

RMHUC Steering Committee Minutes, Wednesday, February 1, 2017

6:35 Meeting Opens with JK, Sunhee, Christina, Fred, Lia, Eric, and Paul in attendance

- I. Prelims
 - A. Regrets: Tracey, Steve
 - B. Guests: Megan Harney '08, M.Ed. '11, former Harvard Club of Wisconsin member.
 - C. Personal Matters: Fred and his brother, in honor of their father who was a North High school graduate, have endowed a scholarship at that will provide financial assistance for a North sophomore to attend a summer program.
- II. Consent January minutes (Fred, Sunhee): Unanimously approved with no amendments.
- III. Financial Reports (see emailed reports for more details)
 - A. December was a busy month due to new memberships before the holiday party.
 - B. January saw spending of \$125 on the merchant account as well as \$800 for GNN costs.
 - C. Membership dues trickle in. See membership committee notes in VII.B.
- IV. Past events:
 - A. GNN (JK)-- Jan 11th-- We had 100 people in attendance. The logistics as well as the response from attendees was excellent. We did not quite meet our minimum due to a dearth of drinking and ended up paying an extra \$100 toward the minimum. The food quantity was excellent. Networking opportunities were abundant.
- V. Upcoming events
 - A. ALC--Feb 9-10-- Sunhee, JK, Christina, and JK are planning on attending.
 - B. Soup kitchen (JK)--Feb 13th-- Two people currently signed up. Will send an email blast about this to get more people involved.
 - C. HAE meeting- (JK via Tim Keating) Feb 22nd-- There will be snacks and this is up on the website, expecting 20+ people.
- VI. Events in Gestation:
 - A. Speaker Events
 1. Jean Dubofsky: (Christina, Paul, Sunhee): Christina has contacted Jean Dubofsky regarding an early March event. This will be held at the Justice Center at a cost of \$200/hr for staffing and security. CLE credit will be available. Christina is looking at potential caterers as well as a cash bar, but there is concern that this would require an insurance policy. There is discussion about the starting time and the order of events, whether the reception should precede the program or vice versa. It is proposed that we charge \$20/40 for members/nonmembers and perhaps forgo catering for light appetizers like cheese and crackers.
 2. Access to Justice Panel (Christina, Paul): John Asher, Director of Colorado Legal Aid, and Judge Taubman, an advocate for legal aid, may be part of this and Dean Minnow as well, after her stepping down June 30th.
 3. Industry-specific networking (JK): Megan is having lunch with three other educational technology alumni; it is requested that she get me information on this small group so that we can put this on the website. JK has had some inquiries from GNN attendees in other fields and is encouraging them to put something together with his assistance.
 4. Other speakers (Fred): He is talking to Alex Rehding and Philip Lovejoy soon regarding potential dates.
 - B. Member Appreciation (Christina): No new updates on this.
 - C. Month of Service (April)

1. There with Care (Sunhee): Saturday, April 8th and 22nd are possible dates and we can volunteer in both Denver and Boulder. We would donate some money, \$250-\$500, as well as our time and make an impassioned plea to volunteers to donate on their own as well.

2. Tree Planting (Paul): He is in contact with the Bar Association to inquire about whether they will continue this activity; if not, the city of Denver has a free/low cost tree planting program.

D. Young alumni (JK): Baseball game with a potential date of Tuesday, April 11. Will circulate among the young alumni that attended the September event as well as on the website after I finalize terms with the Rockies.

VII. Status Updates

- A. Schools and Scholarship (Fred): Fred requests guidance on our planned subsidy for Visitas, which has risen in prior years. It is broadly agreed that the goal of this support is to increase our yield of admitted students who attend the school; toward this, perhaps we could tilt our contributions toward (in no particular order) 1) regular decision students, 2) students who have not committed yet, 3) students who have never visited Cambridge, and 4) students who cannot afford to go. John suggests that we inform interviewers about this and encourage them to use their judgment to discuss this with interviewees. Sunhee suggests pointed wording like "if you cannot otherwise afford the trip, we will support ticket costs up to \$300." All agree that we should cap individual support at a maximum \$300 and set an overall cap. Sunhee suggests that we get early decision students information about this and ask them to indicate whether they intend to apply for this by Feb. 15th so that we have an indication of how much liability we have. It is resolved that Fred and Sunhee will craft a proposal and circulate to the committee via email in the next few days. It is resolved unanimously that 1-- we will offer \$250 to early decision students 2-- we will allocate up to \$2500 total for allotment between regular and early decision students 3-- based on outlays for early decision students, we may choose to reset out total outlay at the March meeting.
- B. Membership Committee (Christina): We need to increase the membership and we need to do this by advertising memberships as well as putting on events that incentivize purchasing memberships. Christina would like to survey members and nonmembers to understand better their reasons for joining or not joining. If we survey people, there should be an easy way for them to pay for memberships. We also need to have someone selling memberships at major events like the GNN, perhaps using credit card through our website.
- C. Local Speaker Series (JK): No new updates.
- D. Young Alumni (JK/Lia): There will be a spring young alumni event at Coors Field and Tuesday, April 11th is a potential date for this. JK to inquire about group tickets as well as contact Jeff Bridich, General Manager for the Rockies. He is a Harvard alum.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Insurance (Eric): Application was submitted and Eric will discuss terms with the company as significant revisions to the policy are needed.
- B. Bylaws Revision (Christina): No new updates.
- C. Club Archives (Fred): Andie Turner '20 has returned to Cambridge and Fred is discussing the products of this research project with her.
- D. Early College Awareness (Sunhee, Eric): Eric and Sunhee are meeting Friday to discuss possibilities.
- E. Website (Christina): This needs to be updated with new photos and officer bios and such.

IX. New business: None.

X. Adjourned at 8:48 (Paul, Fred). Next meeting is Wednesday, March 8th, with Paul on food. Steve will take care of food in April.