

MCR Open Meeting 23 October

Meeting started at 12:05 pm with 13 members in attendance

1. MCR fresher's month feedback: Quite good to send reminders for events and not just have them in the agenda. A good balance of alcohol and non-alcohol based events. If we send too many emails people might start ignoring them. So have the important stuff in the subject.

2. MCR is noticeably left in a mess after events. Some think maybe we should not come back to the MCR after dinners and other big events. We asked the college for a dishwasher and bursar OK'd it but the college maintenance doesn't want us to have it because it might breakdown. We might also pay for extra hours of cleaning, but that may create a culture of laziness. Maybe have people volunteer on a rota basis and come and clean the next day. Let's create a culture of people especially committee members taking responsibility of starting a cleanup and ask others to join in. Add signs in the MCR to remember to clean up. Involving the whole MCR in the cleaning effort could help the sense of community.

3. We used to have work in progress talks with the SCR to build better relationship with the fellowship. So restart the WIPs and do the 3-minute thesis talks again. Keeping these events more informal should help with better participation from both the MCR and SCR. Without slides and just talk about your stuff. Cheese and wine would setup a relaxed setting.

4. Keble swap: Keble college came here last year and we played football matches with them. This year they want to have a swap with MCR and JCR to play sports and stuff. The hall has a maximum capacity of 150 people and we don't want to just have sports players at the dinner. If we want to just mix with Keble we can invite them to the MCR dinner the night before. We should liaise with the JCR to decide the best way to organise the dinner to get maximum mixing of members of the two colleges.

5. Next MCR dinner doesn't have a bop. For other bops it would be nice to have stuff for people to play with like we did with the UV paint. Snow machine could be cool. The playlist is very important. Having people go directly from the hall to the bop is also important. Plastic toys could be cool, too, and cheap! Jazz band is not that expensive. Let's set a budget of £150 for the bop at Christmas dinner. Wear a hat for next dinner.

6. Catering feedback and library feedback: Any suggestions regarding the library. They're keen to get more books. If you need something specific they can look into it. Can they look into wireless printing? They didn't do any tours for the MCR students which would've been useful.

7. Accommodation: Last year we were pushed in a corner which led to very quick decisions about various issues especially with freshers housing. Maybe do an accommodation review to see if they want the freshers to be separated from continuing students. Do room reviews from previous students. College should standardise the pricing.

Meeting adjourned at 12:48