Sept. House Meeting

Thurs. Sept 4, 2014

Please sign in so we know who was here. Thanks!
Agenda

- Trustee voting
- Fall budget voting
- Fire 08/28
- HM welcome dinners
- Orientation recap
- Service awards and shout-outs
- Upcoming events
- Open floor
- Dessert
Trustee Nomination

• Role of Trustees
  – Serve as advisors to SPEC and the House Council
  – Administer elections
  – Ensure adherence to the SP Constitution
  – Resolve formal complaints, i.e., discipline

• Nominated in August

• Voting today
  – Confirmed with 2/3 vote of House Council
Trustee Nominee: Steven Chang

- Has lived in SP for 4 years
- Past involvement in the community:
  - Newsletter chair 2011-2012 (service award)
  - Publicity chair 2012-2013
  - VP of Info 2013-2014
  - Active participant and volunteer at SP events
Trustee Voting

- Secret ballot
- Hall councilors have a special ballot
- Mark the box to vote for confirming the nominee; leave the box blank to vote against confirmation
Voting Members

- Each voting position has 1 vote (i.e. 1 ballot), regardless of the number of co-chairs
- HCs have 1 ballot, but their vote counts double
- Voting positions are:
  - President, CoSI, environment, outreach
  - VP of resources, AV, aquarium, arts, bikes, controller, inventory, IT, music, plants
  - VP of reslife, athletics, brunch, coffee hour, cultural, orientation, outing, social
  - VP of info, newsletter, photofile, publicity, SPTV, web
  - Chair of the halls, hall councilors
Fall Budget

- Fall budget cycle transition is September 15
- Cycle includes IAP period in 2015
- You can start spending after the transition, but allocations may take an extra few days to show up on the website
What budgeting is all about...

“OK, it’s not growing on a tree, but we’re on the right track.”
Fall Budget Voting

- Take a few minutes to read over the budget
- Discussion
- Vote!
Fire 08/28

What happened?
- Accidental fire started in a room in the 8th floor.
- Nobody was injured.
- Several rooms had water damage from sprinklers. Several residents have been moved into temporary rooms in SP. Some residents had personal losses.

Immediate responses
- Ashdown opened their doors.
- Deans and Housemasters provided food & support during that night.
- MIT Housing provided rooms.
- HM, SPEC and HC reached out.

Sidney Pacific
Make It Spectacular
Fire 08/28

Next steps

• Lookout for affected residents.

• Distribute information on:
  • fire safety
  • what MIT covers in case of fire or flooding

• Stock inventory with a few emergency items:
  • laptop chargers
  • cell phone chargers
HM Welcome Dinners

Housemasters welcome new residents. Officers attend to meet new residents.

**Arrive by 6:15 pm**

- Tuesday September 9th
- Thursday September 11th

RSVP email sent by housemasters
Orientation Recap

- **Large-scale social events**
  - Dance party (Aug 29th): above 400 attendees
  - BBQ (Sept 1st): about 800 attendees
  - Coffee Hour (Sept 3rd): about 200 attendees
Orientation Recap
Hall Council Events and Initiatives

- **Small-scale social events**
  - Early bird welcome party (Aug 24th): ~40 attendees
  - Early bird welcome party (Aug 31st): ~20 attendees
Orientation Recap
Hall Council Events and Initiatives

- Help roommates know each other
  - Roommate Dine Out: ~100 residents are assigned to a group of four for subsidized dinner.
  - *Roommate Fridge Card.*
  - *Roommate Discussion Guidelines.*

6pm Mandatory Hall Meeting
Orientation Recap
Hall Council Events and Initiatives

- Help neighbors know each other
  - Hall Warming Party
  - Open Doors Night

An SP tradition continues...

Open Doors Night
Saturday, Sept. 13th
Round 1: 8:00–9:30pm
Round 2: 9:30–11:00pm

Sign up to open your door and throw a mini party with food, music and drinks. Food & non-alcoholic drinks subsidized!

Interested in opening your door?
Email sp-hallchair@mit.edu
Orientation Recap
Hall Council Events and Initiatives

- Distribute important info to new residents
  - Front Desk and Welcome Desk distributed handouts.
  - HCs are distributing new resident gifts: ID holder with MIT Emergency Numbers and shopping bag.
  - *Mandatory Hall Meeting*
Service Awards: Sydney Sroka
Orientation Chair

- Organization and preparation of orientation events that were well attended.
Service Awards:
Charles Thraves
2-North HC

• Very active hall councilor during the Summer.
• Looked over 2-North and 2-South for most of the Summer.
Service Awards:
Jingzhi An
3-South HC

- Very active hall councilor during Summer.
- Looked over 3-South and 3-North for most of the Summer.
Service Awards:
Jay Sircar
Floor 9 HC

- Very active hall councilor during Summer.
- Volunteered for many Orientation events.
- Organized Outreach events.
Service Awards:
Sam Elder
5-South HC

- Very active hall councilor during Summer.
- Built a very tight-knit community in 5-south through innovative initiatives.
- Great insights and feedback on how to improve the Hall Council.
Service Shout-Outs

- Uyanga Tsedev
  For taking great care of plants inside and outside of SP, getting residents involved with planting and gardening, organizing the plants sale, and helping out at orientation events!
Upcoming Events

-----------------Orientation-------------------
- September 6th (2pm-6pm): Olympics
- September 7th (8am-3pm): Orientation brunch
- September 7th (6pm-9pm): Hall warming parties
- September 8th (5pm-9pm): Laser tag
- September 9th & 11th (6:30 pm-8pm): HM welcome dinners
- September 13th (8pm-10pm): Open Doors Night

-----------------Non-orientation-------------------
- September 7th (4pm-5pm): Yoga
- September 8th, 15th, 22th, 29th (8pm-9pm): Zumba
- September 10th (6:30pm-9pm): CoSI lecture
- September 10th, 17th, 24th (9pm-10pm): Coffee hour
- October 1st (9pm-10pm): Coffee hour
- October 6th (8pm-9pm): Zumba
Open Floor
Cats don’t have a sweet tooth
so you don’t have to worry about sharing your dessert

Remember to sign in!