

St. Catharine's College MCR Meeting

Monday, 1st December, 2008

Apologies

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1. David Shepherd from CUSU

David Shepherd, a representative from CUSU, came to speak to the MCR committee about the role of CUSU and to ask for feedback regarding presence in the lives of graduates. David had already spoken with the St. John's College MCR Committee, and will be speaking with other MCRs. It was suggested by the committee that CUSU needs to do a better job of publicizing what it does and what its events are. It was also said that CUSU's events are not that special and that many of them do not appeal to graduates because of the large number of undergraduates present at them.

2. Students with Disabilities Officer (CUSU)

CUSU has asked the MCR to consider adding a 'Students with Disabilities Officer' to the Committee. After a discussion it was decided that we do not need a separate member for this. If issues arise, students may speak either directly to CUSU, or possibly with **Nick** in his capacity as Welfare Officer.

3. Christmas Formal

Date: Thursday, 11th December, 2008

Pre-dinner to be served in the Ramsden Room from 7:00 (**Doug** to confirm that the room has been booked). We will serve mulled wine (heated up in the microwave) and sparkling wine. We will invite the choir to sing, and then invite them to dinner (**Helen**).

Dinner from 7:30 in hall. We need to confirm whether or not gowns are required. **Helen** will work on the seating plan, based on smaller tables of about 6-10, with one larger table to accommodate Alison Banwell and her group of guests. The tables are to be decorated with Christmas crackers and chocolate money and any other small decorations we have. An email should be sent around to remind graduates of the canned food drive. **Julia** will ask Dai if he would consider being Santa Claus for the collection of the canned goods at dinner.

The Bop will start at 9:30 and last until 12:00/12:30. We have invited The Chancellors of Funk (Dan Friess's band) to play. It was decided that we would offer them 500 pounds plus drinks at the bar for payment. We would like them to start playing at 9:30/9:45, so they need to set up beforehand. **Catherine** is to get in touch with Dan to confirm. Christmas Fancy dress is encouraged for the bop.

The Committee will meet on the morning of the 11th at 9:00 in the bar to set up. A time to set up hall will have to be confirmed and will depend on what is going on in hall that day.

4. Free Formals

There was still some confusion voiced among the committee members concerning free formals. It was decided that everyone will get a free formal this term. For Lent Term, we will not have a different Formal Hall Officer every week. We will, however, take turns organizing the pre-dinner drinks.

5. Election

It was decided that rather than having members of the MCR vote for the two positions of Ents Officer and Social Secretary, **Charlie Laderman** and **Alice Melin** would be co-opted onto the committee into their respective positions. Welcome Charlie and Alice!

6. Other Business

A. Board Games

Helen has purchased Cranium for the MCR, and says Monopoly is on its way!

B. Fish

There is still one sucky fish in the aquarium. **James** has emailed the school to see if they are going to take it or not.

C. Burns Night

The event is tentatively set for Saturday, 24th January. There was talk of booking a ceilidh band now – did we decide what to do?

D. Catherine's Last Meeting!

The MCR gives great thanks to **Catherine** for all her help and hard work this term. We all wish her well in Jamaica and look forward to seeing her back in Cambridge in spring 2009. Bon voyage Catherine!

7. Next Meeting

Tentatively set for sometime during the week of 12th-16th January.