

**St. Catharine's College MCR Committee Meeting**  
**Monday 28 January 2008, 7pm**

**Present**

Richard Jones, Doug Speed Max Kendrick, Rosie Fera, Joanna Heald, Natalie Au-Yeung, Martina Diep, Cameron Rye, Mark Hopkin\*

\*With apologies for being late

**Apologies**

Julia Armstrong, Dan Friess, Melissa Ruseler, Rachel Carr, Owen Hammond

**Agenda**

1. Previous Minutes

Easter Formal 8 March: Jazz event in college is in bar - Head Porter will get back to us – might not be a problem anyway if we can join in.

Date for open meeting needs to be confirmed with senior bursar. **ACTION: Richard Mark** resolved problems on server. Problem occurred during Burns night but subsequently Mark fixed it.

2. Welcome Doug as new Co-President

Doug was welcomed

3. Lockers update

Initial response is that they must be in MCR but they may not have actively considered other options. Richard has ideas for other ideas college may not have considered. We should pursue any possibility of incorporating a space into new building plans in future.

**ACTION: Max to talk to Philip Oliver**

4. Upcoming social events – pancake day

All sorted, Dan has sent out email. Possibility of having a second event at Whichcote as well as Russell Street. **ACTION: Send email reminder to everyone. Natalie to check about possible locations.**

5. Any other business

South Green: David wants a drier in one of the flats, could get one which doesn't need full installation with vents but can have condensation tray instead. Originally all washing machines were combination washer/driers, then they switched them all (bar one) to just washers so now need dedicated drier. Need to discuss this with college, but was told to get MCR to bring this up with college. **ACTION: Max to talk to David about pursuing this issue.**

Kevin wants a sofa in the MCR.

Rosie will discuss with Dan about plans to visit a museum/gallery. Thinks Fitzwilliam Museum would be best idea – or – could visit new exhibition in Wysing Arts Centre in Bourn, but would involve transport by bus. **ACTION: Rosie to speak to Dan.**

Possible Chinese New Year theme for formal 7 Feb. Might encourage Asian students to attend. **ACTION: Natalie to talk to Rob or Gerald in kitchens.**

Dan doing formal this week.

Natalie to do 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

Richard to do 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

Rosie to do 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

**ACTION: Natalie to ask Amy about how many bottles needed.**

Possibility for a MCR holiday. Concerns about MCR responsibility, insurance, itinerary. Possibility for college finance might be worth considering, but fairly unlikely.

Fellows and graduates dinners – married people complain they can't bring partners, Richard asked college, who said they felt it would be inappropriate and undermine the purpose of the evening. But MCR could organize an event to include partners and fellows' partners. Could integrate this into another event. Possibly integrate inviting fellows with Easter formal then use Jazz band in bar.

Possibility of using GU after Easter formal if we aren't allowed to enter the bar.

Fish tank works unless someone logs out – could add notice not to do this. **ACTION: Mark**

Fish tank – dirty – do we need new filter, more frequent cleaning?

Need to replace late sucky fish to keep tank clean.

Need to get plants. **ACTION: Cameron**

Doug, Dan and Richard attended meeting about extension to Russell Street site.

Overall satisfied, but concerns about accommodation / rent for next year. College / senior bursar must take responsibility for informing college. **ACTION: Richard or**

**Doug to prompt senior bursar.**

6. Next meeting

**Monday 11 Feb, 7pm**