

St. Catharine's College MCR Meeting

Tuesday, 12th May, 2009

Apologies

Paul Marsden

1. Midsummer Dinner

Date: Thursday, 18 June, 2009

The main goal of the meeting today was to discuss and decide on the entertainment options for Midsummer Dinner. Doug had originally suggested having a comedian; Cat and Becky had done some research into having salsa lessons and dancing. According to Becky, we still have about 1600 pounds to spend this term, so what to do?! It was decided that the bulk of the money should be spent on the provision of alcohol for guests at the dinner. Entertainment will consist of a DJ and dancing and lots of booze!

Pre-dinner drinks will consist of sparkling wine, preferably served outside on Main Court like last year. **Julia** to check about the use of Main Court (***update*** we are not permitted the use of Main Court for our pre-dinner drinks, alas – should we consider Sherlock instead?). A string quartet will provide entertainment during pre-dinner drinks. **Helen** to check about using a group she knows. It was decided that it might be nice to meet slightly earlier (6:30, 6:45) for a somewhat longer pre-dinner drinks session. We also need to book a photographer for a group photo (are we going with JET, even though they let us down last year?).

The theme for the night is 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.' Thoughts for decorations included forests (consisting of house plants most likely), berries, animals, etc. The event will be black tie. It was decided that having the same table arrangement as last year would be nice, with smaller tables, so we shall ask people to sign up in groups. We shall charge a bit more for this dinner, somewhere in the neighbourhood of 10-12 pounds. Wine could also be included with dinner (we can just put a few bottles on each table and ask hall to keep bringing out new ones as they run dry).

For now it has been decided that the DJ and dancing will happen in Main Hall after dinner, so that we can serve our own drinks more easily. If this is to be the case, we shall have a bar, manned at all times by two members of the MCR Committee, serving mixed drinks (simple ones), beer, and wine. The other suggestion was to have the DJ in the bar, and provide guests with a few free drinks tickets, to be arranged with the bar ahead of time. In either case it would be good to test out the sound equipment to see what we have in the way of speakers. And if we use hall, extra lighting would be needed. And again, if we use hall, we must make sure we know how much cleaning up we need to do afterward.

2. Other Business

A. Champions League Final – Quinn's, 27th May

B. Poker Night

- a possibility, but have to watch gambling rules for college

- C. Eurovision – MCR, 16th May
- D. MCR Garden Party
 - hosting a garden party at Chad's at the end of June
- E. Recycling at Russell Street
 - complaints of the bedders simply binning all the recycling
 - Russell Street folk also upset that Stephen in being forced to retire due to heart and hip problems.