**Lady Margaret Hall**

**Junior Common Room**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**Sunday, 28th April 2024, 2nd Week TT24**

**Independent Chair: Malaikah Butt**

**Notices**

Please can all officers scan the QR codes to register their attendance.

**Cora Harvey Braddick, Welfare Officer** – Wellbeing fortnight is coming back next week. We are bringing back welfare pet of the week for the occasion. Please send in photos of your pets to be posted on the Welfare Instagram.

**Emma Davies, JCR Secretary** -- As done for Michaelmas term, I have created certificates for Officers who attended all the JCR meetings in Hilary term. Those Officers were Pearl Crumb, Ike Glassbrook, Freddie James, Vicky Rolley, Bill Donnelly, Cora Harvey Braddick, Felicity Smith, Amelia Tharme, Liz Drake, Dinah Lewis, Grace Njoku, Alicia Martínez Patiño, Nydile Mohan, Michael Greener, Charlie Wild, Krishna Gowda, Dominic Buxton and Grace Cruise.

**Motions**

**Motion 1:** To give £50 to the LMH History Society

**Proposer:** Isaac Lethbridge

**Seconder:** Bruno McGrath

**Notes:**

Isaac – History soc asking for £50 to allow us to put on events this term. Popular society. Events successful. Pub quiz on Thursday. Two guest speakers after. Also have our financial records available for anyone to look at.

Bruno – reiterate what is said. Successful events. Keep it going, having more talks and social events. Lucian leaving this term, want to do something for him.

Speak in favour – Elly – bombshell about Lucian leaving! Such a great society. One of the societies found myself going to consistently. People not taking history come too! Impressed with how many speakers. Isaac – our events always open to non-historians.

Speak against – none

George – do we know why he’s leaving? Isaac – we can’t say much about that. Think it’s to do with contract ending? Bruno – keep it low profile.



**Motion 2:** Give £30 a term to the Oxford Review of Books for 5 copies

**Proposer:** Nathaniel Read

**Seconder:** Abi Cherry

**Notes:**

Nathaniel – Work for the magazine run by students. Publishes articles on lots of topics, such as current affairs and book reviews. Asking for £30 to help with printing and advertising. Not owned by OSPL, unlike Cherwell and Isis. We are reliant on JCRs for funding.

Abi – No funding from external bodies. Reliant on JCR money. They publish interesting topics and opinion pieces on other stuff.

Speak in favour – none.

Speak against – none.

Bruno – Are you guys looking for funding from other colleges? Nathaniel – Yes other colleges.

Freddie – where is this money going? Nathanial -- £30 of it will go to printing, some will go to advertising, but all added to a pot.

Amelia – Are you asking the same for every college? Is this for every term? How long? Nathaniel – We are asking other colleges for more or less depending on how rich. We aim to be self-sufficient at some point. Unsure when this will be.



**Motion 3:** To give £180 to create yearbooks for the English finalists

**Proposer:** Eleanor Housden

**Seconder:** Hamilton Quinn

**Notes:**

Eleanor – We’re coming to the end of our degree. LMH doesn’t have a leavers thing in place. Cohort wanted to remember our time together by creating some photos and writings. Nice way to remember our time together. Shame that it can’t happen for the rest of the year, this late notice is impossible to do. Big cohort, big chunk of money being asked for, but a 14-person cohort. Never ask for money again! Subsidising the costs of the yearbooks.

Hamilton – Reinforce everything being said. Putting own money into it. Don’t ask for a lot. Had a lot of JCR representatives in our cohort. Love LMH, love you guys. Great if you could do this for us.

Speak in favour – Elijah – nice idea, sucks that we can’t all do it. Given that they’ve taken the initiative to do it themselves.

Alice – Another option for this would be to have something set aside for projects like this, rather than having one motion. Have money set aside so people could ask for subsidising. Pearl – would love to implement something like this. Something to consider for future years. Eleanor – hopefully it can be something that is done for future years.

Mai – English students don’t ask for much.

Speak against – none.

Freddie – Can you provide a cost breakdown? Eleanor – delivery is roughly £40, books around £10 each. Putting £50 towards. This is me off the top of the head. Freddie – but that means we’re covering it all? Eleanor – Roughly, depending on what the bulk delivery costs are. Hamilton – we don’t have to have this amount if we aren’t willing to spend that amount. Know from being social sec that there is a surplus budget.

Ike – Problem is currently that we are happy to consider stuff that would be generalised further and with lower figures. This works out to £1,300 a year if we were generalising. Freddie – not money we have free. Hamilton – Mass orders can be made a lot cheaper. Can sort out different arrangements. Ike – understand and am on board with the principle and idea as a whole, in this specific instance we need to consider further. We reject societies for this amount. Eleanor -- This is a one-time thing. Where is the grand from? Ike – if we’re covering everyone. Eleanor – we are trying to implement an idea for something that can be used for all years. Freddie – different when it scales to the whole year group. If Lily is sat here hearing this, then they can try to get the same thing for their cohort. Eleanor – Then they’re free to. Freddie – we don’t have £180 for every cohort.

Pearl – what percentage of the budget is this? Freddie – a quarter.

Amelia – English have never asked for much money. Unlike history. Freddie – History Soc ask for this much for the whole year and they put on events for all. Bruno – History soc is a society open to everyone. Not a fair comparison. Amelia – I apologise, I wasn’t meaning to make unfair comparisons.

Lily – I think you have to consider what they’re asking for in isolation, rather than the general implementation. Talking about what is given to other societies is irrelevant. One of the four meetings we have left, not unreasonable to give this money to them. Ike – If it doesn’t go through we will consider a lower sum. The motion budget should be going to motions that have a proportional benefit to the JCR. As I see it, the sums add up. See how we’ve spent the money before and how we will spend it to benefit the JCR. Be utilitarian. Lily – people are asking for more. Ike – We are weighing up what is best to put money towards.

Emily – I know there is a lot of money left from different budgets?

Mai – the 24% was that the budget for societies or non-LMH? Freddie – the others. The motion budget is split into two pots, unsure which one this would be put in. Both have £750 left. Hamilton – when social sec, the old treasurer found a significant sum of money to put onto the budget we had left available. If there are these available can we do this? Freddie – saying I should do something in line with someone who stole £2000? Hamilton – not what I’m saying, just saying there is money somewhere else in the budget.

Eleanor – a nice thing we wanted to do. Know the budget is to benefit the whole college. Leave it to a vote. Ike – we can adapt motion budgets. Freddie – vote as is.

Eleanor C – would we consider reducing the amount asked for? Eleanor H – if this motion doesn’t pass, yes. Rather have some money than none.

Hamilton – We have put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into the JCR. We have not been given a proportionate amount as a subject cohort.



*[N.B., This motion has not passed.]*

**Motion 4:** To endorse the recommendations of the College Disparities Report

**Proposer:** Pearl Crumb

**Seconder:** Ike Glassbrook

**Notes:**

Pearl – We’re proposing that the JCR endorses the recommendation. Two errors made in the motion: Danial’s surname spelt incorrectly (sorry Danial), also still the current president, not the former as said in the agenda. This report highlights the disparities in funding between colleges. Colleges are expected to provide similar educations despite differences in endowments. We would like to encourage students to sign open letter (see agenda for further details). We would like to formally endorse students to sign this letter. This will give the university pressure to implement the changes.

Ike – As anyone living in Deneke knows, the finances of LMH are suffering in comparison to other colleges. Students at St Johns barely pay rent due to their endowments. There needs to be changes to the way colleges get their endowments. Recommend that students sign this letter – especially being in LMH where we are most affected. Thanks to Danial and Cem for working hard on this.

Eleanor C – what will it look like for students when it is implemented? Will the rent go down? Danial – the first solution is endowment, create taxes on the richer colleges that goes into the fund so that the interest is given to the poorer colleges. Over time the disparity is reduced. Other kinds of disparity: some colleges students can’t work at the bar, solution is to have a committee that works with the college and university to oversee the disparities. Ike – We have been put under more strain due to the size of our endowment. Adding to our endowment opens options to allow us to subsidise things.

Speak in favour – Danial – I love LMH, we all do. First college to have women and the foundation year. No one here is unhappy to be at LMH, the reality is that other colleges provide different financial situations. Apparent for number of years. University and college ignored it because no pressure has been put on them. We’re not going to give up, we’re going to fight to make it happen.

Cem – Danial is the politician; I am the numbers guy. If you haven’t signed the open letter, please sign it right now. Collegedisparities.com. Every single number matters. We need to show the university that we represent the whole student body.

Speak against – none

