



London Irish Centre charity

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MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING - 13.07.1993

Present:

M. Sills; E. Mc Cormack; T. Mc Assey; Fr. D. Cormican; B. Shaw; M. Allen; D. Egan; F. Collins; J. Reynolds *F. Phelan*

Not in Attendance:

Tenants & Residents Associations

Apologies:

U. Cooper

Minutes - Matters Arising:

Congratulations to President Robinson for meeting everyone at the Centre - it was good for Irish Centre. Letter to be sent to John Flaherty, Paddy Dunning and Jim Commene thanking them for their voluntary work in preparation for presidential visit.

Sub-committee should be set up to look at constitution.

Minutes proposed by Mary Allen and seconded by Donie Egan.

AGENDA

1. Finance:

- a) Limited Company - Concession Fee minimum in accounts but we don't know what is actually happening. Brewery discount a one-off. Actual loss of £1,100. Management charges are £750 rent, £750 Jim, £750 Fr. Denis and that is credited to Charity. Sundries is mainly D. O'Donovan's wages and Bank charges. Today we have £2,150 in our Bank Account. Accounts for A.G.M. - Touche Ross had some difficulties with £25,000 premium. Possibility the Company is again insolvent. E. Mc Cormack is dealing with the tax computerisation. Hopefully there will be no tax to repay.
- b) Charity/Development Account - Deficiency of £1,000 due to covenant not having arrived. Jim has been in contact with AIB and will pursue it. Grant of £4,155 is from Camden. Repairs and maintenance is mainly for Presidential visit and electrical matters. 50% of management charge paid by Ltd. Co. Car raffle income is just up to end of June.
- c) Welfare Account - Deficiency of £5,000 as against £7,000 in budget. Day Care Centre is costing Irish Centre £200 per week.

Fundraising	1,947.00
Costs	1,949.00
Bank A/c: Development	10,000.00
Welfare	7,800.00
Deposit	22,450.00
Due from Festival '92	8,823.39
£12,075 + Int. £5,571.78 =	17,646.78
Trustees hold as reserve	52,000.00

Accounts proposed by Donie Egan, seconded by E. Mc Cormack.

2. Social Committee Report:

We expected J. J. O'Brien to be at this meeting. He seemed happy enough to attend the Admin. meeting after reps. from Admin. Committee attended Social Committee meeting on 1st July, 1993.

3. Welfare Report:

Total interviews for June, 1993 similar to June, 1992. A small increase in new arrivals. Normally we would have large numbers of third level students seeking summer employment in the construction industry. Practically none, so the message of recession has at least got through to them.

There is an increase in the number of cases of domestic violence, some fleeing from Ireland and arriving on our doorstep. Our staff have been very successful in finding these families safe accommodation either through Camden Council or with the Women's Refuge.

We have two new Social Advice Workers appointed. Both are very satisfactory and settling in well.

Unfortunately our Co-ordinator decided to terminate his employment. I was very satisfied with his administrative abilities particularly in the field of fundraising but he was weak on dealing with clients and staff. The post has been readvertised and interviews will take place on 22nd July.

4. Appointment of 4 lay members:

E. Mc Cormack will not be going forward. He was congratulated for his contribution. Could we all undertake to approach one person? Q. Will Mgr. Stack be still on committee as he is being appointed Admin. of Cathedral? Proposed by Donie Egan, seconded by Mary Allen.

5. Auditors:

Allen & Tully have sent in bill of £1,500 for Ltd. Co. and £2,000 for Charity. Brendan Allen should present himself at our next meeting....Committee has made recommendation.

6. Concession:

Circulated minutes of meeting held with Saxon Inns on 7th July, 1993. Saxon Inns owe us £7,500 and Irish Centre owes them £2,750. We need to look seriously at the continuance of the Luncheon Club. We have not had any money since April. At meeting on 25th June J. Connell stated that he was not

here for confrontation. Donie Egan stated that he is not optimistic. His reading of the situation is that Saxon Inns are prepared to stay on their terms. This is undermining the authority of the Administration & Board of Ltd. Co. Donie's concerns will not be alleviated without a payment of arrears. The outcome of the meeting on Monday, 19th July. The Directors do not have an alternative to Saxon Inns. It is important to send invoices for outstanding monies. Eddie believes that Saxon Inns are availing of weak management by Irish Centre. Members of Admin. Committee should meet briefly on Tuesday evening for briefing on Monday's meeting. It was proposed that Eddie Mc Cormack, Michael Sills and Bridie Shaw attend the meeting with Saxon Inns on Monday, 19th July.

7. Jim Reynolds' position:
Job Specification was to be drawn up. He must have a day to day role in monitoring Saxon Inns. There is the opportunity to give Jim full administrative role and allow chaplain to be responsible for Welfare. Jim has to stay until after A.G.M.
8. Migrant Training Company:
We cannot afford to retain the M.T.C. without paying rent. Fr. Denis has been unsuccessful in approaching estate agents for advice. Perhaps Jim Reynolds could pursue this matter.

Date of next meeting:
17th August, 1993 at 8.00pm

Date of A.G.M.:
14th September, 1993 at 8.00pm
