

MCR meeting minutes – 10th January 2012 19:00 in B2

Present: Aaron, Adam, Daniel, Melodie, Oli, Owen, Sarah, Sophie W, Sophie C.

Apologies: Marc, Victoria.

Agenda:

1. Minutes from last meeting
2. Magazine subscription poll results
3. Joint bop with JCR
4. Burns' night formal
5. Green Issues
6. Computer / Website Issues
7. Formal Dinner officer replacement
8. AOB

1. Minutes from last meeting

Notice board for B2 - **SOPHIE W** will buy one in the next week.

It is still unknown which members of the JCR are entitled to have a MCR kitchen key. **DAN** will look into this further. It was also suggested that we start keeping a record of who has a MCR key.

Cambridge Defend Education – see AOB

2. Magazine poll results

The results of the poll were: 1st The Economist 2nd Private Eye 3rd New Scientist. It was originally planned to only have two magazine subscriptions however as Private Eye is relatively cheap it was decided to get three. Three subscriptions are still below the budget of £250 year⁻¹.

3. Joint bops with the JCR

Last meeting it was put forward to have a joint bop with the JCR however the JCR's first bop of Lent term has been rescheduled so we have decided to do a small cocktail event on the 20/21st January. **ADAM** and **MELODIE** must organize booking a room (if not B2) and buying the drink.

Other ideas for events this term included:

- Renting out the GU bar
- Easter formal (most likely the beginning of next term)
- Beer tasting

4. Burn's night formal

It was decided to have another MCR meeting to organize the Burn's night formal when both social officers are present. Suggestion for the Burns' included:

- Tartan tablecloth
- Someone to address the haggis
- Burns poem instead of grace
- **SOPHIE W** suggested doing 'Scottish favors' for every seat i.e shortbread and a note with a favor written on it?
- Whiskey instead of port at the end of the meal

5. Green Issues

MARC (via email) put forward the idea of having a 'Green Champion' in every St Catharine's graduate halls of residence. This was approved by the committee. **MARC** must now write a short paragraph explaining the scheme for the next college bulletin.

MARC also suggested organizing an event for Green Week (Feb 6-12th) which was approved by the committee. A separate meeting will be organized for MARC, SOPHIE W and AARON to discuss this in more detail. **SARAH** will organize this meeting.

6. Computer / Website issues

OLI will take down Blaine from the MCR committee webpage

ADAM will contact Oli about updating the calendar on the webpage to include more events.

Oli suggested designing a new layout for the mcr webpage which was approved by the committee. **OLI** will now do some 'examples' which he will show the committee in 4-6 weeks time.

It was suggested that there be a section on the website that all St Catharine's graduates can post on. This was considered a good idea by the committee as long as the posts can be screened first.

7. Formal Hall Officer Replacement

Outside the first term the committee is allowed to co-opt someone to fill a role if someone steps down between elections.

The following options are:

- No replacement until Easter elections and Melodie takes up the role
- Co-opt 1 person to do the role. Melodie can offer support if that person needs it.
- As the role can be quite demanding, the committee could ask if the role be split into two positions. One to organize formals and the other to organize the swaps. Then two people could

be asked to help until Easter. The down side to this is that it would take time and the role needs to be filled asap.

It was decided to read further into the rules around co-opting someone into the committee and ask around who may be interested in filling in the role. The **CO-PRESIDENTS** will do this.

8. AOB

Next committee meeting **OWEN** will give a short presentation on his role in the committee as external officer. This will include St Catharine's relationship with Cambridge Defend Education.

The meeting closed at 20:30.

The notes were taken by the secretary.