

Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. Attending were Sunhee, Christina, Fred, Paul, Lia and Steve.

1. Minutes of November meeting were approved as drafted.
2. Fred presented the financial report for the months of October and November which were accepted as drafted. We spent at least \$1250 on the Holiday Party with a few receipts still to be submitted.
3. Reports on past events were presented.
  - a. There was good turnout for the soup kitchen event on November 14.
  - b. Steve discussed the Harvard Alumni Entrepreneurs meeting that he attended on November 16<sup>th</sup> held at the Mid First Bank building at 101 Cook. There were attendees from quite a number of the Harvard schools. The group decided that in addition to serving as a networking organization, they should have a “higher” purpose. This would include providing a sounding board for ideas. A survey would be distributed to determine individual members’ interests. A board was selected that will meet later in December to discuss where the group is headed.
  - c. Lia reported that there was less attendance at The Game event than expected.
  - d. Christina and Sunhee reported on the December 11 party. We had approximately the same number of attendees as the previous year. There was a consensus that the event was a big success. The food and presentation were very well received. Fred reported that a number of new members joined the club as a result of the event. We discussed the appropriate level of admission prices for future events. We decided to do away with the recent alumni price but to continue the early bird discount to provide an incentive for people to sign up sooner. There was a discussion but no final resolution as to whether it would be preferable to not have tables at the next event.
4. Upcoming Events
  - a. Flyers. It was decided that flyers would be distributed to announce upcoming events.
  - b. Clyfford Still Museum. There is significant interest in the upcoming December 17th Tour. We obtained permission to increase the number of participants to 30.
  - c. GNN. There was considerable discussion regarding the Global Networking Night to be held on January 11 at Chinook Tavern. It was decided that the Club would pay for appetizers (with a budget set at \$10 per head + tax and tip). Attendees would pay for their drinks.
  - d. ALC. Will take place on February 9-10.
5. Events in Gestation
  - a. Speaker events. There was a discussion of possible speakers. Fred discussed contacts with Phillip Lovejoy and Paul discussed Professor Crespo. Also mentioned were Jean Dubofsky and Martha Minow. We will also look at others from the HAA list.

- b. Member Appreciation. We discussed doing something in connection with one of our other events. Christina suggested that we do something to attract alumni of other ideas.
  - c. Month of Service. Date in April TBD.
  - d. Soup Kitchen. Next event is on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 6. Status Updates
  - a. School Committee. Fred reported on the process and timing of candidate interviews.
- 7. Old Business
  - a. Insurance. Eric has submitted an application.
  - b. Keeping Club Archives. Fred reported that he has spent time reviewing Harvard and Radcliffe club archives. He found some relevant postcards and correspondence. It was discussed and agreed that we should hire someone (perhaps a student) to help with the collection and presentation of data. An initial budget of \$500 was approved.
  - c. Book prize. Fred and Sunhee discussed the program.
- 8. New business
  - a. Early College Awareness. Sunhee reported on a program designed to get middle school students interested in preparing for possible college admittance. She discussed the Challenge Foundation which targets 50 kids and has a success rate of 100% college admittance. We discussed perhaps partnering with CF or some other group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.