

Selwyn College MCR Committee Meeting 4th May 2015

8 present. Apologies to Michael, Angelo, Will, Corinna, and Jan who could not attend.
Meeting opened at 20:06

Agenda:

- 1) 'Notes of Love' campaign that Margaret would like the MCR to support
- 2) MCR Charities - update and decisions
- 3) Annual Dinner plans
- 4) Timetabling events for this term
- 5) Election themed event for 8 May
- 6) Addressing member privacy concerns for publicly accessed Facebook and Instagram pages
- 7) Ernst & Young event at Annual Dinner

Minutes:

- 1) 'Notes of Love' campaign was proposed by Margaret as an event with ice cream sundaes where individuals write letter to survivors of sexual assault.
 - Committee approves to have this event sponsored by the MCR and held in the MCR
 - Committee proposes that Margaret be contacted and asked if she would like to stand as the female welfare officer for the remainder of the term.
- 2) Investigation into the MCR charities has shown that the college has been collecting the money on the MCR's behalf. Each year college makes a donation after a consultation with the MCR. Those present on last year and current committee report that there has not yet been a consultation for last year's donation.
 - Committee to contact Sarah Latty (treasurer of 2013-2014) to inquire how MCR charity donations were conducted during previous years.
 - Propose to hold an open meeting and discuss if the MCR would like to keep this charge of £5 per term for charitable donation. If so, then those at the meeting will vote to determine what charity they will support.
 - Committee agrees to donate to a single charity, preferably a local one. This will be communicated to the MCR before the open meeting.

- 3) Due to the hall's limited capacity, the fellows and college staff will now only be invited to the garden party. Committee will investigate options and try to make this party fully funded for the fellows and staff so they do not have to pay for admission.
- Propose to approach Roger about this concern as a means to encourage MCR and SCR interaction.
 - Committee proposes to not charge the MCR for mini garden party as it will be difficult to create separate tickets for the party and dinner, and enforce rules concerning attendance.
 - One means of funding the garden party is to accept Ernst & Young sponsorship (see #7)
 - Churchill Jazz band is not free to play, but the Cambridge University Jazz Orchestra is available and will cost £350.
 - Because the students are not in residence during the time of the Annual Dinner, committee is unable to hire a student string quartet for the garden party. Nathalie has found a string quartet for £450. They will require two 15 minute breaks, and can begin playing at 5 pm.
 - Committee agrees that entry will begin at 4:30 pm with the photo occurring at 6 pm.
 - The total for the bands will be approx £800, however they are for two separate events and both are under £600. Additionally the jazz band is a current expenditure so no vote from the general MCR must be taken in order to hire the band.
- 4) Events for this term will include Newmarket racing, BBQs, an afternoon tea day, punting and/or bowling.
- The Newmarket Racecourse has big events on Fridays, but unfortunately these are already booked. The best day for to organise a MCR trip would be on a Saturday because the race starts in the afternoon. Regular price for a ticket is £12, and premier enclosure is £18.75. Premier enclosure would be preferable because the regularly priced ticket provides very limited access.
 - Because the racecourse is far from the train station, the MCR will either need to hire taxis or a minibus
 - The date for this event will be 25th of July
 - Heidi will email Sue Barnes to get a follow-up on the risk assessment for the BBQs

- Committee agrees to have a BBQ before the MPhils leave, on the 14th of June.
- 5) Election Day, 8th of May, MCR to host an event in the evening as people watch the results.
 - MCR will provide beer and pizza
 - Committee agrees to make it a separate event and to still provide Friday Night Drinks the following evening.
 - 6) Committee needs to create a system for the public Instagram and Facebook photos that will consider MCR members' privacy concerns
 - The following system has been proposed: people will be responsible for tagging themselves and can request to have photos taken down. Farid will post them on the MCR closed group first, and if no complaints are heard after a week, he will post them on the public group. Additionally, the committee proposed to create a declaration that states that photos will be taken at events, and include it in the terms & conditions.
 - 7) Ernst & Young has offered to set up a stall at the Annual Dinner in which they will provide canapés and champagne in the garden.
 - Committee will ask if they would be willing to provide all the starter drinks, and hopefully see if we can decrease the MCR dinner ticket price to £22 with 2 glasses of wine provided at the dinner.
 - Additionally ask if E&Y would be willing to sponsor the entire garden party event.

Other business:

- Because the committee has not been able to provide a bop for this term, we will contact the Dean and plan a house party on Grange Road after the dinner on the 15th of May.
- JCR in MCR: JCR members have been using the MCR lately, and leaving the doors open. Because this creates a security issue, Josh will email college to ask if it would be possible to remove the catches and get doorstops instead.
- Subscriptions: look into Amazon Prime and Netflix accounts for the MCR. Once these accounts are created, committee will cancel Sky movie channels.

Meeting adjourned at 21:30