March 4, 2010
Meeting Minutes

Officers Present
Teresa Slobuski, co-president
Erin Uhl, co-president
Alex Tretiak, secretary
Melanie Miller, treasurer

Teresa provided updates on SOURCE trips:
- Possible dates for Morgan Library trip, but each also carries potential conflicts
  - March 19 (Spring Break) or April 30 (LISSA end of year party)
- Possibility of touring Special Collection/University Archives at Rutgers
- Attempting to get a tour of a preservation lab
  - NYPL is in the process of moving so a tour is not possible until that is finished
- Werner Haun may help to facilitate a tour of the New York Academy of Medicine

Erin discussed tour of Firestone Library (rare books at Princeton)
- We should determine how many people are interested

Teresa discussed the possibility of a guest from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, dealing with digitization projects. It was discussed that a good time for this might be during the 2:30-3:10 time between classes. Members were also encouraged to check the Society’s blog for information and updates on the project’s progress.

Teresa discussed other upcoming events:
- March 11 lecture by Nicholas A. Basbanes
- March 26 tour of Grolier Club
- April 17 Conservation Workshop 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. Members were alerted that there is a small materials fee and limited space.
- MARAC- students were informed that this is an affordable event on May 1st in Wilmington, DE.

Members were encouraged to purchase SOURCE mugs for $5.

Teresa introduced the new Treasurer, Melanie Miller.

Melanie suggested sending out a new email about the SOURCE mugs, and perhaps posting them up on a Rutgers message board.
Faculty Advisor Marija Delballo stopped in to introduce herself to new members.

Teresa introduced the guest speaker, Russell Gasero, the Lone Arranger of the Archives of the Reformed Church of America.

Russell discussed the benefits of being a lone arranger, as well as the challenges.
- A large part of the job is convincing organizations that they need an Archivist.
- Benefits include setting your own agenda, being creative, and working at your own pace.
- One must enjoy working alone and wearing many different hats.
- You take responsibility for everything
- He handles research request, all sorts of information requests, budget issues, etc.

Teresa asked how Russell got into the position.
- He explained that the Church was celebrating its 350th anniversary and realized that something must be done with all the records.
  “We exist for the future, not for the past”
- Serves both religious and secular historians.

Erin asked how one may go about convincing organizations that they need an Archivist.
- Relate to their needs
- Ask how quickly they can find what they need.
- Public relations campaigns (example of Coca-Cola ads)
- Litigation protection

Teresa asked about funding.
- From individual donors and members of the Church.

Next meeting will be March 25th in the SC&I Student Lounge.