La Maison Français
Meeting Minutes April 7, 2013

21 present, 1 excused absence, 1 unexcused

**CPW Briefing**
Sign up to help for CPW, please help prepare for something.

Be around the House! Be at dinners!

We want to fill every space in the sheet!

They keep capping our events; let’s make sure our number doesn’t get reduced further!

Up to you if you don’t want to eat w/ prefrosh or want to get a gardé before (it’s on your conscience!)

**Officer Reports**
President: nothing

Vice-President: nothing

Treasurer: yay! Money!

Food Steward: I’m done!

Secretary: *typetypetypetypetypetype* I’m almost done!

Sports chair: It’s getting warm outside; if you want to go outside and play sports we’ll make it happen!

Rush Chairs: ...

Social chairs: Semi-formal on Saturday, May 4th, at 7pm (sorry to those who can’t make it 😞) will try to get reservation at Le Petit Robert

Education Chair: *Noah realizes this is him* “oh!”

Tech Chair: file server works again!

Environmental Chair: woohoo it’s warm! Open windows and enjoy

NH Rep: substantial gym renovation approved

GRTs: nothing
Elections

President
Nominees: Elizabeth, Sophie

Elizabeth: not afraid to resolve issues, experience with managerial things, let people get into discussion but keep things efficient, will accept feedback, cares about house, would like to continue making the house a home for people. French not the strongest but she will do her best to make sure emails are sent out in both English and French

Sophie: has shown she is a responsible member of the house over the years; make sure to keep a balance between people getting a say and keeping things efficient; French should be encouraged and would work to do so;

What are your thoughts on policies towards late dinners and late nettoyages?

Sophie: depends on the situation, given a week’s notice for nettoyage is plenty of time, a fine is reasonable, late dinners - difficult to blame a single person, If it were a particular team would talk to that team to find the issue causing it (more case by case basis)

Elizabeth: Agrees on dinners, doesn’t think a fine is reasonable there. Agrees with nettoyage fine being reasonable, can be discussed.

What about being late to cooking?

Elizabeth: depends on chef reporting it, if it is a consistent lateness it should be dealed with

Sophie: agrees, fining is reasonable

*secret discussion*

Congratulations to Sophie

Vice President
Nominees: Rashed

Rashed: likes REX, likes housing, he gets to do both.

You need a veep, why not Zoidberg Rashed?

*secret discussion*

Congratulations to Rashed

Treasurer
Nominees: Caitlin
Caitlin: Likes money, treasurer for archery club

*secret discussion*

Congratulations to Caitlin

**Food Steward**
Nominees: Xiaoyue

Xiaoyue: doesn’t like when she cooks and can’t find what she wants, will make sure people get what they want. Doesn’t like when things are running out, will make sure to monitor stuff; knows where to get weird stuff...

*secret discussion*

Congratulations to Xiaoyue

**Secretary**
Nominations: Elizabeth, Kelly

Elizabeth: has been secretary before, pretty darn good at typing on her computer, will continue to work on the website even though it is not technically a secretary job

Kelly: also a good typist; has realized the usefulness of minutes through being NH rep.

*secret discussion*

Congratulations to Elizabeth, the Grover Cleveland of French House

**Athletic Chair**
Nominations: Anna and Steven (co-run)

Steven: would like to get involved in the house

Anna: has been before, would like to pass on the knowledge

*secret ballot*

Congratulations to Anna and Steven
Rush Chairs
Nominations: Kelly, Caitlin, Elizabeth, Maggie, Anna

Kelly: likes freshmen & opportunity to meet people and tell them what’s important about French house and MIT, thinks it’s especially important this year that the house has so many empty spaces to fill.

Caitlin: REX chair this year, would like to do again

Elizabeth: would accept enthusiastically if she was sure she would be here, if she is not here she will do as much work as possible beforehand to make it easier on the other REX chairs

Maggie: will be here for part of the summer, will do stuff if asked, thinks French house could be more diverse in personality (but she likes all of you!)

Anna: she will be meeting lots of freshmen the week before, would be proactive in getting frosh interested in the house that might not have heard about us before.

Briefly describe your thoughts on the importance of French:

Kelly: French is important, would have definite preference for freshmen that had interested in French. If interested in French but personality did not fit, that would not really work. It’s a balance. This year we are a little more eager to take the freshmen we get. Important to market as not only an exclusive community for people interested in French but as an opportunity to learn and grow.

Elizabeth: Look for people who would be happy here is the number one thing. Interest in French is important, but so are other factors

Anna: place more importance on willingness to learn and grow in French community than on current level of French.

Caitlin: French is definitely a consideration but willingness to learn and compatibility with house is very important.

Maggie: would not discredit someone who did not speak French, “affirmative action” for people who do speak French

*secret discussion*

Congratulations to Kelly, Caitlin and Anna!
**Social Chair**
Nominations: Emma and Maggie (joint ticket)

Emma: social chair this year, think back to Halloween and how fun that was!

Maggie: it would be fun

*secret discussion*

Congratulations to Emma and Maggie

**Education Chair**
Nominations: Elizabeth and Kelly (joint ticket), Sasha

Kelly: is a very fantastic idea, wants to make French house more French (and more colorful) replace labels with more colorful (popup!) labels.

Elizabeth: have educational events that are accessible to a low level of French

Sasha: on campus has seen fliers to events related to French in some way, she forgets about them sometimes but if she were education chair she would thing about them more and alert everyone else to those opportunities

How would you invite people of all levels of French to participate?

Elizabeth: mot du jour was often higher level French that wouldn’t be used by people with lower levels, watch movies in French that aren’t so high level artsy movies

Kelly: for higher level, encourage people to take classes in French, also continue to teach more advanced vocabulary, “post-MISTI groups”

Sasha: likes idea of MISTI groups, as a freshman was very curious about who had done MISTI and what she could learn from them, speak more French to encourage everyone else

Will French Wednesdays still be a thing?

Kelly: it hasn’t felt like a thing, depends on the level of energy at dinner. Would encourage French to happen at every dinner, not just on Wednesdays

Elizabeth: other ways to get people involved, not focus on discontinued education events that haven’t always proved useful

Sasha: place some importance on campus events that relate to French education

*secret discussion*

Congratulations to Elizabeth and Kelly
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**Technology Chair**
Nominations: Steven

Steven: some experience in working technical support

Congratulations to Steven

**Environment Chair**
Nominations: Kelly and Sasha (joint ticket)

*secret discussion*

Congratulations to Kelly and Sasha

**New House Representative**
Nominations: Kelly, Caitlin

Kelly: -redacted- try to spend New House money on interesting things

Caitlin: likes spending money, represent French House to New House

*secret discussion*

Congratulations to Caitlin

New officers please meet with old officers to complete the transfer of power.

Meeting Adjourned