

**Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club
Minutes of Steering Committee Meeting, 8 April 2015**

Present: **Tracey Smith** **Srinidhi Reddy**
 JK Costella **Fred Ris**
 Phil Weintraub **John Griffin**
 Eric Eversley

Excused: **Christina Gomez**

(Numbering below references the meeting agenda)

Tracey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

- 1.) Preliminaries
 - a. Regrets: Christina
 - b. Guests: Ed Fields
 - c. Agenda Adopted
 - d. Personal Matters
- 2.) Consent Agenda
 - a. March meeting minutes adopted
- 3.) Financial Report for October
 - a. See Christina's email
 - Ticket sales still coming in for Andrew Berry
 - Still waiting on a few expense receipts for ALC
- 4.) Past Events
 - a. HAA / ALC Conference
 - See Tracey, Fred, JK reports that were emailed
 - b. Young Alum Event at Punch Bowl Social
 - Did not have a host
 - Restaurant host thought we had about 10 attendees
 - Early spring may not be a good time to have the event as last year we had a similar event around the same time in the Cherry Creek area and had one attendee
 - c. Harvard –Yale Basketball Watch Party
 - Over 50 people, half Harvard, half Yale
 - d. Harvard-UNC Basketball Watch Party
 - About 15 people, turnout was likely impacted by time (5:20 pm) and general consensus that the game was likely to an easy win for UNC
 - UNC connected with us to have a joint event in the future but the type of event is unclear
 - e. Speaker Series, Ron Felaide
 - Almost 25 people, mostly Harvard and Yale alums
 - Very interesting talk about sustainability and architecture; discussion afterwards went really well
 - There was an incident with an unknown attendee and parking
 - May want to have a sign-up sheet at next event to know who is attending

- 6:30pm was a good time to start, most people showed up on time
 - Cost was minimal given restrictions by venue; likely to be similar next time
 - Couple of people spoke with JK about wanting to speak at a similar event in the future
- f. Serving Lunch to the Homeless
- See Christina's email
 - Successful event with over 15 volunteers
- 5.) Upcoming Events
- a. New Admit Reception (April 11th)
- So far, we have 4 students with parents signed up
- b. HAA Faculty Speakers Bureau Program (April 17th)
- 57 people have bought tickets so far (another 3 people are in the process)
 - Will send out another email blast
 - Need to find accommodations for Friday and Saturday nights for Berry
 - Tracey will contact Speakers Bureau to see if they can cover Saturday night since we were originally told one night; also she will find out if Berry is available Saturday for another event
 - Potential Saturday idea (Phil, Eric, John, Srinidhi can be available)
 - Sit-down meal (breakfast, brunch or lunch)
 - Have Steering Committee attend
 - Can contact high level donors to see if they want to attend
- c. Soup Kitchen (May 28th)
- JK will be taking over this series from Christina
 - Will look into establishing a cadence / continue increasing the frequency
 - We definitely have enough volunteers to make this a monthly event if the church can handle it
- d. Speaker Series, Peter Hanson (June 9th)
- JK will get the blurb put up on the website
 - The talk will be about Congress (Hanson has published a book on this topic)
 - We can't sell books at the event
- e. GNN (June 22nd)
- Looking for hosts in Colorado Springs, Fort Collins and Boulder; Tracey has an idea for Colorado Springs and Boulder
 - May change Denver venue from Chinook Tavern to Viewhouse across I-25 (great patio and view)
- 6.) Events in Gestation
- a. Member / Volunteer Appreciation Event
- Potentially have a joint event this summer / fall to cover the last two fiscal years
- 7.) Status Update
- a. Schools Committee
- Admit rate was over 20% for early admits (14 admits)
 - Admit rate for regulars was less than 2% (6 admits)
 - 2 of the 6 regular admits were the top 2 students ranked during the ranking meeting
- b. Membership Committee
- c. Communications / Webmaster
- Looking for someone to spearhead this area
- d. Local Speaker Series
- JK currently leading; see notes above

- e. Young Alums
 - Next June (potentially go to a baseball game; threshold for group sales is 10 and they provide tickets with stored value)
 - f. Other
- 8.) Pending Issues
- a. Bylaws Revision
 - b. Keeping Club Archives
 - c. Membership Survey
 - d. Book Prize
 - Have had trouble finding volunteers (of the 9 schools, only had people volunteer for 4 schools)
 - A new school has qualified and is really excited
 - Had some trouble contacting Fairplay (principal might have thought it was a solicitation call)
 - One idea is to send snail mail since email may end up in spam (include \$50 donation and talk about Book Prize)
 - Next year, may contact superintendent rather than principal
 - e. Insurance
 - f. Stationery
- 9.) Other Business
- a. Harvard Glee Club
 - Spring 2016 (spring break) – need to know exact dates and number of people
 - May be able to get list of glee club members and Radcliffe Choral members living in Colorado
 - Our directory may include Glee Club or Choral affiliation – these people may be most interested in hosting students
 - Last time, they had around 60 people
 - Tracey to find out more details
 - b. Minds Matter email request
 - We turned down a request for funding for a similar program last summer
 - Fred will follow-up with student and admissions office
 - If number of students are limited and the program carries weight with admissions, then we can discuss covering a portion of the cost
- 10.) Action Item Review
- 11.) Adjournment

Next meetings: Wednesday, May 13th (Tracey)
Wednesday, June 10th (Fred)

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM