Presidents’ College Volunteer Meeting
February 11, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by Nancy Mather at 9:30 AM in the KF Room.

Present were: Catherine Banbury, Marcia Cornell, Gloria Grant, Norm Hausmann, Judy Kacmarcik, Shirley Leong, Julie Lindquist, Lillian Lindy, Nancy Mather, Jennifer Nolle, Rose Mary O’Connell, Elaine Price, Randi Ashton-Pritting, Humphrey Tonkin, Peg Walker, Sally Williams

Remarks from the Chair:
- Nancy Mather introduced and welcomed Jennifer Noble, our newest volunteer.
- The Spring Reception was successful with over 100 people in attendance. The 1897 Club proved to be a much better location. Logistics regarding traffic issues, the number of chairs and the number of coat hangers will be addressed for future events of this kind.
- Please pass suggestions for program ideas for Social Events to Nancy via email or telephone.

Minutes of the January 21, 2015 Meeting were approved as distributed.

The spring Enrollment report was distributed. There were no obvious issues with any of the courses. Fellows total is now at 289, we are hoping for 300.

Director’s Report - Humphrey Tonkin
- The May-June Session is now set. There will be 10 courses. They will be listed in the Newsletter. Coordinators were selected for the 10 courses.
- The Computer Class has been moved to March 17, 18 and 19th with a bonus class on using the Library’s computerized search and research facilities on March 20. The sessions will begin at 10:30 AM.
- The Hooker Lecture will be March 26 at 5 PM. In partnership with the Ancient Burying Ground Association, we will be trying to spread the word as widely as possible. A printed invitation will be sent. Assistance will be needed for registration and greeting guests. Details will be handled at the March Volunteers meeting.
- Japan Trip: a Trip with Kyoto as the base, which will be led by Sherry Buckberrough and Hirokazu Fukawa and will feature Japanese art. Dates will be in May 2016. The goal is to have 15 people sign up. Details will be announced by Summer 2015. There will be two courses related to the trip, one in Fall 2015 and one in Spring 2016. The fall course will be on Japanese Culture, taught by Hirokazu Fukawa. The spring course will be on contemporary Japanese Art and will be taught by Sherry Buckberrough.
- A report of the outcome of the Focus Groups is being prepared.
- Snow Days – if the University is open, we will hold classes. It was suggested that Coordinators, especially of courses held during winter months, add a link to www.Hartford.edu to their email to class participants and remind them to check the University Web Site if there is a question as to whether their class will meet.
- Meet Your Professors – occasional informal get-togethers will be held to which fellows and faculty will be invited.
Report of the Director of Libraries - Randi Ashton-Pitting

- Testing of the online registration system is moving along.
- Chairs in the KF room are now all of the smaller variety – which are easier to manage and take up less space.
- The Goodwin Café will be closing May 18. It will be completely renovated this summer and will emerge in the fall as a full-blown Starbucks.

Reports:

- Symposium – Sally Williams
  - Intent: to be an “intellectual feast” with a variety of interesting presentations rather than course-magnetic for specific fall courses.
  - The Symposium Committee is looking for suggestions about interesting ideas/presenters that could be incorporated.

- McAuley – Sally Williams
  - Walter Harrison’s Lecture was both well-attended and well received. The audience mix was interesting, and differed from the norm in that there were more men in attendance. The next McAuley Lecture will feature Michael Schiano.

- Duncaster – Marcia Cornell
  - Laura Pence’s lecture was excellent and well received. As with the last McAuley Lecture, there were more men in attendance.

- Fellows Lectures
  - Natacha Poggio will deliver the Fellows Lecture February 19.
  - Adam Silver’s Lecture has been rescheduled for February 26.

Volunteers Comments:

- With the change in the focus of Symposium, we need to develop an alternative for addressing how we publicize and market early fall courses.
- Alumni Discounts: Do we have metrics on the Alumni discount Program. Has it been successful? Is the number of Alumni Attendees increasing? There will be four of the May-June courses designated as Alumni Courses.
- We need to be wary of new activities diverting energies from successful programs. An evolving organization needs to incorporate changes in a judicious manner.

Closing Remarks: Changes will not impact the essence of Presidents’ College.

THE FEBRUARY MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 AT 9:30 AM IN THE KF ROOM.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peg Walker