Minutes for 1/26/18

- Undergraduate studies
  - Nothing big until next weekish

- Faculty
  - History enrollment up, yay!
  - Graduate spot from Portage Parks a possibility?
  - Hamner lecture for next year a battlefield archaeologist
  - 30 people applied this year
  - Couple awards: nobody nominated for anything except writing award

- Research/Events
  - Lots of brown bags this semester
    - Warren and Pyenson, maybe a couple outside the department too
    - Always be at noon

- TAU
  - BIG INFORMATION
    - Bargaining coming up soon (finally!), dream to be finished with everything by end of semester
      - First item: get rec center usage during summer when we don’t have classes, get online classes to count too
      - Also looking at getting rid of enrollment fees
      - Kickoff event at rec center, show up

- GSAC
  - Now an OFFICIAL RSO with the university, wooooo!!!!!!!!!!!!
  - Attendance logged online now
  - 3-minute thesis competition, applications due February
  - Sustainability grant (info online)
  - Hilltop Review applications due soonish
    - Congrats Chris for getting published!
  - Open positions for GSA ambassadors, committees
    - Could get funded through positions with them, so that’s an option if you’re running out of funding
  - GSA bar crawl
  - Disappointing food today ☹️; people chewing with mouths agape, unpleasant dining experience had by all

- Phi Alpha Theta
  - Nothing really to report, they played their usual game last week

- Fundraising
  - Bottle returns, fundraisers went well
  - Potential spring fundraisers
• Social
  o Grand Rapids was great!…for the most part (ask Julie for deets)
  o Last week hockey game, was fun too
    ▪ Might do another one?
  o Super Bowl party?
    ▪ Pete’s for the Super Bowl
• Workshop
  o Ben threw some feelers out there to the world about things you can do with a 
    history degree, following up from last November
• Spring Speaker
  o Stephen Schoenig our speaker
    ▪ From St. Louis University
    ▪ Studies 8th century to 13th century Holy Roman Empire, papacy, cultural 
      and intellectual history
    ▪ Bonds of Wool his new book
  o Thinking second week of April; April 11-15 range
  o Can submit for moneys from GSA (because we’re an RSO now!) for February, 
    March
  o Start meeting next week
• Treasurer’s report
  o Rolling in the dough, returned $12 in cans (hell yes)
• Announcements
  o Come watch Kutzko and his rockin band at 9 PM tonight at Louie’s
  o Fellowship drama
    ▪ Alicia attacked by museum boss for not agreeing to work more hours than 
      her fellowship contract stipulates, museum boss lashed out
      ▪ Department has been decent about this so far
• Graduate Studies
  o Approved an accelerated master’s degree in public history to let people do a 
    master’s in a year
  o Claim they’ll solve problem over teaching class for PhDs but haven’t yet, Kachun 
    proposes putting professional development stuff with historiography
  o Eliminated requirement for HIST 6350, effectively eliminating it but that would 
    be too controversial so it’s still on the books
• New business
  o Kachun presented Books and Beer for his book on Crispus Attucks, was a fun 
    event