

MHC Club of Hartford
Minutes for August 21, 2006 Meeting
6:30 pm home of Sara Kochanowsky, West Hartford, CT

Attended

Alison Perrin, Amy Coyle, Karen Booth, Sara Kochanowsky

Welcome

Reviewed July Minutes

Treasurer's report

Alison reported that there was no report to present.

Programs report

Recent

1) Book Club Event, Tuesday, August 15 from 7 – 8:30 pm at Cosi, West Hartford. There were 10 people present and discussed the book Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder. The group thought have an event every few months and alternating between fiction and non-fiction would be a good idea. Kristin and Carlin will choose a book and date to meet and email the Club.

Upcoming

1) Sunday, September 24, 2:00-4:30pm

Career Networking Event, Part 2

The Village for Family & Children, 1680 Albany Avenue in Hartford.

Cori Ashworth, Mount Holyoke's Alumnae Career and Professional Consultant, will be joining the Hartford Club for a networking workshop and event. Hartford-area alums will be able to network with each other, participate in small practice groups and sit in on workshops that discuss how to identify and make use of good resources. All alumnae years are welcome and encouraged to attend.

2) Thursday, October 5, 5:00-8:00pm

First Thursday at Wadsworth

Every first Thursday of the month, the Wadsworth Atheneum is open after hours... for only \$5. Join other MHC alums and enjoy live music, delectable food and cocktails, gallery talks, and films. Free for museum members.

3) Wednesday, October 11, 6:00pm

Happy Hour for The Young Alumnae Club

Join other classmates from classes 1991 to 2006 at Trumbull Kitchen for TK's famous mojitos and tapas.

4) Tuesday, October 24 – Mary Lyon Dinner. Amy will contact Pond House to secure date and review speakers with the College. Speaker TBD.

5) March Amy is also exploring dates in March for the Three College Luncheon we will host.

Mary Lyon Dinner discussion. We talked about how the last two dinner focused on the environment and politics and that we should look for speakers on other topics. Preston Smith and Penny Gill were two professors mentioned. Sara will buy the wine again since she gets a discount. We also reviewed the cost for the dinner. \$37.00 and classes 2002-2006 will be \$20.00. Karen mentioned young alums felt that \$37.00 is high and since we want to encourage them to attend we lowered the price and we will also ask alums to contribute money to support young alums attending. This will appear in the newsletter.

Alumnae Council

Alison shared information about the meeting this fall. It will be the weekend of Oct 14 and 15 on campus. We can send two people. Alison sent an email to the board members asking who is interested.

Young alumnae report

Karen reported that she and Chris will plan a happy hour for the first Wednesday of every month. In October it will be the second Wednesday because the Book Award event is the first Wednesday. The first happy hour will be at Trumbell Kitchen. We agreed that having an upcoming event in Middletown is a good idea.

Admissions report

The summer send-off event is on Wednesday night. So far we haven't heard back from too many students. Lydia Szarlan will be the new representative. Amy talked with Noreen and Noreen will give Amy the admissions material and Amy will pass along to Lydia at the next meeting.

Book Award report

Linda is planning an event for Wednesday, October 4, 6:00-7:30pm at The Village for Family & Children, 1680 Albany Avenue in Hartford to honor the 2006 recipients. Thanks to our generous donors and participating high schools, the Mount Holyoke Book Award program was a success. The book for the 2006 program was *Lighting the Way: Nine Women Who Changed Modern America* by Karena Gore Schiff. The book profiles Frances Perkins among other notable women.

By-laws

Amy will prepare them for the September meeting and then we will present them at the Mary Lyon Dinner.

Newsletter

We reviewed newsletter contact and agreed to wait until the Mary Lyon Dinner information is complete before mailing out the newsletter.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 19 at 7 pm at Amy's house 3A Pleasant Street, West Hartford.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sara Kochanowsky '98
Secretary