

# St. Catharine's College MCR Meeting

## Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

### Apologies

Mark Hopkin, Paul Marsden

#### 1. Easter Formal

Date: Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

Most of the meeting consisted of a debate over whether or not we should still have Peyoti for President as entertainment for the bop. Alice had been liaising with the band, but there was a problem with getting equipment in time, and we would have to borrow lots, and find someone to help us set it up. On the other hand, it seems a bit late to cancel on them since they already re-arranged their schedule to play for us. Doug and Helen have drafted a letter to cancel, suggesting we have them perform for us at Midsummer Dinner instead (could have it in hall, get the equipment, pay them more money). Should we give the band the option of now or June? Can we give them more money to have them look after their own equipment? Alice calling them now...

Other possible ideas for Saturday's entertainment include: DJ, karaoke; different theme perhaps – St. Patty's Day?

The pre-dinner drinks will include Cava and a cocktail. **Everyone** is asked to arrive by 6:15 in order to help set up the hall. Decorations will include some Easter themed classics as chocolate eggs, bunnies, and possibly hot crossed buns instead of regular dinner rolls – **Doug** to check Tesco. There will be no seating plan for this formal, but **Doug** will make place cards, which individuals may place on the tables themselves.

\* Update – not long after the meeting it was confirmed by **Alice** that the band was on!

#### 2. Formal Hall Attendance

We need to find a way to boost formal hall attendance because at the moment we look really lame when we have exchange formals and only about four people from our MCR show up. It was suggested that we should have fewer formals – perhaps fortnightly – in order to encourage more people to come. But we still want to have several exchange formals (away ones) as these seem quite popular. Perhaps we have to make it mandatory that if you sign up to go away on an exchange, you have to come to Catz when they come back. More themed formals was another suggestion, as was arranging to go out to a restaurant instead. Perhaps we can talk to Rob Lee about food-themed formals, such as "Italian Night" and the like.

#### 3. Possible Open Meeting

We need to give 7 days notice – so possibly the 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday).

#### 4. Other Business

A. Social before JCR Bop – **Charlie** to think about it.