

St Catharine's College MCR Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 24th February 2010, 18:30 in the MCR

Present: Becky, Cat, Charlotte, Sophie, Alex, Simon, Hamish, Mark, Doug

Apologies: Blaine, John

Agenda: 1. Easter Formal 2. Graduate Art Competition 3. MCR Website overhaul 4. Lent Open Meeting 5. Any other business.

1. Easter Formal (27th March). Won't be present: Charlotte, Cat. DJ booked (same as 80s Bop, £150) – has been told it's Easter themed... Charlotte will pass on his **contact details**. He and his sidekick are to be **invited to dinner** (and therefore will need to set up beforehand). Hall decorations - vases (from previous formals) + **daffodils from market (Alex)**, green table-runner + table cloths, fluffy chicks, mini-eggs in baskets. Bar decorations – 'easter trees', streamers, dangley things, hidden eggs. (**Charlotte and Alex** will buy and put in the MCR cupboard beforehand). Pre-drinks – bubbly and juice (**Doug**). Tickets £10 for everyone. People to be **reminded of the date** in the next mailout. The Dean may have requested that **Glo-bands** be used to distinguish MCR members and their personal guests from outsiders (Cat/Becky to check). Set-up to happen in the afternoon. MA graduation lunch may clash, so we may have to wait for tables to be set up in Hall.

2. Graduate Art Competition. Last year we organised a painting evening and encouraged photo entries (MCR paid for framing, and Doug did it). This year the deadline is Thu 4th March. This year we will **send out a reminder** in the next mailout, but it seems like the Graduate tutors aren't pushing is as much as last year (at least, the MCR Committee hasn't been approached to cooperate). Therefore it probably isn't worth helping it along much.

3. MCR Website overhaul. Charlotte suggested we redesign the appearance of the MCR Website using any spare funds. Mark said it would need a proper designer and Becky said she may be able to get one. Content would be essentially as the current one, but with updated information. **To think about...**

4. Lent Open Meeting. To be on Wed 17th Mar, followed by St Patrick's Day drinks... Next mailout will **request agenda items** by 6th March (motions have to be in 10 days in advance).

5. A.O.B.

5.1. MCR newspapers – it seems like every day at the moment we get the Daily Mail! Doug said that he's recently been in contact with the newsagent, and will continue the conversation. We should be getting a different one every day. It would also be good to **get a newspaper rack** for the MCR.

5.2. College IT Committee – a new one has been proposed by the College and needs an MCR rep. **Mark** said he would do it.

5.3. College Consultative Committee – Cat and Becky went to it this meeting this term. It's apparently an opportunity to voice complaints and eat food. Next one will be Thursday 6th May. All the MCR Committee can go – we should **put together our issues** to bring up then.

5.4. Formals – Cat mentioned that Grace has a non-religious version is people object to the usual. **Blaine** to be informed...

5.5. MCR Committee dinner – Cat and Becky invite us all to have dinner. Everyone should **email their not-available dates to Becky**.

5.6. MCR kitchen – it's a bit messy, so Hamish suggested giving it a tidy-up. Charlotte said we should **tidy the whole MCR and the cupboard** too. That should hopefully encourage people to keep it that way. We should post a message in the mailout to tell people.

5.7. Russell Street recycling – hasn't happened yet, but Phil Dean is in the process of sorting out bins etc., then Simon will organise a meeting with all the recycling reps to go through roles etc.

5.8. Russell Street gate – not opening properly, despite numerous reports in the RS maintenance book. We should **talk to Phil Dean/Richard Malley**. Mark pointed out that we should bring up the suggestion of an online reporting system in the next College Consultative Committee meeting.

The meeting closed just after 20:00.

These notes were taken by the secretary