

## Minutes of CUC Council Meeting 26/04/2005, 2pm, 62 Jesus Lane

Attendees: Gordon Lawrence (Convenor), Steven Cooper (CCMS), Jenny Auton (SPEAK), Martin Harker (MethSoc), Geoff Martin (ARK, treasurer), Chris Hack (Fisher House), Richard Smith and Emma Riseborough.

Apologies: Bex Bowtell (Fusion).

- 1) Opened in prayer.
- 2) Minutes from previous meetings approved by all present.
- 3) Elections:
  - (a) Nominations of council-elected reps approved by all present and postal vote.
  - (b) Richard Smith and Emma Riseborough elected council-elected reps unanimously.
  - (c) Emma Riseborough elected Secretary unanimously, and, since there were no nominations for Treasurer, Geoff Martin agreed to continue in this role for another term, with nominations being re-opened in October.
  - (d) The Convenor thanks the former Convenor, Secretary, and continuing Treasurer for all their work for CUC.
- 4) Matters arising: finance (continued later)
- 5) Future events:
  - (a) Christian Unity Service (postponed from last term): it was decided to cancel this event for this year, due to it being exam term, and to start planning for 2006's in Michaelmas to allow for good advanced planning. It was decided that CUC would instead go to the Cambridge Churches Unity service on 15 May at OLEM.
  - (b) Formal Hall: this will provisionally take place during week 2/3 at Jesus College, dependent upon consent by the Dean. Or possibly at Homerton.
  - (c) 5-aside football arrangements finalised: will take place at Churchill on the afternoon of Tuesday 21 June.
  - (d) May week Punt Race arranged: Friday 17 June 2pm, preceded by lunch by the weir!  
Publicity was discussed: Stephen Cooper was elected as publicity rep, his job being to create posters to publicise events, and everyone resolved to try to recruit an ecumenical college rep in each college to publicise in their college. The existence of a list of deans, chaplains and clergy in Cambridge was also discussed.
  - (e) Discussion groups: it was decided that these should be planned in order to take place next term, possibly before the Taizé service on Thursday nights (at about 8pm) if someone could host it, in order to raise awareness about differences to counter prejudices.  
(Jenny recommends 'A Generous Orthodoxy' by Brian McLaren)
  - (f) Ecumenical Bar Quiz: May 13, 8:30pm, at Fisher House library. It was agreed that an admission fee of £1 or £2 and 10p extra on drinks would be charged to raise money for Make Poverty History through CAFOD.
  - (g) Any other ideas:
    - a garden party was suggested, but this was thought unnecessary, due to the picnic lunch before the punt trip and societies holding their own garden parties.
    - a ceilidh next term – this was approved, with venue TBC, but Steven hopefully able to enlist the services of a ceilidh band for free.

- CCMS will be putting on a musical provisionally on the 22 and 23 June, possibly at Zion Baptist Church, East Road.
  - SPEAK – the Big Dress will hopefully be coming to Cambridge during May Week in 2006, and this will require money, and CUC's support and prayers.
- 6) Website: it was decided that more people would be able to make changes to this, in order to share the burden.
- 7) Junior Proctor: Gordon will register CUC as a society to the Junior Proctor, once the treasurer provides bank details.
- 8) Interfaith Forum: meeting on 4 May will be attended by at least one CUC member. An interfaith rep may be appointed in the future.
- 9) AOB:
- CUC would like to produce another booklet about Christian societies and churches in Cambridge for freshers. However, there are insufficient funds for this - only £56 (£70 is needed to produce the booklet). In order to provide this money, it is hoped that funds might be gained from the Junior Proctor on registering as a society. The motion was passed to put the subscription for Affiliated Societies up from £5 to £10 per year (payable at the beginning of Michaelmas), and suggested that members might like to give a donation to CUC in the new academic year. Geoff will ask contacts in Christian bookshops whether they would like to advertise in the booklet. Gordon will suggest (at the interfaith forum) that TCS and Varsity could do a supplement with info about church services. (Society details to be updated for the new booklet. Lutheran Society has replied to say it is no longer active in Cambridge. Still have no reply from OrthSoc.)
  - Saturday 7 May, Parker's Piece – all day event for Make Poverty History.
  - In order to raise awareness about CUC and recruit ecumenical reps in the colleges and also reps from churches such as Holy Trinity and organisations such as the Chinese Christian Fellowship, it was resolved to draw on contacts, email a request for applicants, and ask people at CUC events.
- 10) Date of next meeting: 10am, Friday 17 June, venue TBC.
- 11) Closed with the Grace.