LMF House Meeting [1 May 2016]

Full house list: Sasha Steven Lotta Fiona Jacob Mary Sarah Alyssa Ben Charlotte Daniela Elisa Elise Jesse Pond Sofi Ju Bidisha Diana Xavi Nancy Tiffany Rebecca Helmut Emily Colleen Brittany Jordyn

Absent:
Rebecca*, Moot Moot*, Emily*
Jelise, Sofi

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President Fiona: Need to figure out Senior Brunch May 8, 7:30; incorporates most people’s schedules
Seniors leaving. We want to say thank you, good bye, good luck. We do toasts+gifts for each senior.
Max 15$ on each gift, paid for by house. Wanted to ask seniors last year. Someone should be assigned(?) the task of organizing food.
Fud stud’s: Could. Wasn’t involved last year
Fiona: Volunteers?
Jesse: can put together list of signups.
Fiona: Good
Danununu: Could everyone get own food?
Fiona: Would have to do RFPs’.
Sarah: Will this be my contribution?
Fiona: If you don’t cook, will have to clean.
Sarah: Menu’s due on Thursday. Put in dropbox. Can be sweet or savory. If imbalanced, will email.
Fiona: Who wants to toast seniors?
Mary: Lotta
Fiona: Sasha? Steven?
Pond: Steven
Ben: I can help with Steven

Fiona: Anymore? Only need one more?

Elisa: I can toast Sasha.

Fiona: If you could get gifts too, great. Need not be fancy. 15$ or less.

Fiona: explain more about French tutoring. Xavi and I talked. Thought maybe unclear. If you study language in classroom, you’ll study very specific things in language, etc. Perhaps talk with native speakers at advanced levels. We, however, want to emulate children learning language through exposure. Meet 30mins to an hour for a lesson. Could go around kitchen or talk about article/book. People signup based on level and when they’re available. Should foster more French at dinner and brunch, etc.

Suggestions? Ideas? Questions?

The constitution that is not a constitution is our constitution. Will make changes and email about them. Will look over diff sections next year and discuss. We have changes about treasurer. Will edit out things that have changed due to technology changes.

Proposed changes to how house meetings are run. many houses have exec meeting first. Make normal house meeting quicker. Anyone super opposed or have suggestions?

Jesse: Would like to try?

Have exec people to gather at 7:15 and discuss, decide votes order. Go through the votes more quickly streamlined when everyone is present.

Fiona: Hi, I’m the President, yay! I think I said everything.

Add separate nettoyage for spice rack to mark whether we’re low/out of things.

Elisa: organize alphabetically

Sarah: I have list of spices in order. Can print that out. It’s a Google Doc.

Fiona: Are we okay with that? Need to vote on that?

Brrr: Will this be added to one?

Fiona: Yes, we’ll shift things around to make fair.

Danunu: we should do tupperware every week
Daniela: REX will happen. Will keep house updated. Will sound out surveys over summer. Anyone know they have early return? Hopefully these people can come back early and help REX chairs and make it fun. Hopefully we’ll get enough early return spot. If you get an early return for French House, obligated to help with REX. Surveys will deal with what we should look for in a prefrosh. We’ll keep you informed. Email if you have suggestions or comments beforehand.

Sarah: Asked SAO about getting a debit card for French House. Get that next year. Filling it out soon (16th). Will have that by next year. Whoever uses that has to do in person purchases.

Jesse: We have lots of things to talk about. (1) We sent out survey a while ago about how people were feeling about dinners (portions, how many leftovers, etc.). Wanted to have followup, informal, no Google forms. Is everyone pretty happy with how things are going now? Our budget per meal is $100. Has gone up a bit. Try to keep it 3-4$. Hopefully you’ve seen less stress about expense in menus and we’ve had enough food. Anyone not agreeable to these changes?

Nancy: There are 22 ppl in French House.

Sarah: More

Daniela: We have 25 members + more social members

Brrrr: There was leftover yogurt. Very sugary. It’d be nice if things had less sugar. just less sugar in general.

Ju: I like that

Jesse: don’t know what we can do. For desserts, kind of set by person making menu. As far as ingredients go, I buy what’s requested.

Daniela: Vegetables are good. We eat a lot of sugar. Don’t always need to have baked thing.

Brrrr: If someone requests generic yogurt, maybe we could buy the kind with less sugar.

Jesse: I usually get plain.

Sarah: you can’t see nutrition fact son Roche Bros.

Fiona: do you have more things?

Jesse: So many things. Community effort for healthier stuff. Next thing is dealing with pantry at end of year. So yes. Has couple parts. Last year I ended up cleaning up pantry at end of year. typically, everyone leaves after finals except seniors. I have Crew, so I’ll be there, but everyone else basically
leaves. Seniors want to use silverware, so everyone doesn’t pack it up. This year, only 3 seniors. They aren’t here, so this is a bit one-sided, but I don’t want to leave everything for them to pack up right before they leave. And I don’t want to pack everything up. During finals week, we’ll be tapering down on house dinners. Will have volunteer cooking. Typically big drop off between Wednesday and Thursday. I propose during finals week we help packing things away.

fiona: Could use grand nettoyage system for this

Jesse: timing matters more

Fiona: don’t we do this as we’re leaving?

Jesse: But if everyone packs up pots and pans on Tuesday….

Fiona: You want it later, I see.

Jesse: Yes. Do people want to have this be community effort?

Fiona: Would be more effective if have sign up with dates. Will make people do it.

Daniela: survey when people are leaving and assign jobs

Fiona: Then each person is accountable for one thing

Jesse: ppl okay with being assign a job to do? Yes? Okay. Basically these will involve going through pantry, throwing out old stuff, etc. Something that also goes along with this is that some things are in deterioration condition. Instead of packing up, could get rid of them. Ie. cutting boards, certain pots and pans that are scratched up and just sad. Spatulas that are half melted. Things like that. Get house approval to get rid of these things instead of packing them up. lessen burden of dealing with that in the summer. List of things to replace for new year and perhaps approving a budget for doing so.

Fiona: sHould we maybe say if this thing is no longer in functioning condition, ask someone older, mark things that we got rid of. Can do this for setting budget for next year.

Daniela: Rebecca might help with budget.

Jesse: Can we approve budget online? Might be problems with using Rebecca’s money.

Jesse: Should replace certain things.

Fiona: Budget in mind?

Jesse: 200-300$>

Fiona: Vote on budget of $250 for now. If that’s approved, we can talk later about
Sarah: puts burden on people who leave.

Fiona: No, we’ll do the paying next year. We’ll take care of this next year.

Fiona: Vote for $250 budget for buying things at beginning of next semester.

Daniela: Survey for what ppl want and what is needed

Fiona:

All in favor: 12
Note in favor: 0
Abstention: 3

Jesse: one last amusing tidbit. Usually we get 6 lb of brussel sprouts etc. Now get 8-9 lbs.

That’s it for fud stud things.

Ben: will send out survey over summer and do website updates then. Not doing much now

Fiona: Rex chairs?

Daniela: Yeah.

Fiona: Yay frosh! Sports chairs?

Pond: out of 5, we won 4. Mostly forfeits. We have good sportsmanship. ALways show up. NOT a single forfeit on our side. Many good hour long warmups not leading to an actual game. BUT we have fun

Fiona: Social chairs?

Brrr: some people said interested in doing Crossing the Charles. 2-3:30. Initially planned to leave at 1 and arrive at dim sum at 2. We could do dim sum earlier or later. Should we move dim sum? Would you no longer be able to go?

Fiona: how many people are planning on going?

Daniela: maybe

Fiona: how many for dim sum?

Brrr: earlier or later?

Japoob: I prefer later
**Brrrr:** You can just hang out later too; maybe we’ll still be there (maybe not).

**Brr:** do we want to get bubble tea and stuff. When we get back, we’ll play board games and hang out and stuff. Board games will happen around 3:30 or 4. Will send out an email when we get back.

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**Brr:** wear something you want to see on Facebook

**Jesse:** I like my pants with dog _____ on them/

**Fiona:** Treasurer?

**Charlotte:** House bills will be going out. 450$ for members, 250$ for non members. Put under door

**education chari**

**Xavi:** The education chair is really happy. The effect his emails had on you. I encouraged you to spring

**French emails. I think it’s a good idea to put them in bold.**

**Fiona:** Oh bold. I thought you said in a bowl.

**Xavi:** No. You should take 30 seconds to put French in your emails. Helpful for people learning. Info

**session for tutors didn’t happen because education chair is busy. I will put up posters tonight or tomorrow. Yeah.**

**Fiona:** Environment chairs

**Mary:** I don’t think ew have anything. We’ll save all pictures of course.

**Fiona:** NH Rep! There will not be storage in house this summer. Only house things. No room storage
due to stuff. Can find storage companies–MIT is partnering with Piece by Piece. $150 package for 3-4
items. different for 7 items or so. They’ll be in Lobby 10 this week and next week. Tuesday and

**Thursday.** It’s something to keep in mind. we have to put house stuff in close. Plz help put stuff away.

Finally, you should have renters insurance. After flood, especially MIT wants us to have it. Can often get
it via homeowners insurance though parents. Good to have in case NH pipes decide to open again.

Couple constitutional changes made for # houses for how they do rooming, etc. Not relevant for us.

**Daniela:** Why does website say NH has storage?

**Jesse:** Yeah, it implies we do. Don’t trust that source.

**Fiona:** Last person is Rebecca, but she’s studying. Say hi, maybe give cough drop (she’s kinda sick).

Anything else? No? Cool? Okay, we’ll be getting ready for senior brunch and finals, yay.
Everyone: (Groaning) yay.