

Selwyn College MCR Committee Meeting 4th February 2015

Apologies from Will and Michael who could not make it. 12 people present. Meeting opened at 20:05.

Agenda:

- 1) Ceilidh band for St. Patrick's Day
- 2) Edinburgh Trip
- 3) Budget for movies and games
- 4) MCR dinner themes
- 5) System for seating assignments

Minutes:

- 1) Ceilidh band for St. Patrick's day
 - Band has been found for £475. In order for it to be held in the hall, it needs to go to college council to be approved.
 - MCR Committee voted unanimously to have the band and will take the agenda item to the Open Meeting on Sunday to be approved by the MCR.
- 2) Edinburgh Trip
 - Temporary booking for 40 places has been made at the hostel
 - Hostel is £50 for 2 nights, including breakfast.
 - Trip to take place 24-26 April 2015
 - Private hire for bus transport would be about £60 per person (total is £2,000)
 - Proposal that the committee should look into train travel as another option.
 - Company needs a 10% deposit
 - Proposal to ask people who are certain that they will go to pay in for the deposit, or have the MCR pay the deposit and get their own deposit from those members of the MCR who sign up.
 - Payment options: make it an event on the events page and people can pay by term bill.
 - Trip will initially be only open to Selwyn MCR members.

- It was agreed by the committee that there should be a minimum of 30 people in order for the trip to take place.
- Future plans: discuss options in Open Meeting to get MCR members feedback, and additionally send out an online survey via email before making any concrete plans concerning the trip. Also raise the question during the Open Meeting if members would support £500 subsidy from the MCR budget for the trip.

3) Budget for movies and games

- In the past, the MCR had a £100 budget per term for movies and games. Proposal made to reinstate this budget.
- MCR Committee will look into getting a MCR Netflix and/or Amazon Prime account to be available on the TV in the MCR.
- Proposal to purchase a new Xbox 360 for the MCR to replace the old one.
- Afnan proposed to bring back movie nights with an emphasis on International movies. Budget for movies could be used to purchase niche films for these events.

4) MCR Dinner Themes

- MCR agreed to have the St. Patrick's Day theme to be 'green'
- Because previous surveys reported an overwhelming preference for a toga themed dinner, a dinner this term will be themed 'Classics'
- Heidi will email catering to get the menu in Latin or Greek (with translations) for the dinner.
- Annual dinner (19 June) will remain black tie, and committee will try to change the date of the dinner to the week before because of the date of Selwyn's May ball (20 June).
- Gatsby theme another option for remaining themed dinner in May.

5) System for Seating Assignments

- May trial a new system with a Google doc to allow people to choose their own seats for MCR Dinners.

Other Business

- Positive feedback about Friday Night Drinks.
- Bar rotation

- Create a doodle to organize when people are free to get bar training. Also set up a rotation with two MCR committee members serving drinks at each bop.
- Proposal to bring back Work in Progress talks, but to incorporate non-academic career opportunities in particular fields of study.
 - Possibility of having final year graduate students and recent alumni come and provide the talks.
 - Recent alumni could also come on Tuesdays and Thursdays so that they can have dinner at the high table at formal after their presentation.
 - Also inform the Master of this idea and see if would like to get involved.

Meeting adjourned at 21: 24