

RMHUC Steering Committee Minutes, July 13th, 2016
6:54 Meeting Opens with JK, Christina, Fred, Phil in attendance

- I. Prelims
 - A. Regrets: Tracey, John, Eric
 - B. Guests: Paul Chessin, Sunhee Hodges
 - C. Personal Matters: Next month (August) will be Phil's last meeting. At that meeting, he would like to pass on the procedure he has used for booking Harvard-Yale and conducting the event.
 - D. Consent agenda adopted unanimously.

- II. Consent minutes (JK): Approved unanimously with no amendments.

- III. Financial Report 2015-2016 (Christina)
 - A. See emailed reports.
 - B. One or more items are slightly off for this year and will be corrected, but the overall plus/minus is correct.
 - C. For the second straight year, we operated at a loss of roughly \$4,000. There is debate over this, with some saying that we should spend down our balance and others saying we should save it. We had to move money from savings to checking to cover our year-end disbursements. We discussed ways to save money and decrease our losses.
 1. Scholarship fund: Christina suggests that we defer commitment on scholarship fund donations until the end of the fiscal year and consider lowering our normal \$2000 contribution to cut our losses.
 2. MM: We can also consider reducing our Minds Matter contribution given their reluctance to provide us with names of admitted students and RMHUC volunteers. It is decided not to commit money to MM up front, to keep the donation opportunity on the website, and to consider donating money late in the year when our finances and their needs are clearer.
 3. Memberships: We should embark on a membership drive but not increase dues.
 4. Ticketed Events: We could reduce our losses on these to avoid the appearance of being a social club and to improve finances, but we are unlikely to be audited and our losses are limited.
 5. Visitas: There is good support for decreasing our expenditures on this. We want to support students who have a true need for assistance but cannot continue to afford \$2000+ per year. The resolution here is to set an amount (by internal deliberation early in the new year) to support students, request applications for support, and divide up the money among students.
 - D. The report is approved unanimously.

- IV. Past events: None.

- V. Upcoming events
 - A. Lunch Service, 18 July, 1 August (JK): Attendance has generally been excellent and these will be well-attended too. Six are currently RSVP'd for Monday the 18th, but only two for the next date. JK to send reminders.
 - B. Annual Meeting BBQ, September 10th (John): Note the change of date. The clubhouse is reserved and we are ready to put down a deposit. Lifeguards and BBQ will be obtained from the same sources as last year. To the committee's knowledge, there are no schedule conflicts with the Broncos, religious holidays, or ominous astrological events. Rates are

slightly up (except for recent graduates) to bring us closer to break even. Kids 12/15/20, Adults 30/35/40, recent grads 20. Tracey to make catering arrangements.

- C. Young Alumni Event, October (JK): JK will undertake this. He will set a date and location the first week of August after he finishes his Masters.

VI. Events in Gestation

- A. Member Volunteer Appreciation Event, (Tracey): This is deferred and will likely turn over to the next president.
- B. Fall HAA Faculty Speaker (Tracey): We need to decide on a faculty speaker to approach about coming to Denver this fall or winter. There is talk about aiming for a professor with a high "Q" rating because this will draw attendees. Paul states that Alexa Shabecoff, HLS Asst Dean of Public Interest, is coming next month and hosting a happy hour for HLS grads—we might consider asking her to speak during a return visit.
- C. Minds Matter Recruiting Session—Fred volunteers to lead this as part of our discussion on finances from above. Our offerings to them will be limited to donations collected from the website, assistance recruiting mentors, and any future financial considerations the steering committee might approve in the spring.
- D. Joint event with GSD at Botanic Gardens: Fred and Christina have spoken with Allyson Mendenhall MLA '99, local GSD alumni group director, about doing a joint event at the Denver Botanic Gardens in either August or October. The group consensus is that this event would probably be well-attended, and that October is the best month. Christina volunteers to coordinate with Alison.

VII. Status Updates

- A. Schools Committee (Fred): No new business.
- B. Membership Committee (Tracey): Deferred.
- C. Communications/Webmaster: No updates.
- D. Local Speaker Series (JK): No updates.
- E. Young alumni: No activity.

VIII. Pending issues: None.

IX. Other business:

- A. Fred suggests that we add Paul Chessin and Sunhee Hodges to the steering committee and Christina moves for the same. They are unanimously added to the committee.
- B. We also must remember to elect trustees, who are currently believed to be Fred, Eric, Phil, Tracey, Christina, John, and JK.

- X. Adjourned at 8:23. Next meeting is Wednesday, August 10th, 2016, 6:30. Phil will take care of food and new member Paul Chessin will get food for September 14th.