

**Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club
Minutes of Steering Committee Meeting, 19 November 2014**

Present: **Tracey Smith** **Srinidhi Reddy**
 John Griffin **Christina Gomez**
 Phil Weintraub

Excused: **Eric Eversley** **Fred Ris**
 Steve Kregstein **Vincent Oletu**

(Numbering below references the meeting agenda)

Tracey called the meeting to order at 6:49 PM

- 1.) Preliminaries
 - a. Regrets: Fred, Eric
 - b. Guests: JK Costello, Ed Fields
 - c. Agenda Adopted
 - d. Personal Matters
- 2.) Consent Agenda
 - a. October meeting minutes adopted
- 3.) Financial Report for October
 - a. See Christina's email; most of the activity this month was around the Schools Committee
- 4.) Past Events
 - a. Soup Kitchen (October 15th)
 - Event was well attended
 - Next events will be middle of December with another one in April
 - Polled regular volunteers and there is availability for people to volunteer every month or every other month
 - b. Welcome to Your City (October 23rd)
 - About 20-30 people attended the event; event was not as well attended as last year which may be due to the fact that it was later in the year (late October versus early October) and the weather was not as warm
 - HAA sent a package to Srinidhi with materials for the event, including nametags, markers, sign in sheets and posters
 - The emails HAA sent out were personalized with Srinidhi's name
 - HAA was much more involved this time around; I received numerous emails about best practices and whether I needed anything else for the event
- 5.) Upcoming Events
 - a. Member / Volunteer Appreciation (TBD)
 - Two years ago we had it in February in the private room at the top of the Spire
 - This year we can have it in the University Club in February 2015 (make it a calendar year appreciation event rather than a financial year as it was last year)
 - b. The Game (November 22nd)

- Haven't had much participation from the Yale side (John sent out an email blast on Monday, event is on Yale website)
 - This game will decide Ivy League Championship
 - c. Christmas Party (December 14th)
 - At Fred's condominium building from 3-6pm
 - JK is helping with finding other catering options (with Pour la France as the current option); JK is currently waiting on proposals from other companies
 - We do have a proposal from Pour la France just in case (with a slight discount given last year's tardiness)
 - Pricing structure in email with following additions:
 - Children under 2 are free (not worried about capturing attendance at this age)
 - Children 3 to 10 are \$5, \$10, \$15 based on time
 - Christina can take credit card payments over the phone if needed
 - Postcards will be sent out this week
 - d. Interviewer Lunch (December 6th)
 - Lunch for interviewers that participated last year as well as those that have / will participate this year
 - Saturday at the Park Hill Golf Club
 - e. GNN (January 13th, 2015)
 - Events in Denver, Boulder and Fort Collins; Tracey currently speaking to potential co-hosts in Colorado Springs (Mateo)
- 6.) Events in Gestation
- a. Post-Election Aaron Harber All-Ivy Event
 - We cannot have the event in the Daniels Fund (no political events)
 - b. Dr. Rina Shinn
- 7.) Status Update
- a. Schools Committee
 - See Fred's email
 - b. Membership Committee
 - c. Communications / Webmaster
 - Charlie may be possibility
 - d. Speaker Series
 - JK may be interested
 - e. Young Alums
 - Next event will likely be in February or March
 - f. Other
- 8.) Pending Issues
- a. Bylaws Revision
 - b. Keeping Club Archives
 - c. Membership Survey
 - d. Book Size
 - e. Insurance (table until next meeting)
 - f. Stationery
- 9.) Other Business
- a. HAA ALC Conference (February 2-4)
 - \$250 upfront reimbursement; additional \$250 if report is written within a month after the conference

- Tracey will send out email to poll steering committee if we want to do the same thing next year
- b. HAA Faculty Speakers
 - Ben Friedman: said no / can't take on anymore
 - Roger Owen: doesn't want to travel anymore
 - Richard Cooper (economics): we have emailed him directly / not through HAA
 - Andrew Berry (science): HAA will get to get back to us; Berry was a suggestion from one of the 2014 grads
 - Harry Lewis: next on our HAA list if Berry says no
 - Paul Peterson: will likely take off our list
 - Other options: Carol Saivetz (Slavic, Middle East, International Relations); Aaron Bernstein; Ofrit Liviatan (International Affairs); Thomas Nichols (Nuclear deterrents; US – Russian relations)
 - We will reimburse air fare, hotel, meals and transportation
 - We may want to sweeten the deal with a weekend in the area plus car rental to attract speakers since Denver is not as convenient as an east coast location

10.) Action Item Review

11.) Adjournment

Next meetings: Wednesday, December 10th (Christina to bring food)
Wednesday, January 14th (TBD)

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM