

PG Society committee meeting

Date: 7.11.14

Time: 13.00

Location: Main Bar (Union)

Present: David van Brussel (PG Society President), Scott Schorr (Ball Convenor), Alison Holiday (Secretary), Syme van der Lelij (Treasurer), Fay Morrice (DoSDA), Ondrej Hajda (DoREP), Horizonz Zhang, Porsiana Beatrice (Publicity Officer), Andreea Oniga (Event Convenor)

Apologies: Tania Strützel (PG Convenor)

1. Approval of last week's minutes

Approval of the minutes is postponed until next meeting as they are incomplete.

2. President report

David was contacted by the police on Tuesday 4th November regarding the Guy Fawkes bonfire we planned on hosting. They had been led to believe we were encouraging attendees to bring fireworks, which was not the case. However, the council decided that we should cancel the event because of the huge number of people attending without us giving them prior notice.

In order to prevent this happening in the future Fay is going to contact the council requesting a set of instructions regarding how a committee should gain permission for such an event as this has never happened before and no rules have previously been declared.

3. Convenor report

Although Tania was not present at this meeting she stated on Facebook prior to the meeting that the St Leonard's memorial service was well attended on Sunday 2nd November and PGT review meetings are ongoing.

4. Treasurer report

Syme stated that due to the cancellation of our bonfire we did not have to pay for the wood we ordered and saved £100. A larger profit has also been made on the graduation ball than expected as the tickets have sold out. Further we did not have to pay for venue hire for the Ceilidh we held, saving a further £80.

5. Social with LGBT

LGBT society would like to hold a joint social in Sandy's bar next Tuesday 11th November. David is waiting to hear from them if we need to do anything to assist with this. They are going to buy cheese for the event so the committee agrees that we could provide wine up to the cost of £50.

6. Movember event with Charities

Katie, the Charities Campaign postgraduate rep would like to hold a Movember event at the end of this month. The committee agrees we could jointly host a Social in Sandy's bar for postgraduates.

7. Edinburgh bus trip

David has received a quote for £325 for a bus seating 30 and £375 for one seating 50 people for the Society's trip to the Edinburgh Christmas market on 14th December. It was decided to hire the larger bus.

8. Pre-graduation drinks

Tania has had no news yet on subsidized wine and snacks for this event. Syme stated that we should be able to contribute some money towards this event.

9. Graduation Ball

Photography has been booked with Tilted Frame at £250 for 2 hours. The committee agreed that it would be best to have them there from 8:00 – 12:00 which should cost £500. The following items have been confirmed with Scott: audio equipment (which will be free), transportation of equipment (a time is to be arranged with the Old Course), welcome drinks (at a cost of £900) and wristbands (Scott is to contact the company to get them numbered for the raffle). Janettas ice-cream have provided a provisional budget though this needs to be booked and the cost confirmed. Scott is to contact Poker Soc with regards to hiring casino equipment as the Old Course has confirmed gambling is allowed. The charities involved in the night are to be confirmed.

During the week there were some questions of releasing extra tickets but the venues maximum capacity is 300 people and we have sold all tickets. Scott looked at other venues for future events, however there are none that would have a suitable capacity without requiring significantly more interest.

10. Semester 2 events

Andreea could not be present for the entire meeting but posted on Facebook that she has contacted Fine Food and Dining, Swing Dance and Shimmy Soc with regards to having the themed socials. She is waiting for their replies at the moment. David has contacted the Whisky Society. Syme and David are going to make a budget this week.

11. Any other competent business

None

Date of next meeting: 14th November