

Selwyn College MCR Open Meeting 8th February 2015

Minutes

Meeting opened: 19:39

13 members in attendance

5 items for the Agenda

1) Ceilidh band for St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

- The band that was booked for Burn's Night that had to cancel due to a schedule conflict is available to play at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. The cost is £475 and must be approved by the MCR before it is hired.

Proposition to hire the band for the dinner. Members' present voted and unanimously approved.

2) Edinburgh Trip

- MCR Committee would like to plan a trip to Edinburgh for MCR members. The trip would occur during the weekend of the 24-26th of April and would require between 30-40 people to participate. The hostel would cost £50 per night (breakfast included) and there are several possibilities for transport. Transportation options include a coordinated booking of Megabus or private bus hire for a total of £2,000. If 30-40 people attend, the private hire would cost approximately £70 per head. This would allow for more time flexibility and it would avoid an additional ticket purchase to London (as required for Megabus). There is a deposit of 10% required (£150-200) which needs to be paid beforehand. This deposit could be paid via the events page. If not enough members purchase tickets, then they will get their money back. There is also a possibility to subsidise part of the trip for those participating, but the MCR has yet to vote on a budget for this.

Feedback on tentative plans and use of private hire:

Points raised against:

- Plane tickets from Stansted may be less expensive and would allow more time in Edinburgh.

Points raised in favour:

- Private hire is affordable and convenient as it would be difficult to coordinate a large group to fly together. Flights to Edinburgh were originally investigated by the social secretary, but fares were expensive.

Future plans

- Proceed with a poll and advertise trip to the MCR to assess interest.
- A google doc has been uploaded to the MCR website so that people can add their ideas.

3) MCR Dinner themes

- Based on prior feedback from the MCR, the MCR Committee has decided on themes for the upcoming dinners. These include:

- 13 March, St. Patrick's Day theme where members can wear green.
- 17 April, Classics theme.
- 16 May, Great Gatsby theme.
- 19 June (Annual Dinner), Masquerade.

Points raised against:

- The Great Gatsby theme would be more suitable for the annual dinner because the MCR can hire a jazz band. Members propose to switch the Masquerade and Gatsby theme and have the Masquerade theme be less formal (i.e. not black tie).

Points raised in favour:

- Approval of the St. Patrick's Day and Classics themes.

4) J Staircase

- Proposition to ask college if they can allocate the rooms in J Staircase and other rooms near the MCR to graduate students. This may help with noise issues during quiet periods.

- Angelo agrees to look into this for the upcoming room ballot.

5) Ceilidh band for Burns' Night 2016

- Proposition to begin looking for a Ceilidh band now in order to avoid future Burns' Night issues.

Points raised:

- If the MCR likes the band at the St. Patrick's Day dinner, the committee will book it for the next Burns' Night Dinner.

Other Business

Blinds in MCR

- College has asked the MCR to keep one of the blinds up after midnight so that Porters can see into the room.

Pool tournament

- Proposition to have an MCR pool tournament in the games room.
- This could be incorporated easily into Friday Night Drinks.

Meeting adjourned: 20:17