Presidents’ College Volunteer Meeting
May 13, 2015

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

Present were: Boyce Batey, Janet Bruner, Robert Bruner, Fran Cobb, Marcia Cornell, Norm Hausmann, Lillian Lindy, Margaret Milch, Monica Mills, Elaine Price, Martha Reingold, Elaine Savin, David Satloff, Peg Walker, Sally Williams, Randi Ashton-Pritting, Mancy Mather, Humphrey Tonkin, Joe Voelker

Minutes of the April 8, 2015 Meeting were approved.

The spring Enrollment report as of May 8 was distributed. Two courses have been cancelled: The Body – An Owners Manual, and Crosscurrents in Modern Art.

Director’s Report - Humphrey Tonkin

• The installation of a Starbucks in the Library (where the café is now) will begin May 15. The Café is now officially closed. Coordinators should remind students in upcoming courses that the café will not be open for even beverages.
• Cremins Lecture: ALL volunteers are encouraged to reach to friends and encourage them to attend.
• Courses – Volunteers are reminded that it is part of their responsibility to encourage people currently unfamiliar with Presidents’ College to look at the offerings and sign up for one of our courses.
• Coffee Hour – the April 20 event was a success. Humphrey suggested that due to the October Date for symposium, another Coffee Hour should be held as early in September as possible.
• Gutierrez Lecture – Event was very successful 120+ attended. A “happy to see you there” note will be sent to the attendees who are not fellows.
• Golden Hawks – The Campus Tour will be May 15th. All volunteers are invited to join. The program (and tour following) begins at 1:30 PM at the Shaw Center in Hillyer Hall (#20 on the map) on campus.
• The next Health Program will be on Prosthetics and Orthotics on October 23. It will be presented by the cutting edge research and development team associated with the University Department of Rehabilitation Services.
• The Japan trip will be in late May, 2016.

Cremins Lecture: Registrations are coming in. The Lecture and Luncheon will be held June 2 at the 1877 Club. Registration will begin at 11:30, lunch from 12 – 1 PM, and the Lecture by Susan Campbell will follow lunch.

Coordinators and Other Responsibilities

• Jennifer Noble has agreed to assume the responsibility for handling the administrative piece associated with the coordinators. She will begin her role in September, 2015.
• A Coordinator is still needed for the Jazz class to be held from June 8 through June 12.
• Volunteers were selected to help with the Cremins lecture.
• Conversations with Presidents’ College on WHCTV were discussed. Peg Walker volunteered to head a project that will raise awareness of the program.
• Summerwood – we are looking for a coordinator for the programs at Summerwood.

Director of Libraries’ Report – Randi Ashton-Pritting
• It was a good year! The next edition of the Library Newsletter will have a report showing what the monies from Presidents’ College have purchased for the Library – including pictures!

• Copies of the Mercy Communities’ Newsletter which featured the very successful Health Programs done in Partnership with Presidents’ College has been sent to the Leadership Team at the University. These programs exemplify our outreach connection to other institutions in the community in keeping with the University’s commitment to participation and partnership with the greater community.

Reports:
Fellows Lectures – Margaret Milch
• The last lecture of the semester was very well attended. Solutions to the challenges of having lunch following the program were discussed, and will continue to be investigated.

Symposium – Sally Williams
• Plans are coming along nicely
• Sessions will display the incredible variety of the University
  o Japanese Art
  o Issues in Policing (With Chiefs of Police from Hartford and West Hartford)
  o Assimilation and Contemporary Jewish Fiction
  o The History of Astronomy
  o Nicholas Nickleby – the book, and small portions of the play
  o Caring for the Planet
  o Food & Culture
  o The Art and Dazzle of Camouflage
  o ..others “in the works”

McAuley – Sally Williams
• Next Friday will be the final McAuley Lecture of the semester. Richard Freund will present The Colossus of Rhodes and the Jews of Rhodes, Greece. The lectures have been very well attended.

Duncaster – Marcia Cornell
• The final lecture of the semester was last evening, between 120 and 140 people attended.
• It was noted that over the semester, attendance at the combined McAuley and Duncaster lectures is likely to have exceeded 1,000!

25th Anniversary of Presidents’ College – 2016 – Joe Voelker
• Plans are under way! SAVE NOVEMBER 1!! The program will be held at the Handel Center and will be a fund raiser to celebrate the milestone anniversary, as well mark the occasion of Humphrey’s turning over the reins of Presidents’ college to Joe Voelker. Stay tuned for more information.

Other Business:
• Humphrey Outlined the Fall Programs. The full listing will be in the July Newsletter.
• A special event will be a course by Michele Troy on current fiction that will be tied to the novels on the “short list” for the Man Booker Prize.
• A production of Nicholas Nickleby will be undertaken by the University this fall in November. There will be a course on the novel by Catherine Stevenson tied to the production, as well as other events.

Meetings over the summer:
- The Thank You Lunch for the Volunteers will be held June 17 at noon in the 1877 Club. Please RSVP to Judy Kacmarcik.
- The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, July 8 at 9:30 in the KF Room.
- There may be a meeting on August 12 also at 9:30 in the KF Room, if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peg Walker