

## **RMHUC Steering Committee Minutes, June 10 2015**

### **6:38 Meeting Opens with JK, Phil, Eric, John, Fred, and Tracey in attendance**

- I. Prelims
  - A. Regrets: Srinidhi, Christina
  - B. Guests: Ed Field, Andy Seth, Laura Zamora
  - C. Agenda adopted
  - D. Personal matters: none
  
- II. Consent Minutes
  - A. May Minutes accepted
  
- III. Financial Report from May adopted with Fred adding amendment to send \$3000 to Scholarship Fund
  
- IV. Past events
  - A. Homeless lunch—12 in attendance, good.
  - B. Speaker Series June 9—11 in attendance, could get more.
  
- V. Upcoming events
  - A. Global Networking Night
    1. Denver—View House, Centennial, will send email ASAP
    2. Colorado Springs—Mateo Munoz, JK will talk to De Lane for help, possibly at Colorado Mountain Brewery.
  
- VI. Events in Gestation
  - A. Member-Volunteer Appreciation Event—August 8<sup>th</sup> tentative? Eric hosting?
  - B. Annual BBQ, planned for 13 September, Tracey looking into pool
  - C. Glee Club March 18
  
- VII. Status Updates
  - A. Schools Committee, see Fred's email
  - B. Membership—Tracey—Lots of interesting emails.
  - C. Communications/Webmaster
  - D. Local Speaker Series—(JK) Looking for August speaker
  - E. Young Alums—JK needs to get Rox game together. Talk of a luxury box?
  - F. Other—Soup kitchen (JK)—next event August 31st at 14<sup>th</sup> and Grant.

**Next meeting July 8, Phil food**

**August 12—JK food**

- VIII. Pending issues deferred

- IX. Other Business—Minds Matter was discussed at length. See below for comprehensive review.
- X. Action item review
- XI. Adjourned at 8:21

Addendum: Minds Matter (this was actually done just after item III above):

Andy Seth, board chair of Denver chapter, describing Minds Matter: Nationwide org with Denver chapter, they pair 2 mentors with a mentee, meeting weekly for 3 years (sophomore-senior) with goal of college acceptance. Only academic mentoring, not life mentoring (?) They meet for 2.5 and have their own curriculum, lots of essay-writing, ACT prep. They partner with other organizations that do homework mentoring, social work, etc. Requirements: Free/reduced priced lunches, 3.5 GPA or above. They get 200-250 applications for 52 spots. They also do summer programs with intent of getting into 4 year school. 100% of students graduate HS vs 45% of age-matched controls, 100% get into school with scholarship. No paid staff. Problem: Not many summer programs, and the ones that do are expensive.

Laura Zamora, rising senior participant in Minds Matter: Attended Harvard Secondary School program summer after sophomore year. Took social and ethical issues class and "On the Witness Stand" Forensic Science Class. Challenged her with writing, stayed in Straus D32. Program cost \$11K. Her brother hooked her up with a local federal judge who helped her fundraise. He is a former program participant who greatly benefited from the program.

Andy proposes: \$5000 pledge per year for 3 years would be a full scholarship, with Harvard putting in \$5000 and Minds Matter \$1500-2000. Another option: \$4000, partial scholarship with Minds Matter making up the rest. Also requests that we offer mentoring opportunities through a tour, email blast, info session.

Deliberations after Andy and Laura had left highlighted the following high points:

- Reputable
- Mostly first-generation college
- We did something similar in sending DPS teachers to Harvard Ed School, CLIMB(\$2000-3000), PBHA (\$3000-3500)
- No cost/effort to soliciting volunteers

Drawbacks:

- Unsure if this fits with our mission

- Could be committing to a significant cost
- His proposal requires no family/student contribution

Procedures (if approved):

- Would need to earmark money through donations
- Would need to write check to Minds Matter

Tentative points of consensus:

- Partial financial support
- Dependent on admission to Harvard Summer School Secondary Program
- Capped \$ yearly, no matter how many students are accepted
- Year-by-year approval, for first 1-2-3 years
- Can support mentoring efforts through reception co-hosted with Minds Matter board
- Invite Andy Seth to GNN to pave ground for talk
- Invite Silvia to August meeting
- Table further financial decision-making
- Fred will follow up with Andy to invite to GNN and setup info session