

Yale Club of Utah

Minutes of October 28, 2021, Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. via Zoom

In attendance:

Stan Soper, Interim President
Tova Choate
Anne Skein
Victoria Su
George Garvin
Bob White
Richard Bird

Stan Soper acted as chair of the meeting and as secretary as well.

Minutes:

Discussed that Stan should put name on ballot for March election to confirm role as President.

We reviewed and approved minutes from June meeting.

Discussed fact that Devil's Trill meeting was a nice event, and we would like to do more like that.

Tova mentioned that Darrell Lee has a book on Mormons in France.

Tova will reach out to ask if Darrell is interested in a Zoom book call/presentation.

Find someone to do IT and emails and student outreach to cover for Tovah after she leaves in December. We will mention this in the upcoming email announcing the Yale/Harvard game and Christmas activity.

Treasurers Report from Anne Skein

\$4932.32 balance. Haven't had a lot of activity besides large donation from Michie. Yale Day of Service Activity we raised about \$255 of donations minus \$10 of PayPal fees. Amy purchased a lot of groceries (spent all the money that was donated for that purpose).

Tova will submit a signed statement for food from the August event. Can't find the receipts. Club will process anyway.

Yale Harvard Game -- Victoria discussed this.

Saturday the 20th starting at 10 am MDT. John Paul Kennedy is guy who usually does this for Harvard club. He will probably settle on the Rio Grande restaurant. In the past we have just ordered a la carte at places like Buster's. He is supposed to get back to Victoria sometime this week but any day now we will hear more information and will broadcast the information or details. The club has paid in past, or we have also just let people buy their own food. It's a little easier for people to just buy their own food. Usually just appetizers. Hopefully we can get an email out by the end of next week. Stan will look into the official bag and will bring the banner if it is there.

Holiday Party

Amy has usually taken charge of it. We usually pair with a service organization and try to raise money like for Toys for Tots. Stan will ask Amy if she is interested in doing it again. It is an excuse if we want to do a virtual event. Maybe we should be prudent about it given Covid situation, George said. Maybe we should do a virtual event or an outside thing. Outside possibilities like the St. Nicholas festival at the Heritage Park. Tova suggested considering we could meet up for the Christkindlmarkt to meet up for hot chocolate then people can split up and do their own thing. Quite a few buildings open during that time. Great Saturday activity. If we do indoor, we need to do fully vaccinated plus masks. Board members thought it was a wonderful idea. There are a couple of pavilions that maybe we can reserve or something. Dec 4 maybe we do it right at 11 am. Go get your own food and come gather somewhere and eat together and then do your own thing. Check the different events on that day to make sure we don't miss something important. If we know who we want to support, we can ask for donations of money or other items.

Feb Club

Last time we had one at Ken's house. Another one at Karen Horne's studio was also a Feb Club. Or we just picked a restaurant and people came together. Maybe wait until we are closer with Covid situation. We can talk about it in January. Richard has a place in Midway from February 25-March 4th. 7,000 sq. ft. house with two kitchens. We are welcome to use it. Ice sculptures going on, soldier hollow has cool tubing and cross country. We have 7 bedrooms and could do an overnight board meeting. Party could be 50-75. Overnight, would probably be 7 private rooms. February 25th or February 26th. We can decide at end of January whether covid situation is such, we can always call it off. We could even do the outdoor activity even if we have to cancel the indoor part of it.

Redpath event

Last time, Erica Spatz, women's cardiology, came. Then COVID came and we decided we would save it for some other time. George said he would be willing to organize it. Probably March or April. Richard had some ideas for the professors. One of professors teaching there now is a BYU grad. One option is Thomas Stefan, assistant professor of accounting, voluntary and mandatory disclosure in context of capital markets. Stan said

this fellow might be a bit boring. Richard mentioned he had another professor to help us have a transformation as a leader. Richard said he learned a lot about self that never recognized was there and some things that he can work on. Wouldn't hesitate to ask her. Richard will look into leadership professor. Stan discussed Christian Wyman, a professor in the school of theology who is also a widely recognized poet and who has a terminal illness. Group expressed interest in both these options. Stan said he will circulate an email about Christian and Richard said he would look into the availability of the leadership professor as well.

March Member Meeting

The only board members whose terms are supposed to expire are George and Ken. Victoria is not a board member. Victoria mentioned we should work on an outreach idea, and what she was trying to do is anyone who signs up we will reach out one on one to them and welcome them to Utah and let them know we are here for you. Start a conversation. You are trying to keep up with whoever is coming through and then cultivate those relationships by keeping up events and going to the events. coming up with some different strategies to get people involved and keep them involved. They already want to be part of whatever Yale has to offer. That's where it starts and have them have things to connect into. To let them know there are these events then see where their interests are. Stafford Palmieri and Richard were involved in the business roundtable. Stan is going to circulate the membership list and ask board members to check for 2-3 people and Stan will look through emails of people who have reached out to us to make sure that someone has reached out to them.

Newsletter

Discussed newsletter option. We never had a newsletter. Kristin might have been wanting to go that route. Basically, we just used emails as things came up. It's a good idea -- but once events come, we have a few. We tend to have events come; we've just had a little gap. We could try to solicit more news from members in Utah and put in blurbs with spotlights about people. Would be a way for us to get to know each other more. Maybe they would like to get out their news and see who who is. It does take time. There is a Facebook group for the Yale Club of Utah. For some reason, only about 30 people have become members. George is the administrator, and he will take the list of membership names and search on Facebook and invite people. Stan will send list of members and George will invite people.

Final items

Richard mentioned it would be wonderful long term to have a scholarship fund for the group. You could use whatever the growth is from investments to use as a scholarship. George mentioned we would have to organize a special fund, because right now we have a little over \$4,000. We could do \$500 now. Finding out who really needs it to figure out who needs it. It's a nice idea. Somebody who really doesn't have any money. A stipend like that is meaningful. The Yale Club of Utah scholarship fund.

Looking for donations. That would be an ambitious undertaking for this club. Tova mentioned this is something we talked about with current student outreach. Maybe if we sent actual student letters and announced a campaign to raise an endowment. Tova mentioned that Harvard does a summer grant program for Harvard people doing projects involving Utah.

Next board meeting: January 11, Tuesday 7:00 p.m.