

RMHUC Steering Committee Minutes, January 13 2016

7:00 Meeting Opens with JK, Tracey, Phil, Christina, John in attendance

- I. Prelims
 - A. Regrets: Eric, Fred
 - B. Guests: None.
 - C. Personal Matters: Phil Weintraub, with a heavy heart, will step down from the Steering Committee effective August 2016. He thanks all involved with the Club and hopes to remain involved.
 - D. Consent agenda adopted
- II. Consent minutes (JK)
 - A. December minutes accepted
- III. Financial Report from September- December (Christina)
 - A. See emailed versions for more details.
 - B. The reports are accepted without objection.
- IV. Past events
 - A. Holiday Party, December 13 (Tracey): Turnout was good. Seven new admits showed up, even one from Wyoming. Hot food was a bit short due to late RSVPs; we lost \$660 in total on the event which is about \$600 worse than last year but similar to the loss from the Annual Meeting. We need to make sure that attendees are clear that the ticket only applies to one person, as some believed that a ticket covered member and guest. The party generally went smoothly but help is needed next year, particularly in the setup and teardown stages.
 - B. Curt Freed Speaker Event, December 19 (JK): 21 in attendance; virtually 100% of RSVPs attended. The cash payment option went smoothly and the cost ended up at \$8/person. The tour went quite well and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Similar events are sought.
 - C. GNN, January 12 (Tracey): Due to logistical and cost issues, as well as proximity to the holidays and various other factors beyond anyone's control, this event did not occur.
- V. Upcoming events
 - A. Soup Kitchen, February 2 (JK)—2 people RSVP'd so far, same location. There is another date in mid-March that will be posted ASAP.
 - B. Michael Stern and Rebecca Goldstone Speaker Series Event, mid-February. Will occur at either Beatrice and Woodsley or Wash Park Grille.
 - C. Glee Club, March 18 (Tracey): The Glee Club has a concert scheduled for St. Paul's Lutheran Church. They will arrive from Steamboat, where they have concert on the 17th. Rehearsal at 4, concert 7:30-9. The 19th and 20th they are here all day and leave at midnight on Sunday the 20th. They need: hosts for Friday and Saturday nights for fifty students, rides to their activities on Saturday and Sunday, suggestions for said activities, and ticketing. They also requested help with program design and our signature on the liability waiver with the church. It was strongly suggested to the manager that these last two items are out of the scope of our responsibilities and they should consider addressing them. We will not be responsible for insurance waivers or generating content for promotion.

The church does not charge but expects a \$400-600 donation. The church seats 300-400 people; the Glee Club expects at least 200 in attendance. The Glee Club hopes to clear \$3500 after expenses for this event. They usually charge \$30-\$35 per ticket. They

suggested that they might rope off the first few pews and sell these at a premium. They sent a list of 50 alumni who might live in the area; we will send postcards to older alumni and Glee Club alumni.

This will be promoted through the All-Ivy list because it is uncertain that we will be able to draw the expected number of attendees through our own efforts. We might also discuss with other clubs (Phoenix) on the tour to compare experiences in helping to plan for this event. Overall, it seems that the Glee Club expects a significantly higher level of participation by RMHUC that we had originally planned.

VI. Events in Gestation

- A. Member Volunteer Appreciation Event, February (Tracey): She is discussing dates with the Townsends at the Spire.
- B. 130th / 100th anniversary celebration (Tracey): Discussion of this was deferred.
- C. Spring HAA Faculty Speaker (Tracey): Tracey needs feedback in order that the HAA can start asking faculty to participate. Aiming for a mid-late April date.

VII. Status Updates

- A. Schools Committee (Fred) See emailed update for details.
 - 1. Status—All interviews assigned. Some difficulties with change of program.
 - 2. Early action—11 admits!
 - 3. Early admit reception (Jan 2)—Good student turnout, few interviewers, low cost.
 - 4. Interview Day (Jan 9)—20 Interviewers did 61 interviews.
 - 5. Upcoming—Reports Due, Rank Meeting, Decision Day in late March
- B. Membership (Tracey) See financial report for a detailed breakdown of membership.
- C. Communications/Webmaster (Tracey)—No news to report.
- D. Local Speaker Series (JK)—JK has also spoken with Andrew Buks from the Harvard Alumni for Agriculture SIG and will set up a co-sponsored speaker with them for late March or early April.
- E. Young Alum (Tracey)—Saling Simon '10 has expressed interest in taking over this function. He is planning a young alum FB page and email list along with events.

VIII. Pending issues:

- A. Insurance: JK and Eric have both obtained paperwork that can be filled out to apply for insurance. It is suggested that we either need to refer to other clubs who have taken this route or invite an agent to a meeting to present options.

IX. Adjourned at 7:55. Next meeting is Wednesday, February 10th, 2016, 6:30, JK taking care of food. The meeting after that is March 9th (Phil=food).