

RMHUC Steering Committee Minutes, October 12th, 2016

6:33 Meeting Opens with JK, Christina, Fred, Sunhee, John, Tracey, and Paul in attendance

- I. Prelims
 - A. Regrets: Eric, Steve
 - B. Guests: Lia Baggao '10
 - C. Agenda adopted unanimously (Paul, JK)
 - D. Personal Matters:
 - 1. Fred received the Hiram S. Hunn Award, which he won for his excellence in interviewing and outstanding efforts. He gave a speech in acceptance of this award. He did some research in boxes containing Rocky Mountain Harvard and Radcliffe Club memorabilia and is considering a presentation on this.
 - 2. Eric was in a minor car accident and the other driver left the scene. He has recovered but his car is totaled.
- II. Consent September minutes (Sunhee, Tracey): Approved with one amendment to Section V.A. regarding the annual meeting/BBQ: "Attendance was actually excellent, with 62/70 paid in attendance. Evidently, people did not eat, as the previous statement about low attendance was based on plates."
- III. Financial Report for August
 - A. See emailed bank statements. One CD matured at an effective rate of 1.5%, earning us \$511 over 58 months. Others mature in April of 2018 and October 2019 at rates of 1.25 and 1.5% respectively.
 - B. We made small amounts of money on the Botanic Garden event and the summer BBQ. There is one receipt outstanding for the BBQ, \$150, and the damage deposit of \$300 and a refund of \$100 are also outstanding.
 - C. Memberships have outpaced years past, and the scholarship fund also seems above average.
 - D. The report is adopted unanimously (Sunhee, JK)
- IV. Past event: Denver Botanic Gardens, October 10 (Christina):
 - A. Started at 8 AM. The small entrance fee of \$5 seemed to help with attendance, as virtually all who signed up attended.
 - B. 30 was a good number and people came from CO Springs and Aspen to attend.
 - C. The joint event with the GSD alumni was a huge success.
- V. Upcoming events
 - A. Welcome to Your City Event (JK): October 18th. We have 24 people signed up for this already and expect some more. It seems to be driving some young alumni memberships. We will start with dinner tables and perhaps move to pingpong space pending.
 - B. Soup Kitchen (JK) October 24th, November 14th: There are already 11 people signed up for the first of these dates and we will push the second date in future emails. Fred will captain the 24th since JK will be out of town.
 - C. H-Y Game (Lia) November 19th: Phil has retired from this function. Lia has organized this with the folks from Choppers' in collaboration with Phil. We have some door prizes and the Yale club will provide a couple. Lia has been in contact with Vivian about sending postcards, which will hopefully have a Save-the-Date for the Holiday Party as well.
 - D. Alumni Leadership Conference (Fred) Feb 9-10 2017: This Thursday-Friday event features TED-like talks about alumni groups and current academic and social campus affairs. There is networking and there is often a good sporting event that weekend. In the

past, we have supported up to 3 steering committee members who attended this. Fred moves that we continue the reimbursement subsidy of \$250 for attendees and \$500 for attendees who write a report after the event. The total amount of subsidy is capped at \$2000. John has some contacts in Back Bay who may be able to house an attendee. (Fred, JK) The motion passes unanimously.

VI. Events in Gestation

- A. HAA Faculty Speaker (Tracey): Tracey has sent the new catalog of faculty speakers. She requests that SC members send their top choices. Andrew Crespo '05 HLS '08 has been recommended to Paul. Fred has an offer from Philip Lovejoy and this may come at a low cost. We will ask what his availability is for January and the second half of February. Fred to check on Lovejoy and Paul and JK will ask their contacts about Professor Crespo.
- B. GNN (JK): Wednesday, January 11th, 2017. Planning to start on this after October event. Will likely move this into town from the suburbs.
- C. Global Month of Service (April)-- Deferred.
- D. Member Volunteer Appreciation Event (Christina): This has not been held for two years and it would be great to honor members and volunteers. There is an idea to combine this with the Philip Lovejoy event.
- E. Holiday Party (Sunhee/Christina): Fred's building is not available for this due to renovation. Great Divide Brewery is one option per Paul, but cost is a concern on weekends at restaurants. We should talk to members and friends with nice apartment buildings because we can bring our own caterer and rentals are usually a low cost. Students are not off school until the 20th, so unless we have the party after Christmas they will not make it. The likely dates are Dec. 10-11 and 17-18, Saturday/Sunday, about 3-6. Sunhee to investigate use of Kent's school cafeteria for this event.

VII. Status Updates

- A. Schools Committee (Fred): As of this morning, 20 early applicants have arrived. (Note: It was later determined that of these 20, only 13 are early applicants; the other 7 are regular applicants.) Many alumni interviewers have not completed their conflict-of-interest questionnaires, so they are not yet eligible to interview.
- B. Membership Committee (Christina): It is thought that the website is not sending reminders to all alumni whose memberships are lapsing. Fred and Christina would like to have a strategy for this. Lia has expressed interest in this.
- C. Communications/Webmaster: There is a learning curve utilizing the new alumni magnet functions and JK and Fred are doing their best, but it makes formatting difficult. Christina would like to get some new pictures and update.
- D. Local Speaker Series (JK): I have been in contact with Sheila Davis, MD, leader of DU's HealthCare Leadership Institute, about a December speaker date. To date there have been two speaker series events this year. Fred states that perhaps we should do the Clyfford Still museum again, as that was a big hit.
- E. Young alumni (JK): There is also a resurgent All-Ivy Happy Hour happening every third Thursday. Also, see item V.A. above for more on the Welcome to Your City event.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Insurance (Fred): Eric is working on an application and will have a quote soon. He has had several in-depth questions for Fred that he is uncertain how to answer; these mostly pertain to cybersecurity, which we do not need.
- B. Harvard Alumni Entrepreneurs (JK): JK met with Tim on this. He has submitted the SIG application which should be ratified soon. There will be a mid-November kickoff event. We will mutually promote club memberships and HAE events/membership.

IX. Adjourned at 8:00. Next meeting is Wednesday, November 12th, with Paul on food. Fred will take care of food for December 14th.