

## **Member's Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** April 6, 2010

**Start time:** 7:10pm

**Location:** SLC 3103

**Members present:** Doris Tang, James Ng, Brian Lee, Ally Wong, Ken Woo, Clarissa Leung, Dave Yew, Mark Tse, Ashley Ee, Jason Chan, Phil Chan, Elena Wang, Derek Ma, Kristina Tang, Andy Tse, Matthew Wong, Jenny Ho, Jorge Quan, Jacky Chan, Jon Lin, Milton Chan, Sean Dy,

- Purpose
  - Review this term
  - Goal: to help future CCF committee
- Friday nights in general
  - Good that we are starting on time
  - Mind ending at 9:30pm?
    - It is not bad, as long as we inform the fellowship so that people have proper expectation
    - So far, we are ending early than the past years
  - We used to have refreshment that will allow us to stay longer in MC
    - 2 years ago, committee scrap refreshments to avoid loitering in MC, and encourage post-fellowship in Westcourt, McDougall, or the plaza
  - Why we start at 7pm
    - Tradition
    - Any benefits on doing it early?
      - People have more time to hang out later
  - Longer bible studies?
    - Option: end the night officially, and let some groups have the option to continue bible study in another room
  - Most of the nights have been more spiritually-focused, and not community-focused
    - How was adventure night on Fall term?
      - There were too many new people, so it is overwhelming
      - Goal: for people to know each other
      - Good night to bring friends :P
      - Some people that were met don't come to CCF anymore
    - Feels that spiritual-focused have been quite beneficial
    - So far it is good, as community can be build based on partnering for the same goal
    - We could do outreach oriented events, which is the common goal
  - We are moving away from the original purpose of CCF
    - If we think too much about the programs or retaining people, we are losing the purpose
    - Is Christ who attracts people, and we should focus on that
    - Would be beneficial to be more outreach oriented during Friday nights?
    - Will CCF make sense without outreach?
    - It is not so much about inviting people into CCF, but bring people out of CCF to witness Christ
  - Every Friday have someone sharing is encouraging and refreshing
  - Sharing (variety night) after Winter retreat was good to follow up in "living out our faith"
- Specific Friday Nights

- Sermon/discussion nights
  - In general, discussion-based nights work well with the DG implementation
    - With DGs, groups can be combined and encourage good discussions
- Jesus/Gospel Night
  - Really like it, good reminder
  - When we are in the same room with small groups, it is ok?
    - It is not too loud, but feels crowded (lots of chairs)
    - It is smoother in terms of smoothing transition and being more effective with time
    - Gives flexibility for people to share to the large group
    - For such spontaneous small group forming, should be more mindful as sometimes a group is full of newcomers and frosh
- Spiritual health
  - How is the spiritual health of the fellowship? How you been able to grow?
    - Programs don't necessarily help to grow, but is the people that we meet who encourage and challenge
    - Retreat, DGs, worship cell are engines to incite growth
    - It is not about one program or one event that can change a person, it is about a lifestyle
    - Consistency of the message throughout the programs are important
    - Programs are beneficial, teaches many things and refreshes/reminds people of lessons, and also encourages further challenges
    - Attitude is good, there is more hunger even though there is still a lot to learn
- Review of committee
  - Pre-study email should not be sent on the same day of the pre-study
  - Is there a tentative schedule (Friday nights) posted on the website?
    - No, as things changes a lot, but there is a tentative plan within committee
  - Appreciates committee, it is not ideal, but things are changing from the past when things were done over and over
  - Frosh scared of committee?
    - At first, but committee reached out to the frosh
  - Committee has been less stressful than before
    - This term's committee has enjoyed sharing and bonding with each other
    - Past committee might have been too logistical
  - Transparency is important, and that has been encouraging
    - Committee is human
- Ministry Review
  - For younger people, anything about CCF that differs your views and expectations about fellowship
    - Less evangelism than expected
    - Bonding during studying
      - Most frosh feel that they met other people mostly during studying
      - Can we set a room permanently, and make it official for CCF people to study together
        - Probably not, it can be done through personal initiative
        - Let us not make it a must, but something to happen naturally

- Frosh and Newcomer integration
    - Used to have a massive spreadsheet to follow-up with everyone, and connect frosh and newcomers with integrated members
      - Too labor intensive
      - Seems forceful, but now we are moving into a organic movement when people take their own initiative to naturally care for the frosh and newcomers
      - Important to balance between self-initiative and "cultural" change in the fellowship
      - If you "pair" people up (upper year to lower year), don't know if their personalities match
      - DG is covering a lot of ground
      - It is not just about our efforts, but the newcomers will also have to invest effort too
      - it is impossible to have all newcomers retained
      - Outer events:
        - BBQ, bowling, dinner for newcomers outside of Friday nights
        - Food is key
        - Frosh dinner is good, but earlier will be better so that we can follow-up
          - But if it is too early, some people might not know about
          - Timing is crucial!
          - Making 2 dinners
      - Do refreshment so that we can talk more to newcomers or people on the fringes
        - Some people might not want to hang out that late
      - Suggestion
        - Have a list of upper years who are willing to help and tutor available for people to access
    - Frosh cell
      - Recommend future frosh cell leaders to have 2 days for frosh cell, so that more people can join frosh cell
      - Frosh cell is doing a pairing exchange program to incite people to get to know each other, and get into deeper conversations
        - It has been beneficial, but it might be awkward at first
        - Includes frosh coop
  - Unrealistic to expect frosh to be fully integrate into the fellowship in the fall, they are still testing ground
- Cell group
  - No longer exists as a strong structure, because of time challenge, and the overlap with DGs
  - Ministries are similar to cell groups, they do things together and also build community based on partnership
- Ministries in general
  - Some people question how many people really have a heart to serve in ministries. Like some people might join just because it is a good thing to do

- Some people might not initially be too involved, so they joined a ministry to test the waters, and to learn
    - Leaders' role is to encourage and help members grow
    - It is about an attitude and cultural change, we can't always filter people out
    - Serving out of duty vs passion
  - Caring
    - Beginning of the term, the Leaders Meeting to unite people in vision and encourage serving in ministry out of heart is every encouraging, making serving very enjoyable
  - Worship
    - Need more push from committee to challenge and encourage them
    - This term, the worship cell meetings started late this term
- DGs
  - Evangelism should be a big part about DG
  - It varies, and it depends on every group
  - On Fall term, it is important to have at least one upper year to be part of a DG with a majority of frosh
  - Some DGs are full of upper years, but it might be encouraging to have upper years separated into different DGs
  - DGs members should be encourage to lead DGs in the future
  - Important to keep up with the DG members even after the term

**End time:** 8:40pm