

THE CHINESE MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH
2003 Usher Group Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, August 29, 2003

Time: 8:00pm-10:00pm

Place: Room 204, The Chinese Martyrs Catholic Church

Attendance List: Cheryl, Clement, Hector, Leo, Patrick Chow, Peter, Roger, Vicki

Minutes of Meeting

1. Opening Prayer by Clement Yin.
2. New Usher Group website and Website Administrator.
 - http://www.geocities.com/cmc_usher/
3. New committee members and committee positions update
 - 3.1. Roger Chong
 - 3.2. Cheryl Li
 - 3.3. Vicki Ma
 - 3.4. Committee members' attendance
 - at least one person from each mass group should attend meetings
 - the attendance of all members is expected
4. Enforcement of Usher Rules and Regulations
 - 4.1. Usher Badge (2)
 - there have been complaints of the use of badges
 - the badge must be worn at eye level, preferably above left chest
 - 4.2. Lateness (3)
 - members who cannot report to their Group Leaders 10 minutes before mass should make an effort to attend mass on time
 - 4.3. Dress code (4)
 - members are asked not to wear clothing that exposes the shoulders and stomach.
 - do not wear tops with low necklines
 - no sports wear, tank tops, short skirts, or shorts
 - 4.4. Talking during mass (5)
 - refrain from speaking during mass
 - ask parishioners not to talk during mass
 - 4.5. Unauthorized absences (10)
 - inform Group Leaders of any absences ahead of time
 - 4.6. Committee meetings (15)
 - meetings will be held at least once every 3 months
5. Votes on the amendment of the Usher Rules and Regulations
 - 5.1. Votes: 2/3 of committee members or only those present (19)
 - results would be biased if only members present vote
 - 2/3 of committee members
 - 5.2. Membership fees (6)
 - will make members feel that the Usher Group is of more importance
 - members will contribute more to the Usher Group
 - annual fee of \$3 or \$5
 - Usher Group has no real income, only donations

- badges
- 5.3. Certification of volunteer hours (11)
- should community service hours be given?
 - members leave because there are no volunteer hours given
 - members do not work their hours (ex. work for 30 minutes and get 1 hour)
 - traffic team can get hours because they are genuinely working
 - stricter rules – if members break any rules, they will not receive community service hours
 - if yes – at least 15 minutes per mass?
- 5.4. Dress code – make it stricter (4)
- do not dress to impress – dress appropriately to respect the presence of God
6. BBQ Day – September 13
- 6.1. Time and Place
- time undecided – possibly 5pm, ends at 10-11pm (the latest)
 - Aunt Winnie’s house
- 6.2. Fees
- \$10
 - pastors and sisters are exempt from fee
- 6.3. Work load
- drinks (canned)
 - forks (plastic & for bbq)
 - plates
 - napkins
 - coal
 - lighter
 - bbq (2)
 - table cloth
 - plastic gloves
 - food (fish balls, meat balls, sausages, etc)
 - games
7. Use of Yahoo Groups
- joining a Yahoo Group makes e-mailing more convenient
8. Any other business
- Singathon: donate, help to raise awareness
 - Liturgy Coordinator: if any problems occur during mass, this person would make them known
not just in charge of Usher Group
 - elections will be discussed at the next meeting
9. Closing Prayer by Clement Yin.