## Minutes Yale Club of Utah Annual Meeting Thursday, February 9, 2023 8 pm via Zoom

- Ratify minutes from prior meeting -- 11/19/22 Will ratify at a future meeting when more board members are present.
- Treasurer's report (Anne).
- Attendees of today's meeting: Stan Soper, Melanie Marcheschi, Robert White, Victoria Su, Amy Coleman, and Richard Bird. Some board members had difficulty connecting and were not able to attend.
- Report on Prior Events:
  - Yale/Harvard Game Was mentioned that this was well attended/ advertised. Robert mentioned the location/room was fun for both Harvard and Yale members and would be good to use in the future.
  - Holiday Party Victoria/Stafford Victoria mentioned that about 100 people attended and was a very successful event that helped add nearly \$1,500 to the club bank account. Victoria mentioned that Givebutter is a great program to help members donate to the club since the fees on Givebutter are lower. Robert mentioned the holiday party was one of our best events in the history of the club and was one of the best attended. Contributing factors to the success is due to the attendance of existing students, the board calling members, the date, the concert by Whiffenpoofs, and overall effort put in by Victoria and Stafford in planning all the minor details (cost to members, location/venue, etc.)
- Upcoming Events:
  - Feb Club Event
    - Board Organizer: Richard Bird
    - Date: February 18th
    - Location: Midway cabin/house
    - Final details. Discussed food options including what we've done in year's past (ie. Pulled pork sandwiches, desserts, drinks left over from holiday party). Will work with Mathilde to get a headcount/RSVP list. Hope to get at least 8 people to go forward with event. Currently sit around 5 RSVP's. Melanie mentioned we could call around the club again to invite people. Should notify attendees that drinks and light food will be available.
  - Monthly Networking Lunch
    - Board Organizer: Jason Winkler
    - When start? Melanie and Stan to follow up regarding details.

## This is a chance for two Yale alums/members to meet up for coffee/breakfast/lunch.

- Annual Meeting and Election in March
  - Board Organizer: Stan Soper
  - Zoom ok? Or prefer an in person event?
  - March 9<sup>th</sup> or March 16<sup>th</sup> ok? What time? March 16<sup>th</sup> works best so it doesn't conflict with the book club meeting that will meet on March 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Any recommendations/requests? Stan will follow up with Stafford to determine best plan of attack and see how we can improve on previous year's elections.
  - To do's for Annual Meeting:
    - Note George Garvin moving need board replacement; any proposals?
    - **Up for re-election:** 
      - Amy Coleman, board member
      - Anne Linn, board member but term ends as treasurer
      - Richard Bird, board member and will stand for treasurer, if no other options exist.
      - Bob White, board member
    - Nominations for Board and officer
      - Need secretary role
      - Request nominations by Feb 24. Will confirm with Stafford.
      - Send out voting forms on Feb 27
      - Annual meeting date March 16th
    - Election to-do list:
      - SEE GOOGLE FORMS FROM LAST ELECTION ON DRIVE
  - New Admits Event -- April 2023 (George/Harry?) George is moving out of state and need another person to head this event.
  - Yale Day of Service May 2023 (Melanie?) Melanie will organize this event. Is currently thinking about ideas that would cater to a large group of club members and provide the most benefit to whatever group we decide to assist. Stan will introduce Melanie to a family office that has significant experience doing charitable projects. Robert mentioned an idea to have people walk/run to raise money for something.
  - 2023 Hike date? Location? Volunteer? Amy mentioned the hike to Timpanagos in year's past were excellent because a club member was so knowledgeable about geology and made it educational and physical. Would be a good idea to find somebody who could lead the hike that help provide an educational component. This worked at the Kennecott picnic club event a few years ago. Perhaps finding somebody working at Antelope Island who is working to save the Great Salt Lake. It was suggested that early June would be a great time to do this. Still need a volunteer to run this event.

- 2023 Summer Picnic or Party Volunteer? Date in June or July?
- 2023 Student Send-Off Event August 2023 Volunteer?
- 2023 RedPath Lecture October or November 2023 **Volunteer?**
- 2023 Yale/Harvard Game November 2023 **Volunteer?**
- 2023 Christmas/Holiday Event December 2023 **Volunteer?**

## Other:

- Melanie mentioned she knows the president of the Utah Harvard Club and will connect this person with Stan to see if there are ways our clubs can do more things together.
- Victoria asked the group how we could use the funds in our account to do another educational event for the club. It was suggested we reach out to members of the club to find people who are doing interesting things that would be of value for an event like this. Victoria also mentioned we could have various club members present slides in a 10 slides in 10 minutes style format so we can learn more from each other.

## **Member Meeting Portion**

- Welcome to Members and Intro of Board Members (Stan)
- Overview of Activities Scheduled for 2023 (Stan or someone else?)
- Announce Election Results (**Richard**)
- Treasurer's Report (Anne)
- Q&A