excused: Steve Kregstein Eric Eversley
John Griffin Christina Gomez
Fred Ris

(Numbering below references the meeting agenda)

Tracey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

1.) Preliminaries
   a.) Regrets
   b.) Guests: Joseph Schoeberlein
   c.) Agenda adopted
2.) Minutes adopted (with minor change regarding day of Soup Kitchen event)
3.) Financial Report
   – Table until next month when Christina returns
   – Slight loss on Christmas party (as usual)
   – Need to get deposit back from building
   – Some receipts still outstanding
4.) Past Events
   A.) Christmas Party
      o Event went really well
      o Caterers showed up an hour and 20 minutes late; refunded the delivery charge since they were late
      o Bought all the cold items and desserts from Costco, and the beverages from IKEA
      o 60 tickets sold - 59 people showed up and 1 walked-in (had some trouble on the computer, paid for ticket and membership, also showed up for GNN)
      o $1,555 in total revenue (43 adults / guests, 6 recent grads, 2 10-18 years, 9 under 10 years)
      o Short on beverages, particularly non-alcoholic (possibly due a younger crowd this year)
      o 3 to 6pm was a good time
      o Raffle / presents were a good idea; very kid friendly
      o Food was good – just enough and people were able to take some home
      o Clean-up fee was a good idea
The only issue was that the tablecloths were the wrong size (60” tables require more than 60” cloths – they were the exact same size; it looked fine after the decorations were put in place but something to remember for next year)

B.) Soup Kitchen
- Event was a success
- 11 people showed up (initially only 8 showed up and they were a little worried that there weren’t enough people)
- Next one is March 14th
- Hope to have one every quarter
- Details: Trinity Methodist Church on Broadway from 11:20am – 1pm

C.) GNN
- Event was very successful
- Around 60 registrants (several additional people showed up thinking they had registered but they had not)
- For some reason, no guests showed up as registered
- It looks like HAA printed out the name tags a few days before registration closed, so some people registered but didn’t show up on the list; extra blank name tags were useful
- 39 attendees – many people were new to the area and wanted to meet people
- Attendees represented Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo
- Found one volunteer to host events in Colorado Springs
- One membership bought, and received a donation
- Many non-members attended so we need to work on converting those people
- Received a lot of feedback that attendees wanted more events similar to GNN
- Venue was good, and the happy hour prices were good
- 34 no shows; typically no-show rate hovers around 50% so this was usual
- Only 21 people on proximate attended so many people didn’t show up

5.) Upcoming events
   A.) HAA Alumni Leadership Conference
      - Feb 6th and 7th
      - Tracey, Fred, Junko and Srinidhi will be attending
   B.) Soup Kitchen
      - March 14th at 11:20am to 1pm at Trinity Methodist Church on Broadway
   C.) Anna Jones’ Pot Luck (Title IX)
      - Sunday, January 26th 5:30pm to 7pm
      - Waiting on description from Anna to put on website

6.) Events in Gestation
   A.) Romanoff / Coffman Debate with Peter Hanson moderating
      - Have yet to hear back from Coffman offices
      - Need to confirm with Hanson that he will be moderating
   B.) Dr. Rina Shinn (AB ’86)
      - Wants to share information about Bio-Identical Hormone Replacement Therapy
- Does this talk often; March or June is best for her

C.) Harvard Watch Party
- Basketball team is doing well
- Plan to have another watch party if they make it to the Ivy League Championship Game
- Put a blurb / update on news section of website as well as Facebook
- Need to look into other Harvard sports teams that are doing well

D.) Nuclear Radiation Fall-out talk
- Junko was speaking with someone at one of the events and he was surprised that this wasn’t general knowledge
- Another person is also interested in speaking; Junko is in touch

E.) Michael Banks
- Interested in having an event at the CU planetarium

F.) DUMB Friends League
- Aiming for a one day commitment in the spring

G.) Other Potential Events
- Dunia and Tom are interested in taking on education piece; Junko has passed on information and Dunia said she would get back to her by the end of the month
- HAA will fly out one professor a year for the Clubs; we need to figure out who to choose as we haven’t taken advantage of this the past few years; we would need to pay for the hotel and other expenses; we can have the event at the University Club, or a café / bar / restaurant / Daniels Fund
- Yale is having an event Thursday, January 30th at the University Club; Monuments Men with a professor discussing Nazi art and information about the upcoming movie
- HBS group here is becoming more active but so far keeping it within the HBS group

7.) Status Updates
   A) Schools Committee
   - Interviews going on
   B) Membership Committee
   - No update
   C) Communications / Webmaster
   - Need pictures
   - Implementing “cool” fact about Colorado on page but currently having an issue with the website; need to go through Alumni Magnet
   D) Speaker Series
   - Will put agricultural webinar on website
   E) Young Alums
   - Another happy hour event in late February / early March in the Cherry Creek area
   F) Other
   - All Star Breakfast (March 13, 2014)
     - Liz Murray to be one of the speakers
Coordinators have asked for our participation
Previously, we have looked to see what benefit the event brings to the Club before agreeing to actively promote or sponsor an event
We will ask her to send a blurb that we can post on our website / FB

8.) Pending issues
   o Looking into digitizing old archives
   o Phil to send old docs; will try to find out more information at ALC
   o Junko just needs approval for stationary design
   o Put booklet on RMHUC history on website

9.) Any other business
   o Dinner
      ▪ January: Junko
      ▪ February: Christina
      ▪ March: Fred
   o Next meetings
      ▪ Wednesday, January 15
      ▪ Wednesday, February 12
      ▪ Wednesday, March 12

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm