

IRISH CENTRE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 14/03/90

1. Present: Rev. T Scully. OMI. Mary Allen, C O'Connell, Anton Boyle, Jim Myers, M Fitzsimons, Paul Murphy.

2. Apologies: Monseignor G Stack, T Dunne (Chairman), M Kenny, E McCormack, M O'Mahony, Una Cooper, T Mangan,

This meeting was chaired by Fr Scully in the absence of T Dunne who was called to Ireland. Minutes of February meeting were circulated. Taken as read. Adopted on the proposal of T Mangan, seconded by C O'Connell.

3. Matters arising: Brian Duggan interviewed Pat Kenny show, and video shown RTE - 30 letters received. London Irish News and Irish World doing profile. Fund raising ideas needed.

4. Welfare report: Increase from 1989. Welfare advisory meeting 19th March.

Paul Murphy - link - doing Irish week - Gaisford St. Kentish Town. Leaflet in circulation. MTS have asked for staff member to assist, benefit advise one day per week. Social skills - 2 days planned in Hammersmith. Paul pleased with salary raise. Brian Duggan video in hand-await fuller attendance.

5. Finance report- Fr Scully.

Budget 1990 falling short. Reports circulated. Bar sales % - Lounge increase. Douglas Hyde - no change. J F K - decrease. McNamara - increase. Meeting with residents association unsatisfactory, Irish Centre unprepared for onslaught. Fr Scully stated there is a Neighbourhood Committee meeting in 1-2 months. Suggest representative from Management Committee; no communication between Irish Centre and Neighbourhood group. Meetings held at No. 3 Camden Square. C O'Connell volunteered to attend.

6. Hostel report: Official opening of new hostel and presentation of Annual report - 23rd May 1990 at 3pm, Conway House. His Eminence Cardinal Basil Hume and Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich attending. Ministers being invited. Two page report on hostels include in Annual Report. Fr Ryan has completed an article on "Youth in crisis".

Two Nuns in Ireland for meeting centred around and emigration to continents. Faith issue being highlighted.

7. Director's report: Insurance claim not settled - further meeting. Now coming to conclusion for building. Money in hand for contents. £30,000 for building and a further £30,000 calculated for loss of profits. JFK difficult.

7.2 Chapel transfer completed. Very satisfactory. Elderly people happy - good attendance at daily Mass prior to lunch.

7.3 Trainig room transfer completed. Considered very successful and inviting. 10 trainees with computers, desks, chairs etc. Fr Scully hpoed we could all work together in trying to keep costs own



7.4 Loan agreement completed: Some difficulty, Solicitors and Trustees did not accept documents initially, all in order now Possibility of withholding tax on repayments. Letter to charity commission sent.

7.5 Carpeting McNamara Hall completed. Offer of a line finishing @ £7000 - flaw noticed, £750 reduction given.

7.6 Licence application Kennedy Hall. Fr Scully and a representative from the Admin. Committee had attended a meeting - considerable bitterness unfolded, Music and Dance licence refused. Irish Centre application for 1am licence nightly was unacceptable. Consider appeal or applying for a new licence - 12m.n in JFK Friday and Saturday nights. Suggest meeting neighbourhood group and discuss maximum needed. If any complaints between now and June licence will be lost. Members agreed it is a minority causing trouble. Automatic temperature control to avoid opening and leaving open exits.

Sound proof system in McNamara Hall to be checked on order from Health and Public Environment Officer. Band noise nuisance to area residents.

Noise in small bar needs to be checked.

Kennedy exit door replacement. EHO to advise on where to purchase sound proof door.

The residents association grievances. Mary Allen suggested inviting them to the Irish Centre Executive - offering refreshments in an effort to establish what they want and if we can comply. Unanimously agreed and arrangements will be made accordingly. Await outcome - no representative to attend residents meeting as aforesaid.

7.7 Bar Manager. Maurice O'Neill appointed 21/02/90. Considered conscientious and efficient.

8. Social Club report. Anton Coyle.

Saturday night quiet. Introduction of ventilation in Douglas Hyde Lounge - Health and Safety requirements.

Dissatisfaction with Bar Staff - glass collection unsatisfactory. Cleaning of Douglas Hyde a problem. Toilets and fixtures a major problem. Toilet in McNamara flooded, overflowed onto new carpet. Pan blocked with "bunch of grapes".

Soft drinks agreement cost 30p now increased to 40p. Anton requests reverting to 30p. No need for staff to work late if they carry out their duties during the business hours.

Sunday mornings quiet due to lack of music.

9. Any other business. Fr Scully queried some progress in fund raising. Una Cooper and Bridie Murphy on sick leave. Volunteers to take over 300 Club draw, as suggested by Mgr Stack - a good money spinner. Mary Allen suggested due to car raffle - defer to September. Fr Scully prepared to commence 300 Club draw as soon as possible. £10 monthly for 6 months - April - Mary Kenny to get tickets from P O'Brien.

M Allen stated that the GAA draw was the best - £30 for 3 months - of which the Irish Centre would get £18 per ticket sold. Lucrative prizes.

Fr Scully said that parishes in Birmingham and Manchester would be asked to join aiming at 2000.

AGM date not yet known - May 1990. Mary Allen proposed a vote of thanks to the Oblates - they were the only concelebrants at the St Patrick Mass, Westminster Cathedral with Fr J Keily and Bishop Harvey. Date of next meeting 10th April 1990

J. Aburne 10.4.90