

St. Catharine's College MCR Committee Meeting
Sunday 2 March 2008, 7pm

Apologies

Julia Armstrong
Owen Hammond
Dan Friess
Mark Hopkin

Agenda

1. Previous Minutes

2. Cambridge Climate Charter

JCR and college have agreed to sign it, we need to decide whether we want to too. Administration will be time-consuming and it may require considerable work by college, but Cameron believes it to be a good idea as long as it does not become worthless. The work involved within MCR would probably fall to Green officer. The terms of the charter are broad, so no major concerns. If college is willing to sign up MCR should not object. MCR agreed to sign up to it.

3. Easter Formal

Takes place on Saturday, Natalie will email tonight to advertise. Pre-dinner drinks in SCR from 6:45. After dinner the Jazz band will be playing in the bar until 11, this is free. Afterwards we will hire JCR equipment for music until 12.30.

ACTION: Natalie to double-check permission for late licence and music until 12.30.

MCR considered whether to make the event black tie. Richard expressed concerns that people would not attend if they didn't have black tie. MCR agreed black tie but people will obviously still be able to attend in suits. MCR agreed gowns would still be worn.

In previous years there have been decorations for Easter formal. Last year it was St Patrick's Day themed. Natalie considered Easter Bunny theme. Committee agreed no particular theme, just end of term / Easter. Tables will be decorated with mini Easter

eggs etc. Committee agreed no seating plan. Committee considered charging £10 for better quality drinks etc to make the evening feel more special. Committee agree to charge £9.

4. Lent Term open meeting

13th March. No motions have been submitted yet. Max will present last term's finances. Senior bursar will attend to answer questions on accommodation.

5. Any other business

Lockers – Richard has made a mock-up image of possible locations. This could be shown to Philip Oliver. **ACTION: Max to send this on to Philip Oliver**

Expenses – Max has some receipts, everyone should hand in receipts, especially for last term, so that Max can present an accurate picture at the open meeting.

Russell Street Extension – There was a meeting in January when Richard, Doug and Dan were shown the plans by the architects. They had some concerns about the mezzanine rooms on two levels without proper windows, just skylights. Possible proposals would be to move the corridor to the outside so there can be windows facing into the courtyard, but this would require using space for fire escapes into garden. The two disabled rooms will have very limited light without mezzanines. The building could be enlarged taking up more space into the courtyard. Committee supports Richard and Doug's suggestions.

Melissa proposed buying a blade for the MCR after two MCR members rowed in W1 and got blades in Lent bumps. We assume college will buy one so we could ask for this to be displayed in MCR

Jo to buy sugar for MCR, fair-trade if possible. **ACTION: Jo**

ACTION: Martina to email Amy about matriculation photo

6. Next meeting

TBA at Lent open meeting.