

Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club
Minutes of Steering Committee Meeting, 11 June 2014

Present : Tracey Smith Eric Eversley
 Srinidhi Reddy

Excused: Steve Kregstein Phil Weintraub
 Vincent Oletu Fred Ris
 John Griffin Christina Gomez

(Numbering below references the meeting agenda)

Tracey called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM

- 1.) Preliminaries
 - a.) Regrets: Fred, Christina, Phil, John
 - b.) Welcome Guests: Ed Fields
 - c.) Adoption of agenda
 - d.) Personal matters(s)
- 2.) Minutes adopted
- 3.) Financial Report
 - See Fred's email
 - Fiscal year end is June 30th
 - Please submit all receipts for reimbursements by June 30th
- 4.) Past Events
 - A.) Soup Kitchen (May 16th)
 - See Christina's email
 - B.) Fiske Planetarium Event (May 17th)
 - See Srinidhi's email
 - Overall the event went really well; there were about 110 people at the event
 - We received a lot of positive feedback about the event, and the people in Boulder were excited that we finally had an event up there
 - Michael was really happy with the turnout and said he would be supportive of an annual event
 - Publicity was an issue – several of the Ivy schools did not receive the email and were unaware of the event, including Columbia and Yale
 - It was difficult to take attendance and make sure that everyone paid – next time, it may be easier to set up a booth at the front and sign people in as they walk in

- Need to put up the schedule clearly on the website as many people were confused about the itinerary

C.) HarvardX Discussion Group (June 4th)

- Due to low interest (only one person RSVP'ed), the event was cancelled
- The material in this particular session was pretty limited, and the HAA didn't receive positive feedback about it either
- May try again with a different topic, as well as try a different time during the week (possibly Sunday supper?)

5.) Upcoming events

A.) GNN

- Denver in Chinook Tavern, 5:30 to 7:30 (Tracey)
- Ft. Collins in Avagadro's Number (Sarah Hines)
- Boulder in Boulder Beer (Sarah Bael Anderson)
- Need to put Ft. Collins and Boulder on the proximate website
- Ft. Collins is for sure, Boulder is iffy – the guy is giving her a hard time about how many people will be there

6.) Events in Gestation

A.) HarvardX Discussion Group

- See above

B.) Recent grad event / Welcome to the City

- Last year October 3rd
- May stick with the fall again this year as well
- Need to decide on date (weekday, weekend) and location (restaurant, activity)
- Date will likely depend on BBQ

C.) Annual BBQ

- Fred has a few possibilities for hosts so date will depend on their availability
- Need to figure out the caterer –Yazoo BBQ Company is a good option – Tracey to get a quote from them for about 100 people
- Brothers messed up the order last year and we have used them for a few years in a row now
- Can do at a later date too but don't want to conflict with later events
- Potential dates: August 10th, September 7th

D.) Member / Volunteer Appreciation Event

- Last year was October 11th at the University Club
- Plan for same time this year – late September / early October
- University Club would be a good option again
- Friday wasn't the best choice last year - Saturday may be better (will need to book early since the University Club fills up quickly)

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

- Can pursue event when needed

7.) Status Updates

A) Schools Committee

- No update
- Possible incoming freshmen event?
- May want to host BBQ on Aug 10th for incoming freshmen?
- B) Membership Committee
 - No update
- C) Communications / Webmaster
 - May need to hire a part time webmaster
 - Tracey to see if she can track down someone (local colleges? Job websites?)
- D) Speaker Series
 - Still looking for someone to head this section
 - Possible future speakers: L. Michael Henry, Ron Faleide (architect), Herman (Bud) Wilson
 - Possible locations: Park Hill branch of Denver Public Library (Montview / Dexter), open Saturday 9-5, have a large room available, fee is \$10 per hour plus refundable \$25 deposit if food and drink involved, capacity of 60 people, they can provide chairs and table, but AV equipment is no provided, parking along Montview, will need to fill out forms beforehand to reserve room, 720-625-0250
- E) Young Alums
 - See above
- F) Other
- 8.) Pending issues
- 9.) Any other business
 - Dinner
 - July: Srinidhi
 - Next meetings
 - Tuesday, July 8 (Tentative)
 - Tuesday, August 12 (Tentative)
 - Wednesday, September 10 (Tentative)

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM