

Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club
Minutes of Steering Committee Meeting, 12 August 2014

Present : Tracey Smith John Griffin
 Srinidhi Reddy Fred Ris
 Eric Eversley Phil Weintraub

Excused: Steve Kregstein Christina Gomez
 Vincent Oletu

(Numbering below references the meeting agenda)

Tracey called the meeting to order at 6:48 PM

- 1.) Preliminaries
 - a.) Regrets
 - b.) Welcome Guests: Ed Fields
 - c.) Adoption of agenda
 - d.) Personal matters(s)
- 2.) Minutes adopted (June and July)
- 3.) Financial Report
 - See Fred's email over the weekend
 - One of the CD's will mature in November and we will need to discuss then
- 4.) Past Events
 - A.) HarvardX Discussion Group (July 31st)
 - The event went really well – 17 people RSVP'd and 10 people showed up
 - Received positive feedback at the end, and many inquiries into the next discussion event
 - The group organized a jazz outing last week
 - Since there aren't any HarvardX sessions left that would be interesting to do, may want to choose Ted talks or pick random, broad topics and hold discussions once a quarter or every other month depending on interest
 - B.) Party for Incoming Freshmen (August 8)
 - 9-10 RSVPs, which is typical based on past years
 - Went well; John needs to pick up receipts for reimbursement
- 5.) Upcoming events
 - A.) Annual BBQ (Sept 7?)
 - Possible location: clubhouse in John's neighborhood (see John's email); need to decide quickly because the space fills up

- Would need to pay \$100 flat fee plus \$15/hour/20 people for lifeguards; need to figure out what the charge will be since we most likely won't be using the pool; may want one lifeguard to make sure kids don't enter the pool
- There are tables and umbrellas outside, and the clubhouse itself has a capacity of 63 people; there is also a park area and golf course nearby
- Address for the clubhouse: 4814 East Links Circle, Centennial 80122
- Final Date: Sunday, September 7th at 2:30pm-5:30pm (John to confirm location; Fred to send out save the date)
- Have announcements at 4, serve food at 3:30
- Tracey getting a quote from Brothers; Yazu's is the other option (Arapahoe and I-25)

6.) Events in Gestation

A.) Member / Volunteer Appreciation Event

- Last year: Friday, October 11th at the University Club at 5:30pm
- The timing and the day of the week made it difficult for many people
- Potential Date: Friday, October 10th or 17th at 6:30pm at the University Club

B.) Recent grad event / Welcome to the City

- October, Thursday 16th or 23rd at Ace Restaurant at 6:30pm-8:30pm (Srinidhi)

C.) Christmas Party (tentatively December 14th)

- Change location or keep at Fred's place?
- Come up with suggestions by next week (country clubs, restaurants, Tech Center, downtown, etc.)

D.) Dr. Rina Shinn (AB '86)

- No update

7.) Status Updates

A) Schools Committee

- See above

B) Membership Committee

- See below

C) Communications / Webmaster

- No update

D) Speaker Series

- No update

E) Young Alums

- See above

F) Other

8.) Pending issues

9.) Any other business

- Officer Slate
 - Remove Vincent, Junko and Steve from email list (communicate to them that they will be removed)
 - Officer Slate

A.) President: Tracey Smith

- B.) President Elect: Srinidhi
- C.) Treasurer: Christina
- D.) Secretary: Srinidhi
- Motion passed
- HAA-wide email blast through Jen Flynn
- Automatic Alumni Magnet membership expiration reminder
 - Turned on the reminder
 - We can control the content of the email; there are several things that need to be corrected / changed (see handout)
 - Additional changes: add Tracey's (president's) name to bottom instead of "The Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club Team"
 - We have already gotten several membership enrollments; looking at the dates we can reasonably assume that they received an automated email
 - The emails go out 60 days before expiration, 30 days before expiration and the day before
 - The email the day before sometimes goes through after their membership has already expired; need to look into changing -1 to -10 or -5 days (Fred)
- HAA Faculty Speakers
 - For fall semester speaker, form needs to be in by August 27th
 - Big Hitters:
 - A.) Ben Friedman (Economics)
 - B.) Roger Owen (History - Middle East)
 - Base Hits:
 - A.) Carol Saivetz (Slavic / Middle East – International Relations)
 - B.) Aaron Bernstein (Climate Change)
- Dinner
 - September: Eric
 - October: Srinidhi
 - November: Tracey
- Next meetings
 - Tuesday, September 9th (Tentative)
 - Tuesday, October 14th (Tentative)
 - Tuesday, November 11th (Tentative)

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM