

RMHUC Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, January 4, 2012
Daniels Fund Building**

In attendance:

**Fred Ris – President
Douglas Dinsmoor – Webmaster
Babette Greenwell – Speaker’s Series
Mike Durall – Secretary**

**Phil Weintraub
Anna Jones
Tracey Smith
Eric Eversley**

Special guest: Alicia Alvaro, class of 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:65 PM.

- 1. Alicia Alvaro, the student who was hired to do research into the history of RMHUC, gave a very interesting glimpse into what she had discovered in the Denver Public Library and online. A final report is forthcoming.**
- 2. Consent agenda, Members approved seven items: minutes of previous meeting, membership status report, Curt Freed event update, Lewis Lockwood event update, summer program (CLIMB) update, January history job update, and purchase of a Scrooge porcelain to replace one that had been broken.**
- 3. Financial report. The major item of discussion was the discrepancy between the price quoted by Spice of Life caterers for the holiday event and the final invoice, a difference of some \$2,000. There were also a number of questions about the timing of expenses and how they were paid throughout the calendar year.**
- 4. Communications. Fred presented an interesting summary of the many ways RMHUC communicates with the membership, especially in regard to attracting attendees to various events.**

5. Speaker series. Babette brought us up to date on upcoming speakers, including Curt Freed and Rachel Greenwald. She also mentioned sending e-mails to 30 potential new speakers.

6. Website status. Douglas discussed a list of issues regarding Alumni Magnet that need to be corrected. He also reviewed website traffic, including spikes near the holiday party and following e-mail blasts.

7. Alumni Leadership Conference in Cambridge. Of those present, Fred and Eric will be attending.

8. Strategy session. Mike asked the generic question of whether RMHUC ever assisted people outside the Harvard “family.”

NOTE: April, 2012 meeting to be held on March 28.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.