

**The Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Steering Committee**

February 21, 2018

A meeting of the Steering Committee (the “**Committee**”) of The Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club (“**RMHUC**”) was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:38 p.m. MT.

Members Participating:

Christina Gomez
JK Costello
Eric Eversley
Paul Chessin
Fred Ris
Christie DiNapoli
John Griffin
Sunhee Hodges (by telephone)

Members Absent:

Stacey Lyne
Steve Kregstein
Megan Harney

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. MT by Christina Gomez. Ms. Gomez announced that a quorum was present and that the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

I. Preliminaries: Members of the Committee shared personal updates.

II. Approval of Minutes: Paul Chessin made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on January 10, 2018, a copy of which was circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting. Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee adopted the minutes.

III. Financial Reports: Fred Ris provided an overview of the RMHUC financial reports for the months of October 2017 through January 2018. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the financial reports.

IV. Past Events:

A. Soup Kitchen (Costello) – January 15th: The January Soup Kitchen event had an average turnout. JK Costello would like to find another individual to lead these events moving forward.

B. Access to Justice Panel (Gomez/Chessin) – January 19th: 65 individuals registered and approximately 50 to 55 individuals attended. The presenters were well received and Ms. Gomez received a lot of positive feedback on the event. Questions were asked and a discussion ensued regarding faculty speaking events and increasing RMHUC members' access to guest speakers.

V. Upcoming Events:

A. Soup Kitchen (Costello) –March 26th, May 21st: 11 individuals have signed up for the March Soup Kitchen event.

B. Refugee Talk (Gomez) – Feb 22nd: Robert Dodge will discuss his book regarding refugees who have settled in Colorado. The event will be hosted at Holland & Hart. At least 29 individuals have signed up to attend.

C. Nonprofit Fair (Costello) – March 6th: 10 individuals have registered for the event and all are associated with a nonprofit. Mr. Costello would like more individuals looking for opportunities to volunteer to sign up to attend. The planning is still underway.

D. Colorado Symphony Orchestra (Hodges) – March 11th: 42 out of 53 tickets have been sold and Sunhee Hodges expects more individuals to register for the event. Ms. Hodges will purchase additional tickets to account for anticipated attendees.

VI. Events in Gestation:

A. Mt. Harvard Climb – August 4-5th: The Committee discussed the liability risks of sponsoring a group hike to the summit of Mt. Harvard. Following the discussion, the Committee agreed that the hike will not be an official RMHUC event.

B. Other Ideas: Mr. Chessin suggested screening an episode of Dirty Money, a new Netflix series, followed by a panel discussion or Q&A with the director. Mr. Costello agreed to organize another Rockies game event in the spring. Mr. Ris suggested RMHUC organize a networking night in June since there will not be a Global Networking Night. The Committee then discussed possible venues, pricing options and names for a recurring networking series on a bi-annual or quarterly basis to be held in Denver and nearby cities. Ms. Gomez suggested hosting another event at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. She reached out to the Butterfly Pavilion by email for some event ideas and is considering organizing a family event.

VII. Committee Updates:

A. Schools Committee: Mr. Ris discussed an increase in applications, recent trends in test scores and grades and the status of interviews. Notifications will be delivered at the end of March and a reception for admitted students will be held on April 7th. Nine students were admitted early and six have enrolled. RMHUC has received two requests for Visitas subsidies from early admitted students.

B. Club Policies Committee (Gomez/Ris/Griffin/Eversley): There were no updates at this time.

C. Events Committee (Gomez): There were no updates at this time.

D. Membership Committee (Gomez/Ris): There were no updates at this time.

E. HAE Update: HAE is hosting an event on February 23rd and two additional upcoming events are advertised on the website.

VII. Old Business

A. Standards for Advertising Non-Club Events & Deals: Mr. Costello will incorporate comments from Mr. Ris into the proposed standards and recirculate to the group for formal approval at the next meeting. In the meantime, members of the Committee will provide email approval for social media posts.

John Griffin departed the meeting.

VIII. New Business

A. ALC Report: - Feb 8-9th: Ms. Hodges and Mr. Ris are finalizing their respective ALC Reports and will circulate final versions to the Committee for discussion at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. MT. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018.