

Cloyne Court Council Agenda

House President: Bryan Dallara

Date: 3/1/2015

Location: The Great Hall

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order 6:44PM
2. Approval of Agenda
Moving up the use of space. It's time sensitive. 8.9->8.1
Approved by **Roman:Matt**.
3. Approval of Minutes- motion approved by **David:Kyle**.
4. Manager Announcements
 - 4.1. Demonstration against fee hikes – Lothlorien-March 4th and 5th Free-education Festival.
Claire: asking if failure to fill out VOCs results in an automatic fine, and says that it needs to go to council.
James: clarifies that uncooperative fine can be issued, and would need to go through council to accept whether or not it goes through.
David: switching from weeks 6-7 →fining period during week 7
Kyle: thanks for coming to event last week; there will soon be earplugs and pencil sharpeners in the study rooms.
Chris: update on referenda. More info, check email. Possibility of a meeting. You have 3 weeks to vote, educate yourself.
James: Please return common tools.
Sophia:thanks for painting plates, take notice of the social calendar.
Giselle: size of packages; check your mail.
Bryan: house policy binder outside the great hall.
5. Member Announcements
Robbie: Idea of internet being shared with other houses is something that could have talked about with
James: we're not sharing internet with them (?). Testing things, long term goal is to get free internet through Cory and all co-ops have free internet.
Sage: P.O.I – Mitar brought it to board last year.
Travis: Mesh Network for coffee filters-will be working on it this week. I passed a motion for Contra-dance this Friday but they haven't gotten back to me.
Charlie: will send out an email—have been working with food goddess.
6. Facilities Business
7. Old House Business
 - 7.1. Public Space Computers – James \$1200 (10 Min)
MOTION #1-3 COMPUTERS: Y-19 N-12 A-1
MOTION #2-2 COMPUTERS: Y-19 N-6 A-1
Bryan: Motion for 2 computers Passed with supermajority last week so I'd recommend we stick with that and get new one sometime in the future if we want.
MOTION PASSED.
 - 7.2. House President Compensation – Alex (10 Min) 7: 04
MOTION-TO RAISE PRESIDENTIAL COMPENSATION AND HAVE IT TAKE EFFECT RIGHT NOW Y-27 N-13 A-3-to be raised from 30-50%.
Jake: the fact that he's doing a great job should not be a reason to raise the compensation this semester, maybe in future semesters. Thinks it sets a bad precedent.

Claire: if you look at managers' hour logs, a lot of them are at double their hours. I think that we should separate the person from the role.

Kyle: have seen it happen at Wilde. I've noticed when you do raise compensation; it's really hard to bring it back down. Just keep in mind.

Chloe: it's not something that's going to happen very often—it's only our second semester as a full (?) coop.

Gary: all managers discussed where the extra compensation would go, based on the fact that house occupancy would increase. Doing it the same way that we did it last semester, so there is more time for discussion.

Alex: I've seen it in the BSC before. This happened at the last council over the summer. I've seen it done before.

Anahid: how many hours a week is the president supposed to work for 30% compensation?

Graham: Should have completed 62, and has completed 132 by now. Gave out specific amount for a specific percentage but I did not catch it. Ask him please.

Robbie: He should either take back his responsibilities, so we either owe him more compensation or fewer responsibilities. This was brought up by somebody who saw what he was doing and appreciated it.

Gary: in reference to the self-reporting, can we see what tasks have been done under his presidency?

Graham: will show this.

James: it is true that all managers are over the amount of time they need.

Alex: I think it's kind of a shame that we wanted to spend so much money on a whim (trampoline), I think it's ridiculous.

Claire: asks to add motion to increase compensation from 30-50 % next semester.

Time allotted to this ends, need to vote immediately.

Carlos: it's already been done and failed so can't bring it back.

MOTION-In favor-28 Opposed-16 A- 1

Motion fails because we need a supermajority which would have been 66%. We had 62.

8. New House Business

8.1. Use of Space Request: Academic Themed Events – Kyle (10 Min)

Gives out list of people who are scheduled to come.

MOTION TO APPROVE-Caryn:Giselle. PASSES.

8.2 Fund Request: Sport Equipment – Noah \$120 (10 Min)

Changes amount to \$60 dollars.

MOTION-2 buy two basketballs-Giselle:Scott. MOTION PASSES.

8.3 Fund Request: Speakers for Pots and Dishes Rooms – James \$230 (10 Min)

Details below. Asking for 80 dollars, or buying the whole thing.

MOTION- FOR JUST SPEAKERS-

2nd MOTION-would be 230.

Joe: if you have 3 systems together, it'd be pretty interesting.

Audrey: when we are doing pots, most people have their own music.

Scott: I feel that having one type of music bonds everyone in the kitchen. I also feel like the sounds would obviously compete with each other.

Noah: have you tested to see whether the music clashes?

James: Not really.

Sage: Asked whether they'd be okay with the water (unsure, couldn't hear well).

James: there shouldn't be a problem (not word by word).

MOTION TO BUY THE SPEAKERS \$80-Jake:Basil

Motion passes.

8.4 Fund Request: Kinetic Sculpture Grand Championship – Travis \$300 (10 Min)

Details below-Want to make it a house workshop.

Graham: we get charged for the full cost of 8 parking spots, and we cleverly sell 9.

Maria: asks question

Travis: we wouldn't be making money. I want to pass money so that I'm not paying for a house common area. Everyone is welcome to it anytime, hopefully as a house team.

Sage: how many parking spots are currently sold?

Graham: all.

Travis: it was originally more expensive, but he's had it for 3 and ½ weeks.

MOTION Claire:Leslie- IF-25 O-1 A-4 Motion passes.

Robbie: just to be clear, we're not playing anything.

Bryan: essentially we're reimbursing Travis, but the house gets access to the space.

8.5 Fund Request: Vocal Workshop – Maria \$150-\$200 (10 Min)

Details below.

Scott: What dates were proposed?

Maria: Mondays 7-8 but doesn't work for me. That's something I wanted to talk to you about.

Audrey: not everyone will be able to make it, maybe we don't need to pass a date now.

Maria: it's an incredible learning place.

Robbie: I just fundamentally have a problem with paying 150-200 dollars to a person. I have a problem with that. I have a problem with her charging us that amount of money.

Maria: really understand that. She's quite a bit older. People need money to operate and do what they love to do in the world. Supporting people with what they love to do since we have the money.

Chloe: something about this being targeted at

Scott: I think that this is wonderful, I really agree with Maria's reasoning. I also think that it's a supplemental event is a great compromise for that. She's only asking for 120 from the house.

Great opportunity for the house. The fact that she's a former clone is great. I think this is just really beautiful.

Maria: Apparently she's incredible at facilitating.

James: What does a minimum donation mean?

Maria: it's just words.

James: 2nd thing. I don't want us to fall into the mindset that we have a lot of money. We've blown through a lot of money when we have no source of income. She's kind of saying she's not coming unless she receives something, as opposed to having professors here. Also, it seems more of a closed thing that won't benefit that many members.

Caryn: if we offered her less, would she reply to that? Or it has to be within that range?

Maria: I think it's a great idea to decide this and offer what we can.

MOTION-Drew:Scott-TO ALLOCATE 100 DOLLARS INTO THIS AND THE HOUSE CAN COME UP WITH THE REST. Date to be determined and possibly put online as a poll once more info is available.

IF- 19 O-14 A-4

No quorum.

2nd vote- IF-22 O-15 A-4

MOTION PASSES.

8.6 Fund Request: Meditation Hut – Maria \$550-\$600 (10 Min)

Details below.

Argument:

gigantic blue tarp thing

Already here

To build it is the next step

Asking for \$550

Drew: House will be buying this for you?

Maria: Yes

What's the floor?

Maria: Earth; consider other options if necessary

Scott: mat freepile to use; this idea is awesome but large sum of money; second hand- open to reduce costs?

Maria: Thinks it will be used enough for the money to be worth it; special place; will consider to lower money by \$100

Maria: it seems like there's a lot of people who practice in the meditation.

Storm: could you explain the purpose of meditating inside? Couldn't you do the same thing in the garden?

Maria: it's like a little fort.

Max: why can't it just be inside of here. But you don't feel like you're outside right?

Sage: I was wondering about the accessibility of it.

Maria: don't know how wide the door is. We could make it wide enough.

Sage: how tall's the ceiling? **Maria:** gives dimensions.

Scott: on the purpose of creating a new space for the house, being able to have that it's an awesome resource.

James: **SCOTT- MOTION TO EXTEND BY 5 MINUTES**

Motion fails.

Chris: **motion to rework-Second by James.**

Chris: I honestly just want to see more discussion. I want it to come back to council next week. People didn't really get a chance to have a discussion other than questions

Max: it'd be good to see the specifics, what it looks like, where it's gonna go.

Maria: in the zen garden.

James: reworking the materials present in the hut.

Maria: I guess im asking for support and trust in that I have the materials. I can bring it back next week.

Motion for this to be reworked: (What will it look like?, Where will it go?, different building materials?)

Sage: I think it should be reworked, I personally like the zen garden, and wouldn't want it to be there. It's the question of whether we want it to be in the garden and what it looks like.

James: really quick. This can easily be done for about 300 dollars; it can be much better built than with the materials present.

MOTION PASSES.

8.7 Committee Report: Mural Proposal "We own it" replacement – Carlos (10 Min)

Decision: replace the mural with imagine he is presenting below.

It captures the childhood curiosity we lose touch with. I don't want this to be just my project.

Claire: do you have experience painting before?

Carlos: not huge experience, which is why I am opening it up to everyone. We do want something beautiful to that. I'm sorry I can't speak to my quality of work.

Sophia: do you think you could go over that space? Over there? (unsure what she is saying, can't hear or see)

Carlos: I thought that having things in front of it showed how people didn't like to look at it.

Maria: sorry that I missed the committee meeting. I've come to a place in myself where I really wanted to share this, and Wes and I talked about a collaborative mural.

Carlos: this is what I brought forward to committee. I like that idea too, like we said there's other spaces in the house.

Robbie: in this piece, does the saying, they're talking about a dead bird. Would you be friendly to combining your message with what's already on the wall?

Bryan: this is what was decided at the meeting, and it's what came back.

Charlie: can we get a temperature check on doing this?

Bryan: about 50/50.

Jake: I want to hear more about what Robbie is saying. That seems very intriguing, I kinda like it.

Hanah: I'm friendly to having the image without the quote and we could vote on adding it later.

Chris: David- MOTION to approve Carlos' idea over the "we own it" and to include Hanah's idea.

Maria: I'd like to make amendment to make it a collaborative idea.

Joe: I think it'd be good to come up with options next time.

Graham: can I suggest a 100 dollar amendment for 100 dollars to account for materials?

Bryan: originally asked for 60.

Final motion: Approve committees plan for Calvin and Hobbs mural, without the "I suppose it will all make sense when we grow up" quote, to replace 'We own it' mural in great hall, and allocate \$100 for materials.

MOTION PASSES

8.8 Use of Space Request: Bicycal workshop – Cailey (10 Min)

Can put on a workshop on Tuesday. They'd help us work on our bikes. They will not be bringing parts. I also told them they could come to dinner.

Scott: Would you be open to changing the time?

Cailey: No.

Matt O:Chris-MOTION to approve space request-

Donya: will they help with our bikes?

Cailey: any bikes we have here.

MOTION PASSES.

8.9 Fund Request: Art Nikels Band – Graham \$300 (10 Min)

Graham: not sure what to do about this. Presented below.

No quorum...

Max: they have documentation that they were promised 300 dollars.

Graham: don't have documentation of that. Zac confirmed that.

Charlie: was that expenditure passed through council?

G: social manager expenditures are up to the discretion of the social manager.

Claire: I was wondering what the record is for the expenditures of last semester.

G: Music bands, music workshops. A couple of other things (uncertain).

C: this really sits badly with me. I'd want to hold him responsible to pay out of his pocket.

Storm: did he have the authority to make that decision knowing that there wasn't enough money in the account?

Graham: there's the likelihood that he might not have known that he was going over budget.

Robbie: could we ask that Zac explain what happened at council?

G: Art Nickels and Zac were cc'ed in email I sent to the house President.

Scott: 120 people are being held accountable for what happened. Sure Art Nickels has an understanding of logic. It'd be reasonable to find, would it be reasonable to compensate them for less?

Jake: I don't like where the conversation is going; if we promised them money we should through some account, give them money. Puts bad vibes in the community, one of them is a coop member.

Sage: Sophia- Motion to extend time-

Maria: Jackson-motion to pay them 300 dollars

Graham can we make an amendment that this will not be standard operating procedure?

Both maria and Jackson agree.

Sage: what budget is this coming from?

Bryan: I'd recommend we do in from house account.

Sage: rec. for amendment-have motion include the money comes from house account.

Sophia: emailed me to ask if they could practice here; recommending to rent band room instead of compensating, any other possibilities, or agreement.

Scott: would like to motion for 150 dollars, no seconding. Motion dies.

Jackson: as a house, we can't promise things. What happened looks bad on the house. Not just in the past, but going forward.

James: let's pay them and establish something for the future.

FINAL MOTION: PAY ART NIKELS \$300 FROM HOUSE ACCOUNT (THIS IS A ONE-TIME EXCEPTION AND SHOULD NOT BECOME STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE)

Vote count:- IF-33 O- 1- A-3

MOTION TO PAY ART NICKELS PASSES WITH SUPERMAJORITY.

8.10 Fund Request: Kombucha Jars – Leslie \$214.27 (10 Min)

Ran out of time for this item. Moved to next council.

9. Adjournment