

**Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club**  
**Minutes of Steering Committee Meeting, 16 April 2014**

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

Excused:      Steve Kregstein                  Vincent Oletu

(Numbering below references the meeting agenda)

Tracey called the meeting to order at 6:54 PM

- 1.) Preliminaries
  - a.) Regrets: Steve, Junko
  - b.) Guests: None
  - c.) Personal
  - d.) Agenda adopted
- 2.) Minutes adopted
- 3.) Financial Report
  - Christina emailed documents around the first of the month
  - Christina will be taking the summer off and Fred will take over the financials temporarily
- 4.) Past Events
  - A.) Soup Kitchen
    - Event went well
    - Process is much more streamlined; didn't need to clean up as much at end
    - Few of the attendees were not Harvard people
    - Attendance may have been higher if we had sent out another email blast right before the event
    - The next one is May 15th, and we already have 4 people signed up
    - Christina sent out an email to the regular crowd
    - Not sure about the summer as the coordinator is difficult to connect with
  - B.) NCAA Tournament Watch Parties
    - Fred sent out multiple newsletters and set up the web page
    - First game only had 7 attendees, most likely due to the noon time slot (there were only 12 people for the other school)
    - For the next game (Saturday evening), Choppers put us in the main room and we had 29 attendees

C.) New Admit Reception

- Fred sent out recap over email
- Event went really well
- There were some concerns about cost which may affect our yield rate
- We will likely need to reimburse several students for visiting weekend

D.) HarvardX

- Launched March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- HAA finally sent us the list of registrants after the discussion during the first conference call, but the list came too close to the start of the sessions
- The second conference call was dominated by more basic questions about the program rather than how the local clubs can organize events around the lectures
- We could organize an informal roundtable event around one of the upcoming sessions
- There were about 150 people who made it through the first round of the registration process in our area

5.) Upcoming events

A.) RMHUC Astro Event, Boulder, May 17<sup>th</sup>

- Fred put up a draft of the blurb on the website
- Michael needs to review before we post
- Need to figure out who will be in charge at the event and how people will sign up (if we use the RMHUC website, non-Harvard guests will have to register on the Harvard website to be able to RSVP and pay; Fred / Tracey to investigate PayPal account)
- \$10 per adult and kids free

B.) GNN

- May have found a host for Colorado Springs; Tracey to keep in touch
- Boulder still pending
- Denver event in Chinook Tavern in DTC

6.) Events in Gestation

A.) Global Month of Service Event

- Boulder Shelter
  - Director of the center is a Harvard alum; maybe can reach out to him to see if he's interested in leading
- DUMB Friends League
  - Has been difficult to connect with them
  - Would likely need to be middle of the week so attendance will likely be an issue

B.) Anna Jones' Women's Pot Luck

- Still waiting on date

C.) Possible Romanoff / Coffman Debate

- No update

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

- Can pursue event when needed

7.) Status Updates

A) Schools Committee (see notes above)

B) Membership Committee

C) Communications / Webmaster

- May need to hire a part time webmaster
- College job posting websites? (CU Denver, DU, Regis)

D) Speaker Series

- Looking for new people to join Steering Committee

E) Young Alums

- Possible event in late May in Denver

F) Other

- Newsletter: soup kitchen, GNN, Young Alum
- John to review RMHUC charter; need to clarify RMHUC's exact classification according to IRS as it affects which provisions we need to include
- Need to update our address (still in Boulder currently) for tax purposes

8.) Pending issues

9.) Any other business

- Dinner
  - May: Eric
  - June: Phil
- Next meetings
  - Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM