

## RMHUC Steering Committee Minutes, December 9 2015

### 7:00 Meeting Opens with JK, Fred, Tracey, Phil in attendance

- I. Prelims
  - A. Regrets: Christina, John
  - B. Guests: Paul Chessin '75, JD '79
  - C. Consent agenda adopted
- II. Consent minutes (JK)
  - A. November minutes accepted
- III. Financial Report from October (Christina *in absentia*)
  - A. See emailed version of this for more details.
  - B. Acceptance of the report, as well as last month, as well as the month prior, were tabled for more discussion when Christina is able to attend.
- IV. Past events
  - A. Game, November 21 (Phil): Phil missed much of the game due to illness but Tracey covered for him. Turnout was “good”, over 100, the venue, Chopper’s, was “packed” and “we were close to edging them (Yale) out” as far as attendance and we definitely edged them out as far as the final score went. A/V was excellent, with all big screens and audio on the Game. Prizes, games, and sign-in all proceeded seamlessly. The idea is floated to follow up with their party organizer to see how we can improve the experience.
  - B. Soup Kitchen, November 23 (JK): There were 9 people in addition, a great number, and the transition from Trinity to First Baptist has went quite well. We have almost monthly dates upcoming.
- V. Upcoming events
  - A. Holiday Party, December 13 (Tracey): There are 47 RSVPs currently. More would be ideal. There have been problems with the mailing—despite a December 2 postmark date, some people have recently or yet to receive their postcards. Tracey will supplement catering order with Costco. We will do door prizes. The venue has been damaged by water and Fred will report on the condition of it tomorrow.
  - B. Curt Freed Speaker Event, December 19 (JK): There are 28 RSVPs; preferably 20 people would come. Your correspondent did not realize that RSVPs do not close automatically when the limit is reached. There is also a slight problem with payment; the facility requires single bolus payment for groups. Your correspondent will ensure that he has change and email the group the week of the event to encourage them to bring cash. Still planning Pints Pub for lunch immediately after.
  - C. GNN, January 12 (Tracey): Saling Simon '10, who wore a Harvard blazer to the game, will take care of Boulder, perhaps. In Denver, the View House is driving a hard bargain. Tracey is also investigating other sites, perhaps the Tavern DTC. An ideal site would have low minimums and a private room.
  - D. Speaker Series, January 19 (date subject to change)—Michael Stern and Rebecca Goldstone will speak about their nonprofit that grew out of a traveling fellowship from Harvard. Your correspondent seeks a restaurant in Uptown Denver that has low minimums and a private room for 15-30.
  - E. Soup Kitchen, February 2 (JK)—2 people RSVP'd so far, same location.
  - F. Alumni Leadership Conference, February 4-5 (Tracey) Registration just opened. We generally fund 3 attendances alumnorum. Tracey will go. Fred will go as part of the Interview Committee. It is moved to continue support of this at the same level as years past (3 people max \$500 each). Christina will be invited as well.

- G. Glee Club, March 18 (Tracey): The Glee Club has a concert scheduled for St. Paul's Lutheran Church (note change of venue from St. John's). We are seeking accommodations for glee club members for their tour. They each need one night's accommodations. They would like us to help with publicity to local alumni; this needs to be posted on the website as "ticket sales", with the number of tickets bought representing the numbers of students hosted. There is also an opportunity to combine this event with a reception for the club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of incorporation/130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishment, since March 18<sup>th</sup> is the date of establishment of the club. Fred reports that the church where the Glee Club meeting is to be held has a nice reception space in the basement. They also perform in Steamboat on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March.
- VI. Events in Gestation
- A. Member Volunteer Appreciation Event, February (Tracey): She is discussing dates with the Townsends at the Spire.
  - B. 130<sup>th</sup> / 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration (Tracey): Shirley Tilghman, former Princeton president and current Harvard Corporation member and Silverthorne resident, could be contacted about attending/headlining this event. Perhaps Jack Reardon, retired HAA director, could also be approached. We might consider changing venues to the University Club or other larger venue if Jack Reardon were to attend. This event could be combined with either item V. G. above or possibly VI. A.
  - C. Spring HAA Faculty Speaker (Tracey): Tracey needs feedback in order that the HAA can start asking faculty to participate. Aiming for a mid-late April date.
- VII. Status Updates
- A. Schools Committee (Fred) Awaiting imminent release of early admit list. January 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a reception for the early admits. April 9<sup>th</sup> is the date for the regular admit reception. There are about 65 early, 75 regular applications currently submitted, waiting for 200 more regular decision applications. We have an interview day on January 9<sup>th</sup> at South High and it was negotiated that we will only pay for one janitor.
  - B. Membership (Tracey) See financial report for a detailed breakdown of membership.
  - C. Communications/Webmaster (Tracey)—No news to report; still awaiting a hero to take over this function.
  - D. Local Speaker Series (JK)—Tracey has a possible speaker, Paul Pitmann, CEO of a farm finance REIT. This was suggested by one of our members, Andrew Duks. Your correspondent will be in touch with him. Possible March date. The Harvard Alumni for Agriculture will co-sponsor this event.
  - E. Young Alum (Tracey)—She has been in touch with several young alumni at the game, one of whom (Saling Simon '10) expressed interest in taking over this function and has already created an email list for this purpose
- VIII. Pending issues:
- A. Fred agrees to examine the book prize but admits that the likelihood of actualizing this is low.
  - B. Insurance: this has been discussed, but has been stagnant for months. The HAA has negotiated policies with an outfit from the Midwest, but it did not seem relevant to our needs. Paul will discuss with
- IX. Adjourned at 8:12. Next meeting is Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 6:30, Tracey taking care of food. Next meetings: February 10<sup>th</sup> (JK), March 9<sup>th</sup>.