

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

January 10, 2018

A meeting of the Steering Committee (the “**Committee**”) of The Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club (“**RMHUC**”) was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:40 p.m. MT.

Members Participating:

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

Members Absent:

Fred Ris
Stacey Lyne
Steve Kregstein
Megan Harney

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 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. Approval of Minutes: Paul Chessin made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on December 13, 2017, a copy of which was circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting. Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee adopted the minutes.

II. Financial Reports: The Committee agreed to defer discussion on the RMHUC financial reports for the months of October, November and December until the next meeting.

III. Past Events:

A. Clyfford Still Museum Tour (Costello) – December 16th: This event was a success with a large number of attendees and well-received exhibits. JK Costello recommended offering this event again in the future.

B. Holiday Party (Gomez/Chessin) – December 17th: The Holiday Party was well-attended, and Ms. Gomez received positive feedback from attendees. Sunhee Hodges also received positive feedback from the recently admitted students who attended the event. Ms. Gomez suggested using additional staff members for next year’s event to decrease the required work for Committee members.

C. GNN (Costello) – January 9th: The GNN in Denver had 175 RSVPs and approximately 120 attendees. The food, service and space worked well for the event, and Mr. Costello recommended using the same venue for another GNN in the future. Mr. Costello also suggested having a sign-in, membership forms and event flyers at the next event. The GNN in Colorado Springs was also a success, and the Committee agreed to try to host GNNs in Denver, Colorado Springs and Boulder moving forward.

IV. Upcoming Events:

A. Soup Kitchen (Costello) – January 15th, March 26th, May 21st: The events are open for sign-up and 7 individuals have signed up for the January event.

B. Access to Justice Panel (Gomez/Chessin) – January 19th: 51 individuals have signed up to attend. Ms. Gomez and Mr. Chessin plan to connect with the speakers next week and CLE credit has been obtained for the event. There will be no alcohol at the event. Questions were asked and a discussion ensued regarding transaction processing and insurance requirements.

C. Alumni Leadership Conference – February 8-9th: Ms. Gomez and Fred Ris plan to attend. Ms. Gomez reminded the Committee that RMHUC will reimburse up to four attendees.

D. Colorado Symphony Orchestra (Hodges) – March 11th: 29 out of 35 tickets have been sold. Ms. Hodges will consider increasing the number of tickets to accommodate more members.

V. Events in Gestation:

A. Mt. Harvard Climb (Flip Koch) – August 4-5th: Ms. Gomez agreed to follow up with Flip Koch on more details regarding the Mt. Harvard Climb event in August.

VI. Committee Updates:

A. Schools Committee: Ms. Hodges reported that the Denver reception held on December 23rd was well-attended and well-received. The Schools Committee will continue using the same venue for such receptions in the future. There are several mass interview dates and trainings scheduled for the month of January.

Ms. Hodges then discussed the Visitas subsidy for accepted students. Questions were asked and a discussion ensued. Ms. Hodges moved to offer \$250 for early admitted students, \$300 for regular admitted students and a cap of \$2,500, which was consistent with the previous year’s Visitas subsidy. Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee approved.

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.

VII. Old Business

A. Standards for Advertising Non-Club Events & Deals: The Committee discussed the proposed standards circulated by Mr. Costello by email in advance of the meeting. Mr. Costello agreed to incorporate a few changes and recirculate the standards in advance of the next meeting.

B. Book Discussion Event: The Committee received a request from a member to advertise an upcoming book discussion event. Questions were asked and a discussion ensued. The Committee agreed to instead host a book discussion event for the member and Ms. Gomez volunteered to manage the planning process. Ms. Gomez would like additional assistance to the extent other members of the Committee have availability and interest.

C. Nonprofit Fair: The nonprofit fair will take place at Craig Hospital in late February or early March and will serve as an opportunity to find volunteers and board members for nonprofits in the area.

D. Potential Affiliations: The Committee discussed various potential affiliate groups, some of which are still growing, and agreed to publicize events for such groups when they establish official status.

VIII. New Business

A. Dues Waiver for Financial Hardship: An active volunteer and member of RMHUC requested a dues waiver for reasons of financial hardship. Questions were asked and a discussion ensued. Ms. Hodges moved to waive dues for the member for one year. Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. MT. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018.