

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT ST. LOUISE'S HOSTEL,
MEDWAY STREET SW1 ON 14th AUGUST 1984.

PRESENT: Rev. C. Malone, O.M.I., T. Dunne, M. Moroney, S. McGarry, Mrs. E. Kehoe,
Miss M. Kenny, G. O'Flynn.

APOLOGIES: Rev. F. Ryan, O.M.I., Rev. J. Fullam, D. Kelly, P. Judge, P. Keegan,
T. Mangan.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to ^{with} the addition of the name of Mrs. E. Kehoe to the list of the Administrative Committee members who attended the A.G.M. of the Irish Centre Club.

MATTERS ARISING:

A hearing took place at Clerkenwell Magistrates Court on 5th July in relation to the application for renewal of the registration certificate for the Irish Centre Club. As some objectors were present the hearing was adjourned to Wells Street Court on 28th August. A letter has since been received advising a change of date and venue for the resumed hearing which will take place at Clerkenwell Court on 14th September.

The Chairman and Fr. malone have had consultations with our Solicitor and Barrister and will attend the Court accompanied by Dan Rooney of the Irish Centre Club Committee and some residents of Murray Street who have no objection to the renewal. The principal cause of complaint by the objectors is noise when patrons are leaving.

At this point Mr. M. Moroney said that he had it on good authority that children can be admitted to the lounges provided that they are not allowed into the bar areas.

BREWERIES MEETING:

Fr. Malone is arranging meetings with representatives of the Breweries.

CAMDEN SQUARE COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSOCIATION:

The claim by the Housing Association to ownership of the ground at the rear of Hillier House is being looked into by our Solicitors and Architects.

MEETING WITH CLUB COMMITTEE

The meeting took place on 6th August and was attended by Rev. C. Malone, T. Dunne, M. Moroney and G. O'Flynn of the Administrative Committee. Fr. Malone submitted notes of the meeting which were agreed as correct.

It was agreed that it was essential to bring the Club Committee up to full strength as soon as possible. There are still six vacancies and members were requested to canvas other members who would be prepared to join the Committee.

When the Committee is at full strength a consultative canvas of members would be made regarding choice of chair person.

This suggestion came as a surprise to some members as did the regulation that the Chairperson and Hon. Secretary were appointed by the Administrative Committee.

Mr. Moroney said that members should be supplied with copies of the Irish Centre Constitution.

It was agreed to postpone the appointment of a delegate from the Administrative Committee to attend meetings of the Club Committee until a fuller attendance at the next meeting of the Administrative Committee.

S. McGarry proposed and M. Moroney seconded a resolution that Dan Rooney be asked to liaise with Fr. Malone on matters of maintenance and repairs. This was agreed to unanimously.

CAR RAFFLE;

The Car Raffle realised a Nett Profit of £11,164.00 and the Charity Walk raised £1500.00. The organisers of both events were to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

A Buffet/Dance will be held later to show appreciation. Invitations would be issued through an open letter in the Irish Post.

SUB-COMMITTEE - SALES AND MARKETING:

This matter is in hand. The Chairman has made some contacts in this regard and also arranging for Aer Lingus Catering Managers to check a list of suggested menus which has been prepared.

LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL:

The sum of £14,000 has been received following distribution of the proceeds of the 1983 Festival.

The Chairman and Fr. Malone have arranged to have informal discussions with the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of the London Irish Festival.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dealt with under the respective items.

MAINTENANCE:

The tank is still not satisfactory and a claim may be made against the manufacturers.

The McNamara Hall has been redecorated.

SOCIAL WORKERS:

Sr. Joan is being moved by her order and a replacement is urgently required. An additional Welfare worker is also required. It is envisaged that half this worker's time would be spent in the Hostels.

M. Moroney felt that a Social Worker should be available until 9.00 p.m. at the Centre.

S. McGarry suggested that a list be compiled of voluntary workers prepared to do Welfare work in the evening.

At this stage disappointment was expressed that no grants were forthcoming from the G.L.C. for the Day Care Centre, for the elderly and it was felt that an anti-Irish Centre bias existed there. The Chairman agreed to consult with Lord Longford and John Brannigan with a view to bringing pressure on the G.L.C.

HOSTELS:

A meeting of the Management Committee will take place at Conway House on 21st August.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

As stated above there has been no response so far.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

NEXT MEETING:

11th September, Irish Centre, 8.00 p.m.

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11 September 1984