

## Downing MCR Committee Meeting 2017-03-13

**Apologies:** Andreas Sam

**Absent:** Alex

### Room Ballot

- Plan for Sunday
  - Gonna set up a doodle poll for MCR to sign up for.
- Kitchen/Catering Fixed Charge (ideas for negotiating with College). Following up from the Open Meeting.
  - Parsa suggests we have one free formal already apparently? We need to chase up on this
  - Cheaper MCR formals generally? (vs. private formals in the summer.
  - A formal in Easter?
  - Some amount of credit on our cards for spending (would encourage people to use the services, even a little would encourage people to develop the habit).
  - Minimum Service Level Agreement
    - 4 days a week?
    - Needs to be clearer: perhaps break up the costs on the first page of the rental agreement? **Also need to update the website -- Emma**

### St Patrick's Day Social (17th March)

- After formal on Friday, supplement to normal bar night.
- Diggins has ordered Guinness for Friday. We're also getting Bailey's especially.
- Cocktail wise
  - Vodka and lemonade and lime
  - Gin and tonic and lime
  - We need a non-alcoholic cocktail, any suggestions to Bridget. Apple juice and something?
- Sushmita to get some green snacks...
- Need to have some help prepping. Emma to get some decorations from Tiger.
- To come out of Soc Sec and International budget. Est. 50 people (£200 at £4 a head) so shouldn't come too much beyond budget. Excess on drinks to come to social budget -- soc secs will 'buy' from bar.
- Green face paint (worries that it will need supervision...). Josh volunteers to be the face painter.
- Games:
  - Gold hunt: hide chocolate coins around the MCR
- Matt has Ireland flag, will bring it down.

### Parent's Superformal (29th April)

- Numbers: do we limit at two guests? Suggestion that we say three and offer from there.
- We need to distribute jobs.
  - Social secretaries: google form for sign-ups. And seating plan.
  - Parsa: will take control of emailing Andy. Tom suggests to wait 24 hrs before emailing Andy because people *will* apply late.
  - Table decorations?
  - Someone to email entertainment.
    - Jazz: Matt to take charge.
    - Churchill casino: Andreas.
  - Other ideas:
    - Ask for cute photos of parents/children to post?

### **Bar Volunteering**

- We should reintroduce actual bar tokens to better reimburse people, rather than taking a drink at the end of the night. This allows people to enjoy their reward when they would like rather than at the end of a tired night.
  - How many drinks tokens? 2? 3? 4?
  - We should be careful about beginning to equate value with the role: it is still ultimately an expected requirement of the role, not a reimbursed job.
- If reimbursement increased (probably in the form of more drinks tokens -- actual payment is out of the question), would it be possible to make it voluntary?
  - It would solve the problem of pressure and the 'numbers game' between the committee about bar jobs.
  - However, as the role is not truly being reimbursed at actual value, it would likely still be the case that more committed people would take the jobs, they would just take a even larger amount of the jobs than they already do.
  - Likely that making it (more explicitly) voluntary would increase workload for bar officers and would lead to nights where the bar just couldn't be run. Bar officers would have to own this.
- People outside the committee? Could we solicit for an expanded group of bar people? Does this introduce problems that we haven't foreseen?
- Ultimately recommended for the bar committee to go away and come up with a plan of action. Tom suggests talking it through with Wendy, who's probably seen this discussion multiple times before.

### **Committee Handover dinner**

- Previous/Current committee handover dinner.