

# St. Catharine's MCR Committee Meeting

## Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2008

### Apologies

Mark Hopkin

#### 1. Hallowe'en Formal and Bop

Date: Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2008

Theme: Nightmare on Trumpington Street (AHHHH!!)

For pre-dinner drinks, **Doug(?)** to check if the Ramsden Room is available. If not, then we will try to use both levels of the MCR. Drinks will consist of 'Swamp' and/or 'Blood' punch.

For the dinner in Hall, **Cat** will make the seating plan, and **Helen** will make menus with spooky, disgusting names for the meal items. **Helen** will also ask Margarita if fancy dress is permitted in Hall. **Becky(?)** will look for candy to put on the tables.

For the Bop, the bar will be open until midnight. **Catherine** will ask Dan if he is willing to DJ, maybe allowing for the odd karaoke track. There will be a prize, which **James** will purchase, for the best costume. We will place buckets of candy at both the bar and the DJ table so that boppers may 'trick or treat' in full festive guise.

Decorations may be purchased on an individual basis (ie. if something looks good, buy it), but members should email the rest of the committee with what they bought so that duplications are avoided. Sign-up for the event will close Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup>. **All** members should be at Catz at **4:00** on the 1<sup>st</sup> to help set up both the Hall and the bar. **Doug**, when do you want to do a shop?

#### 2. James Bond Film Night

Date: Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 (Cheap Tuesday!)

**Julia** will look up times for showings at the Vue Cinema at the Grafton Centre. People will book their tickets individually and meet at the cinema about half an hour before the show begins. Tuxedo and 'Bond Girl' look are optional, but encouraged.

#### 3. Guy Fawkes Night

Date: Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 (Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November)

Assuming the fireworks on Midsummer Common get the green light, we will organize to meet a group at Catz about an hour before the show is set to begin and walk down together.

#### 4. Complaints RE: Rising Gas Prices

As Welfare Officer, Nick heard several complaints regarding the hike in gas prices on our college bills. People were upset by the tone of the email we received and the lack of explanation for the rise in costs. It was suggested that a formal meeting with the bursar and someone from the student union be arranged, to tell us a bit more about what's going on. Action **Nick?**

## 5. House Committee

Discussion held about Phil Oliver's suggestion to make a "House Committee" to deal with student noise complaints in the various graduate residences (so that he doesn't have to). It was decided that **Nick** will become "Noise Complaint Mediator".

## 6. Thanks to Paul

## 7. Other Business

### A. MCR Emails

**Helen** suggested only sending out groups of forwarded emails once or twice per week.

### B. MCR Basketball

Kevin would like the fees (270 pounds) to be paid by the MCR (though the team might join up with another college or group, which would cut costs). It was suggested that the basketball team apply for money from the sports fund, but we do not know when decisions will be made. Kevin would need to produce a budget for the application. **Nick** let Kevin know what he has to do.

### C. MCR Football

Update on football stuff: it's now going to cost 400 pounds for kit (more than the original estimate). Still suggesting the team gets in touch with Sidney Sussex to encourage more involvement and sharing of costs.

### D. Reusable Bags

**Paul** says the bags are hopefully on their way. There was a suggestion of leaving an honesty box in the MCR for payment (1 pound per bag).

### E. Poppies

There was a suggestion of selling poppies in the MCR (by **Helen?**). Should check with the porters to see whether or not they are already selling them, in which case it would not be necessary.

### F. Formal Halls

**Doug** suggested only paying the formal hall officer 4.50 for the dinner, rather than giving the whole meal for free. It was decided by the committee that we should use our free formals for the term against those at which we are officers. [Then maybe getting a second one at the discounted price of 4.50?? I'm still a little confused here...]

### G. Alumni Dinner

Encourage graduates to sign up for the Alumni Dinner on November 7<sup>th</sup>. It's supposed to be nice!

### H. Fish

They have a new home in a nice school with happy children. We can all sleep easily at night now.

## 8. Next Meeting

Possibly November 10<sup>th</sup>.