

Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club
Minutes of Steering Committee Meeting, 14 January 2014

Present : Tracey Smith Phil Weintraub
 Srinidhi Reddy Junko Kim
 Vincent Oletu

Excused: Steve Kregstein Eric Eversley
 John Griffin Christina Gomez
 Fred Ris

(Numbering below references the meeting agenda)

Tracey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

- 1.) Preliminaries
 - a.) Regrets
 - b.) Guests: Joseph Schoeberlein
 - c.) Agenda adopted
- 2.) Minutes adopted (with minor change regarding day of Soup Kitchen event)
- 3.) Financial Report
 - Table until next month when Christina returns
 - Slight loss on Christmas party (as usual)
 - Need to get deposit back from building
 - Some receipts still outstanding
- 4.) Past Events
 - A.) Christmas Party
 - Event went really well
 - Caterers showed up an hour and 20 minutes late; refunded the delivery charge since they were late
 - Bought all the cold items and desserts from Costco, and the beverages from IKEA
 - 60 tickets sold - 59 people showed up and 1 walked-in (had some trouble on the computer, paid for ticket and membership, also showed up for GNN)
 - \$1,555 in total revenue (43 adults / guests, 6 recent grads, 2 10-18 years, 9 under 10 years)
 - Short on beverages, particularly non-alcoholic (possibly due a younger crowd this year)
 - 3 to 6pm was a good time
 - Raffle / presents were a good idea; very kid friendly
 - Food was good – just enough and people were able to take some home
 - Clean-up fee was a good idea

- The only issue was that the tablecloths were the wrong size (60" tables require more than 60" cloths – they were the exact same size; it looked fine after the decorations were put in place but something to remember for next year)

B.) Soup Kitchen

- Event was a success
- 11 people showed up (initially only 8 showed up and they were a little worried that there weren't enough people)
- Next one is March 14th
- Hope to have one every quarter
- Details: Trinity Methodist Church on Broadway from 11:20am – 1pm

C.) GNN

- Event was very successful
- Around 60 registrants (several additional people showed up thinking they had registered but they had not)
- For some reason, no guests showed up as registered
- It looks like HAA printed out the name tags a few days before registration closed, so some people registered but didn't show up on the list; extra blank name tags were useful
- 39 attendees – many people were new to the area and wanted to meet people
- Attendees represented Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo
- Found one volunteer to host events in Colorado Springs
- One membership bought, and received a donation
- Many non-members attended so we need to work on converting those people
- Received a lot of feedback that attendees wanted more events similar to GNN
- Venue was good, and the happy hour prices were good
- 34 no shows; typically no-show rate hovers around 50% so this was usual
- Only 21 people on proximate attended so many people didn't show up

5.) Upcoming events

A.) HAA Alumni Leadership Conference

- Feb 6th and 7th
- Tracey, Fred, Junko and Srinidhi will be attending

B.) Soup Kitchen

- March 14th at 11:20am to 1pm at Trinity Methodist Church on Broadway

C.) Anna Jones' Pot Luck (Title IX)

- Sunday, January 26th 5:30pm to 7pm
- Waiting on description from Anna to put on website

6.) Events in Gestation

A.) Romanoff / Coffman Debate with Peter Hanson moderating

- Have yet to hear back from Coffman offices
- Need to confirm with Hanson that he will be moderating

B.) Dr. Rina Shinn (AB '86)

- Wants to share information about Bio-Identical Hormone Replacement Therapy

- Does this talk often; March or June is best for her
- C.) Harvard Watch Party
 - Basketball team is doing well
 - Plan to have another watch party if they make it to the Ivy League Championship Game
 - Put a blurb / update on news section of website as well as Facebook
 - Need to look into other Harvard sports teams that are doing well
- D.) Nuclear Radiation Fall-out talk
 - Junko was speaking with someone at one of the events and he was surprised that this wasn't general knowledge
 - Another person is also interested in speaking; Junko is in touch
- E.) Michael Banks
 - Interested in having an event at the CU planetarium
- F.) DUMB Friends League
 - Aiming for a one day commitment in the spring
- G.) Other Potential Events
 - Dunia and Tom are interested in taking on education piece; Junko has passed on information and Dunia said she would get back to her by the end of the month
 - HAA will fly out one professor a year for the Clubs; we need to figure out who to choose as we haven't taken advantage of this the past few years; we would need to pay for the hotel and other expenses; we can have the event at the University Club, or a café / bar / restaurant / Daniels Fund
 - Yale is having an event Thursday, January 30th at the University Club; Monuments Men with a professor discussing Nazi art and information about the upcoming movie
 - HBS group here is becoming more active but so far keeping it within the HBS group
- 7.) Status Updates
 - A) Schools Committee
 - Interviews going on
 - B) Membership Committee
 - No update
 - C) Communications / Webmaster
 - Need pictures
 - Implementing "cool" fact about Colorado on page but currently having an issue with the website; need to go through Alumni Magnet
 - D) Speaker Series
 - Will put agricultural webinar on website
 - E) Young Alums
 - Another happy hour event in late February / early March in the Cherry Creek area
 - F) Other
 - All Star Breakfast (March 13, 2014)
 - Liz Murray to be one of the speakers

- Coordinators have asked for our participation
- Previously, we have looked to see what benefit the event brings to the Club before agreeing to actively promote or sponsor an event
- We will ask her to send a blurb that we can post on our website / FB

8.) Pending issues

- Looking into digitizing old archives
- Phil to send old docs; will try to find out more information at ALC
- Junko just needs approval for stationary design
- Put booklet on RMHUC history on website

9.) Any other business

- Dinner
 - January: Junko
 - February: Christina
 - March: Fred
- Next meetings
 - Wednesday, January 15
 - Wednesday, February 12
 - Wednesday, March 12

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm