

## **RMHUC Steering Committee Minutes, November 4 2015**

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

- I. Prelims
  - A. Regrets: Eric, Christina
  - B. Guests: Ed Field '61, Paul Chessin '75, JD '79, Sunhee Hodges '85
  - C. Consent agenda adopted
  - D. Personal matters:
    1. Fred and Ayliffe have returned safely from China.
    2. John's daughter was seriously injured in a MVA-bike accident. She is recovering.
- II. Consent minutes
  - A. October minutes accepted
- III. Financial Report from October (Christina)
  - A. See emailed version of this for more details.
  - B. Acceptance of the report, as well as last month, was tabled for more discussion when Christina is able to attend.
- IV. Past events
  - A. Soup Kitchen, 12 October—8 volunteers. Great feedback from this—we will continue at the new location, First Baptist Church.
- V. Upcoming events
  - A. H-Y (Phil), 21 November- Chopper's is confirmed but Phil highlights the vicissitudes of a later game (12:30 Mountain vs. the usual 10:30 start). Claudine at Chopper's has promised 15 tables, many TVs, and audio. A postcard via Vivian will go out soon with "Save the Dates" for future events, primarily item V.B. Fred and Tracey know a woman—Kate Silburn MDIV '96?-- who has staffed the sign-in table; it is desirable that we have Harvard memorabilia for giveaways, and JK purchases \$66.46 worth of merchandise to give away during the game.
  - B. Holiday Party (Tracey)—Fred's building's party room is available on Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, which is the preferred day for the holiday party. This does not conflict with Chanukkah, but it does conflict with the Bronco game. There is concern that this will lead to decline in attendance and potential difficulties parking. There is discussion of alternate times and days: Friday evening, Saturday afternoon, another weekend. There is extensive debate on this, but ultimately it is decided not to change anything. Hours will be 3-6, Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>.
    1. Pricing: Last year started at Early Bird prices of \$25-40 (25 recent grad, 35 member and first guest, 40 for other guests, teens \$10, other kids \$5.) rising \$5 each 9 days prior to the event, except for kids, which remain the same price. Made \$80 last year even with several newly admitted students invited free of charge. Last year: 76 total, 38 at the \$35 rate, 9 at \$40, 9 at \$5, 12 free (under 3 yo and recently admitted students), 3 recent grads, 11-18 4 kids. This year: Will keep prices the same except eliminate the \$5 for kids; all kids are \$10.
    2. Promotion: Another postcard will be sent for this event, just after the game. Perhaps have the cards available at the game?
  - C. GNN (Tracey)—January 12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Details to come—will promote in upcoming blasts.
- VI. Events in gestation

- A. Welcome to Your City (JK)- Alas, this is not happening. See VII.E. below for details.
- B. Member/Vol Appreciation(Tracey): Pushed back to February due to conflicts. This could overlap with the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club and/or a speaker series event.
- C. Harvard Glee Club (Tracey) March 18: Need to start soliciting homes for students; several people responded to the call at the annual meeting. Will set up an event webpage so people can “RSVP” for this. Need to ascertain transportation needs; they have a bus, but logistics are uncertain for in-town travel.

VII. Status Updates

- A. Schools Committee (Fred) See 11/4 email for more details of current interviews. Sunhee has gotten interviews thus far assigned and several reports have been submitted already but we are struggling to get the current assignments out. There is some glitch in getting information to us; therefore, many students’ schools are unknown at this point.
- B. Membership (Tracey) See financial report for a detailed breakdown of membership.
- C. Communications/Webmaster—No news to report.
- D. Local Speaker Series—(JK) Planning a final event in late December; has had a couple non-responses on this. Fred could help contact Curt Freed Re: Clyfford Still tour.
- E. Young Alums—We need someone else to help with this as JK is no longer young. Will grab someone at the game.
- F. Faculty Speaker Series—Tracey has sent an email requesting people’s preferences on for speakers; she awaits voting.

VII. Adjourned at 8:35. Next meeting is Wednesday, December 9, 6:30, Fred taking care of food.