

minutes
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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTE BOOK

COMMENCING: - 11TH OCTOBER, 1976.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE,
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON,
MONDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1976.

PRESENT: Mr. M. Moroney - Chairman.
Rev. Fr. Cagney.
Rev. Fr. Carolan.
Sr. Frances.
Sr. Thecla.
Miss M. Kenny.
Mrs. M. Hopkins.
Mr. J. McCann.
Mr. G. O'Flynn.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Rev. Fr. Gordon.
Rev. Fr. Cassidy.
Mr. T. Dunne.
Mr. K. Keenan.
Mr. M. Brunton.
Mr. John Nee.

2. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. John Nee, the minutes were taken by Mr. G. O'Flynn.

3. The minutes of the September meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. Two members complained that they had not received copies of the minutes.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

Taken under 9.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Due to the poor attendance, the financial report was deferred to the next meeting.

7. CLUB REPORT:

Miss M. Kenny reported that Club activities were progressing satisfactorily. Receipts for the month were £796.22. The question of barring or expulsion of a member was discussed and it was agreed:

- (i) That the Manager(or a Superior) had the right to bar a member.
- (ii) In the event of a ban being imposed, the Club Secretary would send written notification to the member in question of his or her right to appeal and appear before the Club Committee.
- (iii) The Club Committee has the power to expel a member.

In response to a question regarding co-opting of additional members to the Club Committee, it was pointed out that the maximum number of members was 15, 8 of whom were appointed and 7 elected at the A.G.M. It was considered that the music was too loud.

To celebrate the 21st Anniversary, it was agreed that a party for the members would be held on the 28th October. Charringtons would supply some beer free of charge. It was left to the Social Committee to make final arrangements.

8. WELFARE REPORT:

Sister Frances reported that 138 people had been interviewed by the Welfare Officers during the month of September - 101 for the first time, 24 were seeking employment, 77 were seeking accommodation, 7 psychiatric cases. One was repatriated. There were five who would not be helped.

Sister Thecla reported as follows:

HORNSEY LANE

Rent received	£960.00
Bed Occupancy	897
New Admissions	17
Left	16

MEDWAY STREET

Rent received	£1,972.00
New Admissions	45
Left	60
In residence	42

In both hostels, leavers included some students who went back to their studies.

HOPE HOUSE

Fr. Carolan reported as follows:

Rent received	£3,732.73
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New admissions were 37 including two refugees. Twenty-two had no money, eight were psychiatric cases (3 direct from Ireland) 4 had left their wives, 4 left without paying and 14 were placed in employment.

There is now a tendency for people to stay longer in the hostel. Repairs to the boiler cost £138.00

It was decided that a special meeting would be called on Monday 18th October, to discuss Sister Frances's working paper.

9. ADJOINING PROPERTY

A letter was received from Charles O'Connor & Co., outlining our latest offer to the tenants as follows:

Mr. Pittordis	£4,000 re. business premises
Mr. Glover	£3,000 " " "
Mr. Glover	£4,000 re dwellinghouse
King & Reynolds	£2,000 between them.

All offers were subject to vacant possession in two months. A reply had been received accepting the financial proposals but requesting more time. Fr. Cagney reported that the tenants of No. 50 Camden Square were prepared to leave. The properties are to be valued by the District Valuer. No. 44, 49 and 50 are governed by a Conservation Area. Firm commitment required for sub-lease. Community Housing Association are most indefinite.

10. MEDWAY STREET

A meeting was held on site with the Architects etc.

- (a) The purchase price was agreed.
- (b) Project Managers appointed were Brent People's Housing Association.

(c) Quantity Surveyors appointed were Dorey & Co. Ltd.

(d) It was considered advisable to vacate the premises during the working period. However, it was hoped that occupation could continue while work was in progress.

11. Mr. Maynard of National Utility Services addressed the meeting regarding the possibility of effective savings on fuel costs.

(i) He guaranteed that his Company would ensure supplies at the minimum cost by selecting the most favourable tariffs. They would require copies of all agreements and invoices. Retrospective claims for surcharges could be made up in six years.

They would monitor continuously for five years. The initial service fee would be 4% of annual expenditure. For acceptance of offer before March, a 50% discount would apply (this would amount to a fee of £180 for 5 years). In addition, savings effected would be shared equally for a maximum of five years. Afterwards the entire savings would remain with the Irish Centre.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Car raffle tickets will be on sale at the Gaelic Games, Wembley on Sunday.

Preparations for the Anniversary Dinner were well in hand.

The meeting expressed sorrow at the death of Bishop Cowderoy. Fr. Cagney would attend obsequies.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 8th November, 1976.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE,
ON MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER, 1976.

PRESENT: Mr. T. Dunne - Acting Chairman
Rev. Fr. Cagney.
Rev. Fr. Carolan.
Rev. Fr. Ryan.
Mr. J. McCann
Rev. Fr. Cassidy
Rev. Fr. Gordon.
Mr. M. Brunton.
Mr. J. Nee
Mrs. M. Hopkins.
Mr. G. O'Flynn.
Mr. P. Keegan.
Mr. J. Brooks.
Sister Frances.
Miss M. Kenny.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mr. K. Keenan.

Sister Frances presented a document to the meeting giving her assessment of the Welfare Department at the Irish Centre.

The main points outlined in the document were as follows:

- Background.
- Assessment of the Welfare Department.
- Needs of settled Irish
- Needs of newly arrived Irish
- Services to newly arrived Irish
- Services to settled Irish
- Future policy.

All points raised were fully discussed and it was agreed that the document be studied further by the Committee and brought up for further discussion at a later date.

Sister Frances suggested that a Welfare advisory panel be formed consisting of Rev. Fr. Cagney, Rev. Fr. Ryan, two members of the Administrative Committee and two Local Authority representatives.

At this point, Mr. David Ashton-Hill, Architect and Mr. P. O'Brien joined the meeting.

Mr. Ashton-Hill presented the latest set of amended drawings for the proposed development of the Irish Centre.

The drawings were carefully studied by all present and various points were explained by the Architect. After full discussion, it was agreed that the drawings be submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION: On a proposal by Mr. J. McCann, seconded by Mr. G. O'Flynn, it was unanimously agreed that the drawings be submitted to the London Borough of Camden Planning Department for approval. Mr. D. Ashton-Hill undertook to present the drawings in the very near future.

Despite the fact that the heating on two floors is poor, girls were still glad of the accommodation.

The cook is leaving and a replacement to live in is required.

WELFARE REPORT:

Sister Frances reported that 136 people had been interviewed.

58 males 43 females 5 families.

Seeking employment	33	obtained employment	24
" accommodation	73	" accommodation	66
" money	22	" money	21
" repatriation	9	" repatriation	2

There were 2 psychiatric cases (1 continuing), 5 Local Authority cases of 'settled Irish', 4 single mothers, 1 blind man, 41 needed counselling and 21 of them were referred to other bodies.

Expenses £43.87
Recovered £22.00

The meeting the discussed the welfare dept. with special reference to the paper presented to a previous meeting by Sister Frances who mentioned that she was experiencing problems from 'settled Irish' whom the Local Authority were not able to help and she asked whether they came within her sphere.

It was agreed to set up an advisory panel and it was agreed that Sr. Frances and Fr. Cagney would choose the members.

Sister Frances said she would like a Local Authority welfare worker on the panel and warned that it would be six months before the pattern of cases became clear. Then would be the time to appoint a Welfare Committee.

7.

CLUB REPORT

Miss M. Kenny reported progress as follows:-

Receipts:-

Cover Charge - Douglas Hyde Lounge	£214.70
Bingo (after £100 jackpot)	256.55
Raffles - D.H. Lounge	221.66
O.A.F. Raffle	<u>53.43</u>

£746.34

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£890.00

8.

A letter was read from National Utility Services confirming their offer to investigate energy costs with a view to effecting substantial savings. It was agreed to accept their offer at a fee of £180.

9.

MEDWAY STREET

A letter was received from the Architect giving a progress report. He was preparing the detail for the Quantity Surveyor who should have the total cost estimated in a week.

A further letter from the Architect referred to the dangerous condition of a chimney at 33 Medway Street. It was agreed to have this attended to as soon as possible.

10.

TRUSTEESHIP

A letter was received from Messrs. Bryan O'Connor & Co., regarding difficulties arising from the fact that titles to the properties are registered in different names. They are investigating the possibility of nationalization.

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ADJOINING PROPERTIES

A letter was received from Messrs. Bryan O'Connor & Co., regarding rents, rates and progress re. termination of tenancies. They were mentioning their efforts to secure agreements and finalisation of tenancies.

It was reported that tenders were now being sought for site investigation. Mr. Glover will allow entry to cost the work.

It was agreed to pay the Architects fees for the October stage i.e., £1,296 (incl. V.A.T.) The Architect was authorised to place advance orders for materials which have a long delivery.

The meeting unanimously agreed to the Architect's suggestion that Messrs. Sandy Brown & Associates be appointed Consultants re. acoustic performance.

12.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The anniversary dinner was voted a great success and thanks were expressed to all who had helped to make it so, especially the Ladies Committee.

To date, the raffle has realised just over £4,000.

Thanks were voted to Mrs. Moroney and Mr. Reilly for their generosity in returning their prizes to the Centre.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13th December, 1976, at 8.00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE,
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 1976.

PRESENT: Mr. M. Moroney - Chairman.
Mr. T. Dunne - Vice-Chairman.
Rev. Fr. Cagney
Rev. Fr. Cassidy
Rev. Fr. Carolan
Sister Thecla
Sister Frances
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2. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. J. Nee,
the minutes were taken by Mr. G. O'Flynn.

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circulated were taken as read and signed by the
Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Taken under appropriate sections.

6. It was agreed to take the welfare report
after the minutes in order that the Welfare
Workers could leave early.

HOPE HOUSE

Fr. Carolan reported that the hostel continued
to be fully occupied and that the number of
callers was on the increase.

Rent received during the month £4,121.00

New admissions were 28. Eight had no money,
8 were psychiatric cases, 4 broken marriages,
6 with drink problems. Employment was found
for 12. Some left the hostel without paying
their rent. Some left the jobs which had been
found for them. During the month, five fire
extinguishers were purchased for £126. Wiring
of the basement needs attention and will cost
£725. A daybook of events is now being kept
and details of expenditure will be reported to
the meetings in future.

Sr. Thecla reported as follows:

HORNSEY LANE

Rents received £898 Bed occupancy 890
New entrants 17 Departures 13
Of those that left, 5 obtained alternative
suitable accommodation, 5 got living-in jobs,
3 went home.

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M. Moroney 13/12/1976

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE, ON MONDAY
13th DECEMBER, 1976.

PRESENT:

Mr. M. Moroney - Chairman.
Mr. J. Nee - Hon. Secretary.
Mr. T. Dunne - Vice-Chairman.
Rev. W. Cagney - Director.
Mr. G. O'Flynn
Mr. P. Keegan
Mr. L. Kennedy
Rev. Fr. Carolan.
Rev. Fr. Cassidy
Mrs. M. Hopkins
Miss M. Kenny
Sister Thecla
Sister Frances.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rev. Fr. Woods, Mr. K. Keenan, Mr. M. Brunton, Mr. J. McCann.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the November meeting having been circulated were taken as read and agreed by the Chairman after it had been pointed out by Mr. G. O'Flynn that part of the Welfare Report had been omitted.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Rev. Fr. Cagney read a letter from National Utility Services in acknowledgement of receipt of invoices and stating that these were now being processed and a report would be issued as soon as possible.

There was a letter from Sister Anne Marie tendering her resignation. She will be leaving the Centre on the 6th January, 1977.

A vote of thanks was passed to Sister Anne Marie in acknowledgement of her valuable services over the past ten years.

It was agreed that a presentation be made to her to mark her departure from the Centre and Fr. Cagney is to make further enquiries in this regard as soon as possible.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. P. Keegan presented the accounts for the eight month period ended 31st August, 1976.

The accounts were discussed in detail and Mr. Keegan pointed out that gross profits in the bars were down by approximately 4% and also that the charge for meals would have to be increased by 50% in order to render them profitable.

While bingo profits are falling, profits from gaming machines have increased by approximately 30%.

The question of efficient bar staff was also discussed and it was agreed that the manager be consulted in this regard.

It was agreed that County Associations and other organisations using the Centre be notified that the charge for Bacon and Cabbage meals would be increased to £2.50 as from April 1st 1977.

6. CLUB REPORT

Miss M. Kenny reported that the total takings for the month after paying out only one jackpot amounted to £737.99. Charges for bands are on the increase, but are mainly met by receipts from raffles. On the whole, everything is satisfactory.

7. WELFARE REPORTS

Sister Thecla reported that the girls hostel in Hornsey Lane Gardens continued to be fully occupied. Rents for the month amounted to £910.00.

There are at present 38 girls in residence at Medway Street. Rents for the month amounted to £1,348.00.

Heating has now been installed on the third floor thus making more accommodation available. The chimney stack requiring attention has not yet been attended to.

Rev. Fr. Carolan reported that 98 men were at present in residence at Hope House - ten of whom were unemployed. There are three serious psychiatric cases.

Rents for the month amounted to £4,916. Expenses for the month were high having included the quarterly telephone, gas and electric bills. Most of the occupants will be in residence over the Christmas period.

Sister Frances reported that 125 persons had been interviewed during the month - 88 for the first time and the remaining 37 returning for further interviews. 83 were seeking accommodation and 79 were placed. A total of 12 persons had been referred to other agencies.

Expenses amounted to £17.72. No refunds.

Sister Frances told the meeting that as she would be unable to continue her work at the Centre due to existing conditions, she had asked her Superior to withdraw her.

The Chairman asked Sister if she might give some further thought to this matter and discuss again with Fr. Cagney before making a final decision.

8. ADJOINING PROPERTY

Our Solicitors, Bryan O'Connor & Co. are proceeding with negotiations regarding re-housing the tenants and sub-tenants on the adjoining site. At a recent meeting with the tenants' Solicitors proposals were discussed and orally agreed regarding compensation to tenants etc., and it is hoped that Deeds of Surrender will be executed at an early date.

Community Housing Association have now agreed to increase their offer from £72,500 to £78,000 for the portion of the site they propose to lease, subject to contract and the following conditions:-

- (1) Planning permission is granted for 67 habitable rooms on the site 45-48 Camden Square.
- (2) The Railway Tunnels are rafted and the site is handed over to this Association in a buildable condition (a two tier raft has been suggested).
- (3) Vacant possession on completion is given for 45-48 Camden Square.

- (4) Vacant possession on completion is given for the basement unit of 49 Camden Square.
- (5) All necessary approvals to the proposed underlease are obtained from the freeholders.
- (6) The proposed underlease will be for the remainder, less one day of a lease for 120 years from February 1974 at a peppercorn rent.

Mr. Charles O'Connor has suggested that as Irish Centre Hostels Limited will under the terms of the lease have to pay an annual rent of £500 increasing by 50% every 21 years Community Housing Association should be asked to make provision for the payment of an annual rent under the Underlease.

After full discussion, the following resolutions were passed by the meeting:

RESOLUTION NO. 1 Proposed by Mr. P. Keegan seconded by Mr. L. Kennedy. It was unanimously agreed that the offer of £78,000 made by Community Housing Association for part of the site 44-50 Camden Square is acceptable provided that a single slab raft is accepted as a buildable condition and that the top raft be absorbed in the superstructure by Community Housing Association. All drainage to be the responsibility of Community Housing Assoc. and costs to bring the site to a buildable condition not to exceed figures quoted by Messrs. Webb & Tapley.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 Proposed by Mr. T. Dunne seconded by Mrs. M. Hopkins. It was unanimously agreed that, without prejudice, to the offer of £78,000 by Community Housing Association that negotiations be entered into with Community Housing Association to seek an appointment of the peppercorn rent as defined by British Rail.

Mr. O'Connor will be instructed to negotiate with Community Housing Association regarding these proposals.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 Proposed by Mr. G. O'Flynn seconded by Miss M. Kenny. It was unanimously agreed that the following monthly accounts be settled:

Keith Roberts & Associates	£2,592.00
Heath & Spearing	£2,592.00
Webb & Tapley	£ 864.00
Colin Graham Associates	£ 324.00
M.J. Brunton Limited	£ 104.65

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A group of people at the Centre have suggested organising a fund raising scheme on St. Stephens Day visiting public houses etc. with the permission of the Administrative Committee.

It was agreed that this be allowed to proceed.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 10th January, 1977, at 8.00 p.m.

Memo
10/1/1977

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON MONDAY
10th JANUARY, 1977.

PRESENT:

Mr. M. Moroney - Chairman
Mr. T. Dunne - Vice-Chairman
Rev. Fr. Cagney - Director
Mr. J. Nee - Secretary
Rev. Fr. Carolan
Mr. L. Kennedy
Mr. J. McCann
Mr. J. Brooks
Mr. P. Keegan
Mr. M. Brunton
Sister Thecla
Miss M. Kenny
Mrs. M. Hopkins

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Rev. Fr. Cassidy, Rev. Fr. Gordon, Mr. G. O'Flynn.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the December meeting were taken as read and signed by the Chairman, after it was agreed that the word "appointment" in the fifth line of resolution No. 2 was incorrect and should be "apportionment".

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Rev. Fr. Cagney told the meeting that Sister Anne-Marie had agreed to continue at the Centre until such time as a replacement had been engaged.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

Rev. Fr. Cagney read a letter from the Irish Ambassador - Doctor Donal O'Sullivan- acknowledging receipt of the memorandum concerning the extension and reconstruction of the Irish Centre.

There was a letter from Councillor Liam Hyland of Portlaois expressing his interest in the Centre and his desire to assist in any way possible.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. P. Keegan reported that the annual accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1976, were being prepared and would be presented for discussion at the next meeting.

6. CLUB REPORT:

Miss M. Kenny reported that the receipts for the month including raffles and Christmas and New Year dances amounted to £780.00. Memberships are being renewed for the coming year and on the whole all is well.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee expressed sincere thanks to the members of the Club Committee for their wonderful work during the year.

7. WELFARE REPORT:

A total of 64 persons were interviewed at the Centre during the month of December. Two were 18 years of age, 3 psychiatric cases and 5 unmarried mothers.

15 were found employment and 37 were found accommodation. Two were repatriated. A total of seven were referred to other agencies.

Rev. Fr. Carolan reported that Hope House is now fully occupied again after the Christmas holidays. All is well.

Sister Thecla reported that the hostel at Hornsey Lane Gardens continues to be fully occupied. Rents for the month amounted to £910.00. The hostel at Medway Street is running smoothly and all is well.

8. ADJOINING PROPERTY:

Mr. Charles O'Connor is still negotiating with the tenants' legal advisors regarding vacant possession of the properties on the adjoining site. Favourable progress is being maintained.

Mr. O'Connor has also written to the following:-

British Rail regarding the lease.
Community Housing Association, regarding the apportionment of the peppercorn rent.
Camden Council regarding Community Housing Association's contract to develop their part of the site.
Satisfactory progress is being made in all cases.

The resolutions passed at the December meeting and sent to Mr. O'Connor were not satisfactory in detail and Mr. David Ashton-Hill has since been in touch with Mr. O'Connor and has forwarded more detailed information.

Rev. Fr. Cagney presented the monthly account from Heath and Spearing in the sum of £1,296.00. It was agreed that payment of this amount be deferred for the time being.

9. MARIAN HOUSE, MEDWAY STREET:

There was a letter from Brent Housing stating that our application for finance for the purchase and development of Marian House had now gone up for assessment.

Although there are restrictions on the advancement of finance for projects of this nature, it is possible that the money for the purchase of the property may be available.

10. LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL:

Preparations are being made for the festival to be held at Roundwood Park, Willesden on July 3rd. Brent Borough Council has agreed in principle to make the park available on that date and more definite information will be on hand at the next meeting of the Festival Committee on January 19th.

Allied Irish Banks and the Bank of Ireland have promised to sponsor this event again this year.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 14th February, 1977, at 8.00 p.m.

M. O'Connor 14/2/1977

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 14th FEBRUARY, 1977.

PRESENT:

Mr. M. Moroney - Chairman
Rev. Fr. Cagney - Director
Mr. J. Nee - Hon. Secretary
Rev. Fr. Gordon -
Rev. Fr. Cassidy
Rev. Fr. Carolan
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Miss M. Kenny.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Rev. Fr. Woods, Mr. M. Brunton, Mr. T. Dunne, Mr. K. Keenan

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the January meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Rev. Fr. Cagney told the meeting that Sister Anne-Marie's Superior had written to say that a nun to replace Sister Ann-Marie was available, but would not be able to take up duties at the Centre until July. No replacement for Sister Frances has been found so far.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

Rev. Fr. Cagney read a letter from Mr. K. Keenan tendering his resignation from the Administrative Committee due to pressure of work.

There was a letter from the Irish Embassy stating that the recent application for financial assistance to the Irish Government had been refused. No explanation was given.

It was suggested that the Secretaries of the County Associations should write to their respective T.D.'s asking why the application had been refused.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT:

The draft accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1976, were presented by Mr. P. Keegan.

The various details of the accounts were explained by Mr. Keegan and fully discussed and it was generally felt that the financial situation was satisfactory.

6. CLUB REPORT:

Miss M. Kenny reported that the nett receipts for the month amounted to £1,078. All is well.

The Club Annual Dinner is being held at the Centre on Friday, 4th March.

Mr. G. O'Flynn reported that the increase in price of the Bacon and Cabbage meals coming into operation on April 1st had been considered to be rather steep by the various organisations holding functions at the Centre.

This matter was discussed at length and it was agreed that the costing be again investigated with a view to emending the price if possible.

Rev. Fr. Cagney told the meeting that the bar manager had given notice of resignation and would be leaving the Centre on the 27th February.

7.

WELFARE REPORTS:

A total of 95 persons were interviewed by the Welfare Officers at the Irish Centre during the month of January. There were 6 under 18 years of age, 2 unmarried mothers, 2 psychiatric cases and 1 battered wife. A total of 6 were repatriated. 19 were seeking employment and 17 were found jobs.

83 were looking for accommodation and 77 were placed.

A total of 6 non-Irish persons were interviewed.

Rev. Fr. Carolan reported that Hope House was fully occupied. Sixteen recent arrivals had no money. Two left without paying. There were two psychiatric cases and 1 with a drink problem. At present, there are 10 men residing at the hostel who are unemployed.

Sister Thecla reported that there are 33 girls in residence at Hornsey Lane Gardens and all is well. Rents for the month amounted to £886.00

There are 34 girls in residence at Medway Street. Heating facilities are inadequate and require attention. Also, there is no cook in the hostel at present. It was agreed that these matters be investigated and steps taken to alter the situation without delay.

8.

ADJOINING PROPERTY:

Mr. Charles O'Connor has indicated that he is having difficulty in contacting the tenants' solicitors in his efforts to finalise agreements regarding termination of the various tenancies on the adjoining site.

He has forwarded the draft agreements to the solicitor but has had no reply so far.

9.

MARIAN HOUSE - MEDWAY STREET:

The Housing Corporation has now given full approval to the application for finance for the purchase and conversion of the hostel at Medway Street. Approval by the Department of the Environment is the next step and until this is received, no further developments can take place.

10.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE IRISH CENTRE:

The Borough of Camden Planning Department has now given full approval to the plans for the development of the Irish Centre.

It was agreed that the first phase of the development which includes New Hall, Kitchens and Welfare Centre should also include Reception Area.

It was agreed that the following monthly accounts should be settled:-

SANDY BROWN ASSOCIATES	£794.70
COLIN GRAHAM ASSOCIATES	£648.00
HEATH AND SPEARING	£2592.00
WEBB AND TAPLEY	£1728.00
KEITH ROBERTS & ASSOCIATES	£2592.00

11. LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL:

Preparations for the festival on July 3rd are now well under way. A final decision will be given by Brent Council on February 16th regarding the park.

12. DATE OF IRISH CENTRE A.G.M.:

It was agreed that the Irish Centre Annual General Meeting should take place on Monday, 9th May, 1977.

IRISH CENTRE HOSTELS LIMITED A.G.M.:

It was agreed that the Irish Centre Hostels Limited Annual General Meeting should take place on Monday, 25th April.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

An inspection of No. 12 Murray Street revealed that repairs to the roof are urgently required and should be carried out at the very earliest opportunity.

It was also suggested that the building be converted into flats including the provision of bathrooms, toilets, kitchens etc.

After a full discussion, it was agreed on a proposal by Mr. G. O'Flynn, seconded by Miss M. Kenny that Rev. Fr. Cagney be authorised to make further enquiries regarding tenders for the repairs and conversion work required.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 14th March, 1977.

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14/3/1977

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE
ON MONDAY 14th MARCH 1977.

PRESENT:

Mr. M. Moroney	-	Chairman
Mr. T. Dunne	-	Vice-Chairman
Mr. J. Nee	-	Hon. Secretary
Rev. W.J. Cagney	-	Director
Rev. Fr. Woods		
Rev. Fr. Cassidy		
Rev. Fr. Gordon		
Rev. Fr. Carolan		
Mr. M. Brunton		
Mr. G. O'Flynn		
Mr. J. McCann		
Sister Thecla		
Miss M. Kenny		
Mrs. M. Hopkins.		

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mr. P. Keegan.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

The investigation into the costing of the Bacon and Cabbage meals has not yet been completed and it was agreed that the proposed increase be implemented and again reviewed when the investigation is completed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

Rev. Fr. Cagney read a letter of acknowledgement from a number of T.D.'s who had recently received the Irish Centre report accompanied by an application for financial assistance for the Irish Centre.

5. CLUB REPORT:

Miss M. Kenny reported that Club activities were going well and everything was satisfactory.

6. WELFARE REPORT:

Rev. Fr. Carolan reported that Hope House continues to be fully occupied. There were 22 new arrivals at the hostel during February, 13 of whom had no money. A total of 8 were placed in employment. All is well.

Sister Thecla reported that the girls hostel at Hornsey Lane Gardens is fully occupied, and all is well. Rents for the month amounted to £840.00.

There are 31 girls in residence in Medway Street. Rents for the month amounted to £1,125. On the whole, everything is satisfactory.

Rev. Fr. Cagney reported that Sister Anne-Marie has now agreed to stay at the Centre until the end of May. It is hoped that a replacement will be found for Sister in the near future.

7. ADJOINING PROPERTY:

Rev. Fr. Cagney reported that all the tenants on the adjoining site had now agreed to sign deeds of surrender. Our Solicitor will be attending to this in the near future.

A discussion took place on the agreed amounts of compensation payable to the tenants when vacating their respective properties, and it was agreed that these sums be paid as required.

RESOLUTION On a proposal by Mr. T. Dunne, seconded by Mr. M. Brunton, it was unanimously agreed that Rev. Fr. Cagney be authorised to pay the agreed amounts of compensation to the tenants when instructed by our Solicitor.

DEVELOPMENT OF ADJOINING SITE

It is proposed by our Architects and Quantity Surveyors that the development of the adjoining site be carried out in six separate contracts namely - A, B, C, D, E & EI, phased over an approximate three year period. Raising of funds for this project will be a major undertaking as the overall estimated cost is in the region of £1,000,000.

After considerable discussion, it was felt that certain of these contracts amounting to approx. £50,000 expenditure be carried out first and on completion the remaining contracts be commenced.

Our professional advisers, however, do not approve of this method on the grounds that it is uneconomical and savings can be made in certain areas provided that all the works embraced within the contracts are carried out in accordance with the progress chart drawn up by the Architects with the exception of contract E.I. After this matter was fully discussed, the following resolution was passed.

It was proposed by Fr. Woods, seconded by Mr. J. McCann and unanimously agreed that contracts A, B, C, D and E be proceeded with and that a P.C. sum be allowed for contract E.I. all in accordance with section 7/1 to 7/5 of the Architects progress chart.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Dunne, seconded by Mr. M. Brunton and unanimously agreed that contracts B(i) and B(ii) be proceeded with as soon as possible.

8. MARIAN HOUSE, MEDWAY STREET:

Rev. Fr. Cagney told the meeting that we are still awaiting a reply from the Department of the Environment before any further progress can be made with this project.

9. LONDON-IRISH FESTIVAL:

A meeting is to take place between Brent Council and the Festival Committee on March 18th to finalise details for this event.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

It was agreed that a letter of welcome be sent to Mr. Paul Keating who is taking over as Irish Ambassador in London in place of Doctor Donal O'Sullivan.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of Larry Gosling recently deceased and prayers were offered for the repose of his soul.

A vote of thanks was passed to Brother Gallagher in recognition of his valuable assistance in the kitchen since the death of

Larry Gosling.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Administrative Committee paid tribute to Seamus Macklin in recognition of his valuable work during his term as manager of the Centre.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 4th April, 1977, at 8.00 p.m.

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4/4/1977

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE,
ON MONDAY 4th APRIL, 1977.

PRESENT:

Mr. M. Moroney	-	Chairman
Mr. T. Dunne	-	Vice-Chairman
Rev. Fr. Cagney	-	Director
Mr. J. Nee	-	Hon. Secretary
Mr. P. Keegan		
Mr. G. O'Flynn		
Mr. J. McCann		
Mr. M. Brunton		
Rev. Fr. Cassidy		
Mrs. M. Hopkins		
Miss M. Kenny		

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Rev. Fr. Gordon.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the March meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman after it was agreed that the figure of £50,000 in the second paragraph of "Development of Adjoining Site" should be amended to read £500,000.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

None.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

There was a letter from Mr. Paul Keating newly appointed Irish Ambassador in reply to our letter of welcome sent to him recently. It was agreed that Mr. and Mrs. Keating be guests at the Mayors Banquet and also that a small reception be arranged for them prior to the start of the banquet.

There was a letter of invitation from the editor of the Irish Post to a function at the Tara Hotel on May 18th for the presentation of awards to Irish Organisations. It was agreed that the Irish Centre be represented by the following:-

Rev. Fr. Cagney, Mr. M. Moroney, Sister Thecla,
Rev. Fr. Carolan, Sister Anne-Marie and Mr.
Richard Marke.

There was a letter from the Borough of Islington stating that the Borough grant to the Irish Centre for 1977 had been increased to £400.

There was a letter from the Housing Corporation stating that the finance to clear the outstanding mortgage (£87,000) on Hope House had now been granted and this money would be paid directly to the Borough of Camden.

A letter from Mr. P. Harte stated that he had sent the Irish Centre Report to Mr. Richie Ryan and had received an acknowledgement.

5. WELFARE REPORTS:

Rev. Fr. Cagney reported that a total of 64 persons had visited the Welfare department during the month of March. There were 3 under 18 years of age, 4 psychiatric cases, 1 drink problem and 1 drug addict. A total of 47 were placed in accommodation and 14 were placed in jobs. 2 non-Irish persons were interviewed.

6. CLUB REPORT:

Miss M. Kenny reported that Club activities were going well and steady progress was being maintained. A discussion took place on the use of the John F. Kennedy Hall by the Centre on Friday nights as it was felt that so far, this had not been very successful. It was agreed however, that the next two Friday nights allocated i.e., 20th May and 17th June be proceeded with and this matter be discussed again at a future meeting.

7. ADJOINING PROPERTY:

Rev. Fr. Cagney reported that all the business tenants had now vacated the adjoining site and also that Mr. Glover had vacated his flat. Mrs. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Brock are still in residence.

All residential tenants are prepared to sign deeds of surrender.

Mr. M. Riordan has offered to carry out the first contract on the site - tree removal and demolition - free of charge and is expected to start work within a few days. Mr. M. Brunton reported that although it was hoped that contracts C and D could go out for tender as one contract, it was decided at a recent working party meeting that this procedure would cause delay and it was agreed that they be carried out as separate contracts. It is expected that contract C will be ready to go out for tender within six weeks.

8. MARIAN HOUSE:

We are still awaiting a reply from the Department of the Environment regarding this project.

9. LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL:

At a recent meeting on site with Brent Borough Council, general procedure was discussed and on the whole, everything was satisfactory. A discussion took place regarding the erection of stalls, stages etc., and it was agreed that further enquiries be made regarding the hire of equipment for this purpose.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Rev. Fr. Cagney reported that problems had recently arisen in the kitchen regarding the quality of cooking particularly bacon and cabbage meals. Since the death of Larry Gosling, it has been difficult to engage a satisfactory cook and as a result the quality of meals has deteriorated. It was agreed that every effort should be made to engage an efficient cook and also a reorganisation of kitchen procedures with a view to saving in any area possible.

It was also agreed that every effort should be made to secure the names and addresses of all part-time staff employed at the Centre.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 2nd May, 1977, at 8.00 p.m.

M. M. O'Connell
2/5/1977

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE IRISH CENTRE ON
25thMAY, 1976.

The President of the Council for the Irish Centre, the Rt. Hon. Lord Longford, KG, presided at the meeting and welcomed everyone to the AGM. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. John Nee then read the Notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman then called for the minutes to be taken as read and they were adopted unanimously.

The Chairman of the Administrative Committee, Mr. Martin Moroney then gave his report. He drew the meeting's attention to the fact that it was it was the Twenty-first Annual General Meeting of the Irish Centre and to celebrate this fine achievement, there was to be a 21st Birthday Dinner and Dance at John Barker's later in the year at which a car would be raffled and this was the generous donation of Mr. Mossey Reardon.

Mr. Moroney went on to announce that outline planning permission had just been obtained for the redevelopment of the Centre. Financially, we were progressing favourably and the day-to-day running of the social centre was very good. Friday night had been instituted for an additional Dinner/Dance night which inconvenienced the Social Club's bingo although they had alternative accommodation, but as the dinners are booked in the John F. Kennedy Hall on Friday and Saturday nights fully to the end of the year, it was unavoidable. The Social Club Committee are to be thanked for their co-operation and for all their hard and loyal work which is entirely voluntary. To the other voluntary workers who support us, we also show our appreciation, to the young ladies who man the Reception Desk in the evenings and also, the young people who assist Fr. Ryan with the Youth Club every week.

Mr. Moroney also expressed his and the Committee's appreciation for the work of Fr. Cagney and Fr. Ryan in the day-to-day running of the Centre, to Fr. Carolan at Hope House and Sister Thecla at Medeay Street and Hornsey Lane Gardens for their care of the hostels, and to Sr. Anne-Marie and Sister Joan in the daily operation of the Welfare Department.

In conclusion, Mr. Moroney gave a word of praise to his fellow workers on the Administrative Committee, who, he said, carry out the business of the Centre so efficiently and faithfully. To all of these and to the many supporters of the Centre, he expressed thanks.

Lord Longford then asked the meeting to stand for a minute's silence in tribute to the late Fr. Tom McNamara and Mr. Laurie Arnold, both of whom were a great loss to the Irish Centre.

Fr. Cagney proceeded to give the Annual Report as attached. Applause concluded the Report and the adoption was proposed by Mr. J. Davies and seconded by Mr. M. Doyle and Mr. J. Liddy.

The Hon. Accountant, Mr. P.J. Keegan, then gave the Financial Report. He explained the Income and Expenditure was halved by inflationary trends. The Balance Sheet breakdown had been given in the Report. (See attached). He asked for questions, but there were none. The Report was adopted by Mr. Martin Moroney and seconded by Mr. Paddy Keegan and carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION

The Chairman announced the following appointments:-

- (a) The Archbishop of Westminster had appointed Rev. Fr. William Cagney OMI as Chaplain for the coming year and Rev. Fr. P. Cassidy as Westminster Diocesan Representative on the Administrative Committee.

- (b) Archbishop Cowderoy of Southwark had appointed Rev. Fr. Ambrose Woods to continue as Southwark Diocesan Representative on the Administrative Committee.
- (c) Bishop Patrick Casey had appointed Fr. John Gordon as Brentwood Diocesan Representative on the Administrative Committee.

Under Rule 6(ii) of the Constitution, the following were appointed to serve on the Administrative Committee.

Mr. Martin Moroney, Mr. Tommy Dunne, Mr. John Nee, Mr. P. Keegan,

Under Rule 6(i) of the Constitution, the eight out-going officers of the Administrative Committee were standing again for re-election with the exception of Mr. T. Gorman who is not able to attend meetings. A motion to elect the remaining seven members en bloc was defeated and nominations were taken from the floor. The votes were cast and the tellers were Mr. T. Brennan and Mr. P. Hegarty. The eight members elected to the Administrative Committee for the forthcoming year were:-

Mr. M. Brunton	Mr. John Brooks	Mr. K. Keenan
Mr. L. Kennedy	Mr. J. McCann	Mr. G. O'Flynn
Miss Mary Kenny	Mrs. M. Hopkins	

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Gerry O'Flynn to the Committee and congratulated him on his election.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

The Chairman, Lord Longford, proposed Messrs. C.F. Burton & Company be appointed Auditors for the coming year and this was seconded by Mr. P.J. Keegan. Lord Longford also expressed thanks to Mr. Tim Brennan for all his work for the Centre.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Tadgh Feehan rose and spoke as Representative of the Irish Ambassador, Dr. Donal O'Sullivan, whose congratulations and thanks he conveyed to the Chaplains, Sisters and all working in the Centre. Mr. Feehan ended by wishing the Centre well for the future and trusting that all would continue their valuable support.

Lord Longford duly acknowledged the Ambassador's message and asked Mr. Feehan to convey the appreciation and good wishes of the meeting and he also thanked Mr. Feehan for his personal support which he has given through the years.

Mr. T. Dunne asked if we could send a message of good wishes to Fr. Cassidy for his renewed health.

Lord Longford asked for comments and Mr. T. Mangan raised a question on the last Manager and Manageress of the Centre, Mr. and Mrs. M. Lahiffe and in the course of the discussion which followed, Lord Longford pointed out that the AGM was not the place to bring up this matter although he did not rule it out of order. The meeting agreed, on a proposal from Mr. Matt Brunton to defer the matter to the Administrative Committee.

Fr. O'Herlihy then enquired why the Chairman of the Council of Irish Counties did not have a vote at the AGM. Mr. Moroney took the question and explained that there was no Council of Counties when the Irish Centre Constitution was designed. Mr. Owen O'Neill thought there was, but Mr. Moroney maintained they were not officially formed as when the Clare Association joined the Council, they had not been officially formed. Mr. O'Neill asked if this could be remedied and the officer of the Council have a vote. Mr. Feehan explained that each affiliated county has one vote, but they might like to be more widely represented.

There followed a discussion on the matter as to how the representation could be widened for the Council of Counties. The Counties were urged to put a Notice of Motion forward for the next AGM, by Fr. W. Dagny and Mr. Moroney. An objection to this was raised by Mr. O'Neill on the grounds that it takes two years to amend the Constitution. He asked could the Executive be given power to review the situation. Mr. G. O' Flynn thought it would require a Special General Meeting to put this into force and asked for the meeting. Lord Longford thought it would put a burden on people to bring them back for a second meeting in the same year. He asked for a show of hands on which to pass the motion at the present AGM, to which the meeting generally responded and the motion was carried on the show of hands.

During a discussion which followed, an objection was raised concerning the number of representations allocated to various organisations such as the GAA, the Irish Club and the NUI under the Constitution which were no longer being implemented.

Lord Longford then addressed the meeting, congratulating them on their fine achievements once again and on attaining their 21st majority. During the course of his remarks, he stressed the appreciation shown to the Centre for its work by the Borough of Camden and this is manifested at the Mayoral Banquet the Centre holds annually in honour of the Mayor of Camden. The mutual support of the two organisations was of great importance.

The Vice-Chairman of the Administrative Committee, Mr. Tommy Dunne asked for a tribute to Lord Longford who was presiding at the meeting. Mr. Dunne said the President does a lot of work for us and we hope and pray he will be with us for a good many years. (Applause).

Lord Longford thanked Mr. Dunne and the members for their vote of confidence.

Cllr. P. O'Connor proposed a vote of thanks to the old committee and wished success to the new one.

The meeting closed at 5.16 p.m.

9th May, 1977.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE,
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON MONDAY, 2nd MAY,
1977.

PRESENT:

Mr. M. Moroney - Chairman
Rev. W. Cagney - Director
Mr. J. Nee - Hon. Secretary
Mr. G. O'Flynn
Mr. M. Brunton
Mr. J. Brooks
Rev. P. Cassidy
Miss M. Kenny
Mrs. M. Hopkins
Sister Thecla
Rev. P. Carolan.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Rev. Fr. Gordon, Mr. P. Keegan.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the April meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

One of the Friday nights originally allocated to the Irish Centre has now been re-allocated for a benefit dance on June 17th.

Rev. Fr. Cagney told the meeting that a new cook had been engaged and had started work on Monday 25th April.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Mr. Liam Hyland, Councillor, Portlaoise, stated that he had recently been at a meeting of the General Council of County Councils and had brought the Irish Centre's application for assistance up for discussion. Although no progress was made he is still pressing for recognition of the application,

5. WELFARE REPORTS:

Rev. Fr. Cagney reported that a total of 98 persons had been interviewed by the Welfare Officers during the month of April.

There were 3 under 18 years of age, 3 psychiatric cases, 1 ex-offender and 13 with marital problems.

Accommodation was found for 64 people and employment for 30. Two people were repatriated.

A vote of thanks was passed to Sister Anne-Marie who will be leaving shortly, for her outstanding work at the Centre.

Rev. Fr. Carolan reported that Hope House is still running smoothly and all is well. Rents for the month amounted to £4,121. General repairs such as painting and electrical work are being carried out and will be completed in the near future.

A vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Carolan for his wonderful work at Hope House.

Fr. Carolan will be leaving Hope House in the near future to take up an appointment as Parish Priest at Bristol.

Sister Thecla reported that the hostel at Hornsey Lane Gardens was fully occupied and all was well. Rents for the month amounted to £898.

The hostel at Medway Street is running satisfactorily but will be closing on May 14th in preparation for conversion work. Rents for the month amounted to £2,000.

6. CLUB REPORT:

Miss M. Kenny reported that club activities were going well and everything was satisfactory. Receipts for the month amounted to £937.

7. ADJOINING PROPERTY:

The first contract on the site - tree removal and demolition is now almost completed. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. M. Riordan for his assistance in carrying out this contract.

8. MARIAN HOUSE:

We are still awaiting a reply from the Department of the Environment regarding this project.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. T. Maguire for his services in supplying music and general entertainment at the Mayors Banquet and also at the Aer Lingus function.

It was agreed that the Irish Centre Club Annual General Meeting be held on 20th June.

Arising from the minutes of the Irish Centre Annual General Meeting(1975) as to whether the Chairman of the Council of Irish Counties Association should be allowed to vote at future Annual General Meetings a discussion took place and it was unanimously agreed that the Chairman should be allowed to vote at future Annual General Meetings.

It was agreed that the following monthly accounts be paid.

BRYAN O'CONNOR	£486
WEBB & TAPLEY	£864
HEATH & SPEARING	£1296
KEITH ROBERTS	£1296

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 13th June, at 7.00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE K.S.C. CLUB, 11 LANSDOWNE ROAD, HOLLAND PARK, LONDON W11 ON MONDAY, 13th JUNE, 1977.

PRESENT: Rev. Fr. W. Cagney, Rev. Fr. A. Woods,
 Rev. Fr. Gordon, Mr. M. Moroney,
 Mr. T. Dunne, Mr. J. Nee,
 Mr. P. Keegan, Mr. M. Bruton,
 Mr. G. O'Flynn, Mr. J. McCann,
 Miss M. Kenny, Mr. S. Igoe,
 Mr. D. Egan, Mr. R. Marke,
 Mr. L. Martin,

APOLOGIES FOR Rev. Fr. Cassidy
ABSENCE:

ELECTION OF The officers elected for the coming year were as
OFFICERS: follows:

Chairman	-	Mr. M. Moroney
Vice-Chairman	-	Mr. T. Dunne
Hon. Secretary	-	Mr. J. Nee
Hon. Treasurer	-	Rev. Fr. W. Cagney

Mr. M. Moroney welcomed everybody to the first meeting of the newly elected committee, especially the new committee members, Mr. L. Martin, Mr. S. Igoe, Mr. R. Marke and Mr. D. Egan.

Rev. Fr. Cagney had prepared a working paper for this meeting which dealt mainly with the redevelopment of the Irish Centre and the raising of funds for this project.

In view of the heavy financial commitments involved - approximately £1,000,000 it was agreed that money raising schemes to raise large sums must be got under way if we are to carry out the extensive redevelopment scheme envisaged.

After a full discussion regarding finance, it was decided that the Administrative Committee as a whole and as individuals should apply themselves wholeheartedly to this task.

It was also suggested that Fr. Woods, Fr. Gordon and Fr. Cassidy get together and set up a sub committee to approach their respective Bishops regarding fund raising.

It was agreed that individual members of the Administrative Committee should assume responsibility for the forming of sub committees for outside appeals to raise large sums and also to initiate fund raising projects within the Centre.

Mr. T. Dunne agreed to act as Public Relations Officer and to contact outside organisations with a view to setting up fund raising schemes.
Mr. L. Martin agreed to assist Mr. Dunne in this field.

Mr. Richard Marke agreed to undertake the task of investigating hostel finances, hostel accommodation, etc.

Mr. S. Igoe agreed to act as liaison officer between the Irish Centre Management and the Social Committee and to assist generally in social activities at the Centre.

Mr. G. O'Flynn agreed to act as liaison officer between the Irish Centre and the County Associations and also other Irish organisations.

Mr. J. McCann agreed to organise a maintenance team to attend to the various maintenance problems arising at the Centre.

Mr. D. Egan agreed to act in a supervisory capacity in the Medway Street project. Mr. Egan is to discuss this with Mr. Marke as soon as possible.

Rev. Fr. Cagney paid tribute to the County Associations and other organisations for their support to the Centre over the years.

Fr. Cagney also paid tribute to Mr. R. Marke for his valuable assistance and advice in dealing with hostel finances and general hostel problems during the past year.

APPOINTMENT OF
TRUSTEES:

It was agreed that this matter be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT
MEETING:

Monday, 11th July, 1977 at 8.00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE
ON MONDAY 11th JULY 1977.

PRESENT:

Mr. M. Moroney - Chairman
Mr. T. Dunne - Vice-Chairman
Rev. W.J. Cagney - Director
Mr. J. Nee - Hon. Secretary
Mr. G. O'Flynn
Mr. P. Keegan
Mr. D. Egan
Mr. R. Marke
Mr. L. Martin
Mr. S. Igoe
Rev. P. Cassidy
Rev. J. Gordon
Miss M. Kenny.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Rev. Fr. Woods, Mr. M. Brunton, Mr. J. McCann.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the June meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

None.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

5. WELFARE REPORTS:

A total of 169 persons were interviewed by the Welfare Officers during the month of June. There were 2 psychiatric cases, 2 unmarried mothers and 8 alcoholics. Two persons were repatriated. 75 people were seeking employment and 66 were placed. 119 wanted accommodation and 110 were placed. 5 non-Irish persons were interviewed.

6. CLUB REPORT:

Miss M. Kennt reported that Club activities were progressing satisfactorily and all was well.

7. MARIAN HOUSE - MEDWAY STREET:

The District Valuer has indicated that he is now ready to issue a formal valuation for this property.

8. DEVELOPMENT OF IRISH CENTRE:

Tenders for Contract No. 3 will be opened tomorrow at the Architect's Office. Representatives of the Irish Centre will be present. A decision will have to be taken in the near future as to whom the contract will be given. A special meeting will be convened to deal with this as soon as possible.

Contract C cannot be proceeded with until there is a contractual agreement between the Irish Centre and the Community Housing Association. Our Solicitors are dealing with this matter.

Mrs. Bailey and the Brock family are still in residence on the site and every effort is being made to find suitable alternative accommodation for these people in order to get vacant possession of the property.

It was agreed that further investigation into the design and equipment of the new kitchen would be necessary and professional advice sought so that the most satisfactory results can be achieved.

August 1st is the date fixed for commencement of the development of the site.

9. LONDON-IRISH FESTIVAL:

Final details regarding the festival are not yet on hand but it was agreed by all that this event was a great success. The Chairman paid tribute to the organising committee and all who helped in making such a success of this event. A meeting of the festival Committee is taking place at the Centre tomorrow evening.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Trustees:-

Regarding the appointment of trustees, the following names were put forward:

Most Rev. Cahal Daly,
Sir Bernard Caulfield,
Mr. Frank Caulfield,
Mr. Tony O'Reilly.

Mr. T. Dunne is to make further enquiries in this regard.

Reports:- (Public Relations)

Mr. T. Dunne reported that he formed a sub-committee and the first meeting takes place in the near future.

Mr. D. Egan reported that he has been in touch with the Chairman of the County Board (GAA) and is meeting him in the near future for discussions.

Rev. Fr. Cagney and Mr. S. Igoe have had discussions regarding general procedure at the Centre.

It was agreed that the following monthly accounts be settled:

KEITH ROBERTS & ASSOCIATES	£2,592.00
HEATH & SPEARING	£2,592.00

It was also agreed that the District Surveyor's account be paid immediately on receipt of the statement.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 8th August, at 8.00 p.m.

M. M. O'Connell
8/8/1977

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE
ON MONDAY 8th AUGUST, 1977.

PRESENT:

Mr. M. Moroney - Chairman
Mr. T. Dunne - Vice-Chairman.
Rev. W.J. Cagney
Rev. P. Cassidy
Miss M. Kenny.
Mr. D. Egan
Mr. J. McCann
Mr. L. Martin
Mr. G. O'Flynn.

1.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rev. A. Woods, Rev. J. Gordon, Mr. M. Brunton,
Mr. S. Igoe, Mr. P. Keegan, Mr. R. Marke,
Mr. J. Nee.

In the absence of the Secretary - Mr. J. Nee -
the minutes were taken by Mr. G. O'Flynn.

2.

MINUTES

The minutes of the July meeting having been
circulated were taken as read and signed by the
Chairman.

3.

MATTERS ARISING

A letter inviting Mr. F. Caulfield to be a
Trustee was read, also his letter of acceptance.
Other suggestions were Bishop Cathal Daly and
Mr. M. McCormack. The Secretary will write to
the present Trustees with the recommendations.

4.

CORRESPONDENCE

A reminder was received regarding Annual Return
HAR 10. This is being attended to.

5.

WELFARE REPORTS

A replacement for Sr. Anne-Marie is taking up duty
in September. No replacement yet for Sr. Joan.
Miss Anastasia Crickley will stay until September
and it was felt that she would stay on if given a
salary increase. Fr. Cagney would explore the
possibility and would endeavour to reach an
agreement with her regarding salary. She is
qualified and a suitable person.

A total of 140 persons were interviewed during the
month of July, 84 were male, 56 female, 3 families.
There were five psychiatric cases, ten with marital
problems, 32 University students.

72 sought employment	65 were placed
91 " Accommodation	87 " "
16 " repatriation	9 were repatriated
22 " money	12 received it
37 " counselling	42 " "

There was no report from the Girls Hostel or
Hope House.

6.

CLUB REPORT

There was no report because Miss M. Kenny had
been on holiday. She said that the Club members
felt that the membership fee and the cover charge
to the Douglas Hyde Lounge should both be increased

It was agreed not to make any change at the present time.

7.

MARIAN HOUSE

Mr. D. Egan reported that he had made a visit to inspect and familiarise himself with the building and its contents which included quite an amount of furniture. Both Mr. Marke and the Architect were on holiday but he was hoping to arrange a meeting within a few weeks.

8.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE IRISH CENTRE

Fr. Cagney reported at length on meetings with the Working Party and the Consultants and on the work that had been carried out to date. Seven tenders had been received, four of which had been examined by the Quantity Surveyors.

Mr. Charles O'Connor warned that no Contractor could be appointed until C.H.A. completed the purchase of the portion to be sold to them. C.H.A. said that loan approval (conditional) was on the way but Fr. Cagney felt that they were procrastinating. It was felt that an increase in the purchase price would be justified and Mr. O'Connor would be looking into this. He would also look into the leasing of the communal area and Mr. L. Martin would discuss this point with him.

Four quotations had been received for kitchen equipment. These range from £65,000 down to £20,000 and on a proposition by Mr. J. McCann, seconded by Mr. D. Egan, it was agreed to appoint a kitchen planning consultant at £1500 to obtain estimates and advise generally.

A request had been received from Colin Graham Assoc. for payment of fees for March and April £600 plus reimbursable expenses £443.43. Fr. Cagney was instructed to query the letter.

9.

LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL

Nothing to report.

10.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. T. Dunne reported on the first meeting of the Public Relations Committee, the members of which are:

Mr. C. Kane (B ord Failte) Mr. A. Hennigan (Irish Press)
Mr. D. Kelly (Aer Lingus) Mr. B. McLua (Irish Post)
Mr. T. Dunne, Rev. Fr. Cagney, Mr. L. Martin.

A working document had been prepared and agreed. Negotiations are in progress with Consultant Fund raisers and it was planned to launch the appeal here on 1st October and in Ireland 2 days later.

11.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 12th September at 8.00 p.m.

M. O'Donoghue 12/9/1977.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE
ON MONDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER, 1977.

PRESENT:

Mr. M. Moroney - Chairman
Mr. T. Dunne - Vice-Chairman
Mr. J. Nee - Secretary
Rev. W.J. Cagney - Director
Mr. L. Martin
Mr. S. Igoe
Mr. G. O'Flynn
Mr. R. Marke
Mr. D. Egan
Mr. M. Brunton
Mr. J. McCann

In attendance

Miss Crickley - Welfare Officer.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mr. P. Keegan.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the August meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

A fourth Trustee has yet to be appointed and this matter must be given further consideration in the near future.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from National Utility Services, read by Fr. Cagney made recommendations regarding purchases of certain items with a view to cutting costs in general.

5. WELFARE REPORTS:

A total of 95 cases were dealt with during the month of August, 68 male and 27 female also 8 families. There were 2 ex-offenders, 1 psychiatric case and 6 with marital problems. A total of 6 were repatriated. 50 were seeking employment and 42 were placed. 74 wanted accommodation and 71 were placed.

The Girls Hostel at Hornsey Lane Gardens is fully occupied and all is well.

There was no report from Hope House.

6. CLUB REPORT:

Miss M. Kenny reported that club activities were satisfactory and all was well.

7. ADJOINING PROPERTY:

Rev. Fr. Cagney reported that Mrs. Bailey had now agreed to accept the accommodation offered and would be moving out in the very near future.

The Brock family have not yet decided to accept the accommodation offered.

Mr. Charles O'Connor and Community Housing Association's Solicitors have had a meeting and a draft agreement has been drawn up regarding the portion of the site to be developed

by C.H.A.

The draft will now be sent to British Rail for approval and further developments cannot proceed until a reply is received.

J. Murphy & Sons Limited have been appointed to carry out Contract 'C' and have indicated that they are prepared to commence work early in October.

A kitchen Consultant has been engaged at a fee of £1,500 to advise generally on kitchen design, equipment, purchasing etc. A meeting has already taken place at the Tata Hotel to discuss and inspect cooking equipment with the manager of the Tara.

It was agreed that the following accounts be settled:

Heath and Spearing	£531.00
Sandy Brown & Assoc.	£579.40

8. MARIAN HOUSE - MEDEAY STREET:

Mr. R. Marko reported that the Architects are proceeding with plans for the conversion and it is hoped that the building will be ready for occupation by December, 1979.

Finance for the project is being advanced by the Housing Corporation.

The Architects have asked for a Dry Rot survey to be carried out at Medway Street and it was agreed that this be done.

9. LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL:

Nothing to report.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. T. Dunne reported that the Public Relations Committee were to meet on Wednesday 15th September to consider the Consultant's report and make preparation for the launching of the appeal as soon as possible.

Mr. G. O'Flynn reported that some County Associations had cancelled Bacon and Cabbage functions possibly because of the increase in price.

There were complaints that the condition of the toilets in the Douglas Hyde Lounge. Rev. Fr. Cagney agreed to make arrangements for a function to mark the departure of Rev. Dr. Carolan and Sister Anne Marie from the Centre.

Mr. Brendan O'Hare of R.T.E. has been in touch with Fr. Cagney regarding a documentary on the Irish Centre. He is also to visit the Centre to discuss this matter.

Mrs. Noreen Hannon has been appointed as catering manageress at the Centre and will be in charge of all catering and catering staff in the future.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 11th October at 8.00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE
ON TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER 1977.

PRESENT.

Rev. Fr. W. J. Cagney - Acting Chairman
Mr. J. Nee - Hon. Secretary
Mr. J. McCann
Mr. R. Marke
Mr. D. Egan
Mr. L. Martin
Mr. G. O'Flynn
Mr. P. Keegan
Rev. Fr. Gordon
Mr. S. Igoe
Miss M. Kenny

In attendance
Miss Crickley - Welfare Officer.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mr. M. Moroney, Mr. T. Dunne,
Mr. M. Brunton, Rev. Fr. Cassidy.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the September meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Rev. Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

None.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Bishops of Brentwood and Southwark have agreed to become Patrons of the Council of the Irish Centre.

The Archbishop of Westminster is already a patron.

Two of the patrons have agreed to the appointment of Mr. Frank Caulfield as a Trustee of the Irish Centre, and a reply is awaited from the Bishop of Southwark.

There was a letter from the Secretary of the Council of Irish County Associations asking for a meeting with the Administrative Committee.

Rev. Fr. Cagney agreed to arrange such a meeting as soon as possible.

Mr. Alec Soares of Plantec Kitchen Consultants has written suggesting further facilities he is able to offer such as preparing a management system, training of catering staff, purchasing etc. His fees would be £100 per month for the first six months and £50 per month afterwards.

This matter was discussed and it was agreed to defer it to the next meeting.

Rev. Fr. Cagney read a letter from Mrs. Margaret Whelan tendering her resignation as secretary at the Centre.

5. WELFARE REPORTS:

A total of 120 persons were interviewed by the Welfare Officer at the Irish Centre during the month of September-74 male and 46 female.

There were seven under 18 years of age, two unmarried mothers, and two ex offenders. Twenty seven were looking for employment, and twenty two were placed. Eighty nine were seeking accommodation and eighty seven were placed.

A total of eight persons were repatriated.

HOPE HOUSE.

Due to the unruly behaviour of two residents at Hope House i.e. refusing to pay rent, losing their jobs and causing trouble in general, Rev. Fr. Dunne has tendered his resignation.

Rev. Fr. Cagney is to see Fr. Dunne tomorrow, also his Superior and it is hoped that he may be persuaded to withdraw his notice of resignation.

Mr. D. Egan reported that he had recently carried out a survey of Hope House and his recommendations were as follows:-

Replacement of floor covering, Lagging of pipes, Replacement of Meters, Re-furnishing where necessary, Attention to Heating and Ventilation, Security bars to lower windows, Better staff living quarters and the employment of a Night Watchman.

The most urgent items would be, security and heating and ventilation.

Mr. R. Marke told the meeting that Government assistance may be available for the general improvements required, and it was agreed that an application be submitted without delay.

It was agreed that Mr. R. Marke and Mr. D. Egan be authorized to investigate further and carry out any urgent works required at Hope House.

It was also agreed that a night watchman be engaged at the hostel.

6. CLUB REPORT:

Miss M. Kenny reported that Club activities were satisfactory and all was well.

7. ADJOINING PROPERTY:

Rev. Fr. Cagney reported that Mrs. Bailey had started to move her furniture etc. to her new flat and would have completed the removal in a few days.

The Bro. family are still in residence.

It was agreed that a home loss payment of £1500 be paid to each of these tenants on vacation of their respective flats.

Mr. C. O'Connor has advised that the contract for the first phase (Contract C) which has been given to J. Murphy & Sons Ltd. should not be signed until all details are finalized with British Rail, Camden Council and Community Housing Association.

J. Murphy & Sons have intimated that they are anxious to negotiate the remaining contracts i.e. contract D.E. and E.I. with a view to carrying out the whole as one contract.

It was agreed that supervision of the development be discussed at the next meeting.

Rev. Fr. Cagney had a meeting today with officials of Allied Irish Bank to discuss finance for the project. There are still some details to be tied up before a decision by Allied Irish Banks is reached.

8. MEDWAY STREET:

Mr. R. Marke told the meeting that contracts had now been exchanged and completion of the purchase of the property would take place on December 6th.

It was agreed that Mr. R. Marke be authorized to instruct the architects to proceed with plans for the development as soon as possible.

A discussion took place as to whether the number of girls residing at the hostel should be increased and it was agreed not to increase the number above the present level.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The Public Relations Committee are proceeding with preparations for the launching of the fund raising appeal. A date has not yet been fixed for the launching.

It was agreed that in order to establish the legal position of the person or persons in charge of the hostels a set of rules should be drawn up which would apply to the general running of the Hostels, particularly in relation to the acceptance or expulsion of tenants.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 8th November at 8p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY
8th NOVEMBER 1977.

PRESENT,

Mr. M. Moroney, - Chairman
Mr. T. Dunne, - Vice Chairman
Rev. Fr. Cagney, - Director
Mr. J. Nee, - Hon Secretary
Mr. G. O'Flynn
Mr. P. Keegan
Mr. L. Martin
Mr. D. Egan
Mr. R. Marke
Mr. m. Brunton
Mr. S. Igoe
Miss m. kenny
In attendance -
Rev. Fr. Butler,
Miss Crickley - Welfare Officer.

1 Apologies for absence;

Rev. Fr. Gordon, Rev. Fr. Woods, Rev. Fr. Cassidy, Mr. J. McCann.

2 Minutes;

The minutes of the October meeting were taken as read and signed by the chairman after it was pointed out that the Bishop of Brentwood is already a patron of the Council of the Irish Centre.

3 Matters Arising;

Rev. Fr. Cagney told the meeting that as a result of the promise of the full support of the Administrative Committee Rev. Fr. Dunne will consider staying on at Hope House for a further period.

Mrs. Bailey has now moved and has been paid a Home Loss Plus Disturbance Payment and the cost of removal making a total of £1627.

The Brook family are still in residence.

4 Correspondence;

There was a letter from Community Housing Association regarding Mrs. Bailey's monetary entitlements.
This matter has now been dealt with.

5 Welfare Reports;

A total of 85 persons were interviewed at the Irish Centre during the Month of October.

There were 8 under 18 years of age, 2 unmarried mothers, 10 ex-offenders and 3 psychiatric cases. A total of 24 were looking for employment and 27 were placed.

4 Non Irishwere interviewed.

Hope House;

No report.

Hornsey Lane Gardens;

The hostel is 70% occupied and everything is satisfactory.

6 Club Report;

No Report.

7 Adjoining Property;

British Rail have now replied to our solicitor regarding the adjoining site and Community Housing Association have been asked to sign the option and take responsibility for the development of their portion of the site.

It was agreed that J. Murphy & Sons be given the opportunity to negotiate the remaining contracts i.e. contracts D.E. and E.I. which would be known as phase 2 of the development and carried out as one contract.

Negotiations are still in progress with Allied Irish Banks regarding finance for the project and the next meeting is taking place on Thursday the 10th November for further discussions.

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Responsibility for servicing and repayment of any monies advanced would rest with the Trustees of the Centre. In order to avoid this it was felt that Irish Centre property might be put up as security against such a loan.

After full discussion it was suggested that the officer of the Administrative Committee should deal with this matter and the following resolution was passed;-

It was resolved that the officers of the Administrative Committee be authorised to act on behalf of the committee with regard to the use of Irish Centre property as security for loan facilities.

Plantec Kitchen Consultants have produced a plan for the new kitchen at the Centre and our architects are studying this and have proposed a few minor changes before presenting it to the Administrative Committee for a decision. Consideration is being given to the purchase of a Deep Freeze for use at present in the existing kitchen and later in the new kitchen. The catering manager is in agreement with this and is anxious to proceed on her own for a trial period before calling in the kitchen consultants who have offered advice on management, training of catering staff purchasing etc..

8 Medway Street;

Mr. R. Marke reported that a Quantity Surveyor would be required for the project at Medway Street but finance advanced by the Corporation did not allow for this. Mr. Marke will make a further application for funds for this purpose.

It was agreed that Mr. Marke and his sub-committee be given full authority to make decisions regarding procedure at Medway Street.

Mr. D. Egan reported that the Architects are at present making some alterations to the drawings for the Medway Street project and he suggested that the Administrative Committee should inspect the amended drawings as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the drawings be presented for inspection at the next meeting.

Mr. T. Dunne reported that the date fixed for the launching of the appeal for funds was Monday November 28th. at the Irish Centre. His Eminence Cardinal Hume will attend. Invitations have also been sent to Bishop Casey, Bishop Bowen, Lord Longford, The Irish Ambassador, Representatives from the Irish Government and leaders of the Irish community. Archbishop O'Fiaich will be unable to attend.

A meeting between the officers of the Council of County Associations and the Administrative Committee was arranged to take place on Thursday 10th November at 7.30.p.m..

It was agreed that the following accounts be paid.-

COLIN GRAHAM ASSOCIATES	£675.91.
WEBB & TAPLEY	£864.00.
HEATH & SPEARING	£739.45.
KEITH ROBERTS ASSOCIATES	£1475.28.

9 Any Other Business.-

None.

10 Date of Next Meeting
Tuesday 13th December 8p.m.

M. M. O'Connell
13/12/1977

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY
13 th DECEMBER 1977.

PRESENT. Mr. M. Moroney,- Chairman
Rev. Fr. Cagney,- Director
Rev. Fr. Gordon,
Mr. D. Egan,
Mr. S. Igoe,
Miss M. Kenny,
Mr. R. Marke,
Mr. J. McCann,
Miss S. Crickley,- Welfare Officer
Mr. G. O'Flynn

Apologies for absence;

Rev. Fr. Cassidy, Mr. T. Dunne, Mr. J. Nee, Mr. P. Keegan.
In the absence of Mr. J. Nee the minutes were taken by Mr. G.O 'Flynn.

The minutes having been circulated were taken as read and signed by
the chairman on the proposition of Mr. J. McCann, seconded by
Mr. S. Igoe.

Matters Arising;-

None.

Correspondence;-

A letter was received from Mr. Charles Kennedy offering the
manuscript of "THE MINSTREL BOY" to the Irish Centre for storage.
Fr. Cagney had acknowledged and thanked Mr. Kennedy for the offer.

Welfare Reports;-

Miss Crickley reported a total of 102 interviewed during the month
of November, 59 were male, 43 female.

Age Group- 18-25 41.
26-40 25.

36 were one week in England, 25 were here permanently, majority
left school under 15, 62 had no formal training, 2 were retired.

63 sought accomodation, 62 were placed

32 sought work, 28 were placed

7 sought repatriation, 1 was repatriated

4 were psychiatric cases, 4 had marital problems, 1 single mother.

Miss Crickley reported that ex- employees of Ferenka had begun
to arrive during December.

Girls Hostel;-

No report but Miss Crickley said that there was a recent increase
in residents.

Hope House;-

Fr. Cagney reported that Fr. Dunne might still be leaving. This was
to be regretted because he was doing a very good job there. Miss
Crickley said that Fr. Dunne had been very successful in aranging
visits by psychiatrists. There were 89 residents.

Club Report;-

Miss Kenny reported for October and November.

	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>
BINGO	£404.85	£328.65
COVER CHARGES	£190.00	£126.50
RAFFLES	£282.90	£169.22
O.A.P.raffle	£48.00	£66.02
B&C RAFFLE	--	£66.02

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One jackpot was paid out in each month.
Miss Kenny reported a lot of dissatisfaction regarding the bars. It was agreed to try a change of band and to ask Robbie McC for assistance.

Adjoining Property;-

Fr. Cagney reported that the detailed plans were now being prepared and that invitations to tender would be issued in mid- February 1978. Building work on Stage 1 to start on 9th January 1978. Fr. Cagney reported on his visit to Ireland to meet the Bishops and the Government. As a result Archbishop O'Fiaich attended the Press Conference at the Centre on 28th November and promised his full support. It was felt that the Press Conference was a great success and much valuable publicity had been received as a result. In reply to criticism that representatives of County Associations and wives of guests had not been invited, it was pointed out that the occasion was strictly a business meeting.

Mr. David Andrews (Minister of State) visited the Centre on a fact finding mission on 9th and 10th of December and met the Administrative Committee whom he assured of his full support, but could not make any promises.

He reported that the memorandum prepared and presented by the Centre had been approved by the officers of the Department of Social Welfare, Labour and External Affairs and now was receiving final approval in the Dept. of Finance. He hoped for their answer in mid- January to the request for;-

(1) A £1,000,000.00 free loan, or

(2) A £400,000.00 grant.

If granted the proceeds would be administered by a Trust Fund set up in Ireland to assist emigrants.

Liability of Trustees;-

In view of the undesirability of Trustees being held responsible for loans etc. it was suggested that liability be transferred to a new Company (The Irish Centre Co. Ltd.) which would have control of the properties. Loans would then be secured by properties owned by the Company.

In view of his indifferent state of health Mr. Charles O'Connor asked to be relieved and that new Solicitors should be appointed. He would complete purchase of Medway St..

Mr. Rishard Marke suggested Mr. S.J. Bateman. It was discussed and finally agreed that Fr. Cagney would discuss the matter with Mr. O'Connor

It was agreed to form a Limited Company to be known as The Irish Centre Co. Ltd.

Plantec Kitchens reported that only 5 replies had been received from County Associations re; menus etc.

Mr. Dillon of The Tara Hotel had reported that the kitchen planned was capable of catering for only 180 where as 700 had been requested.

Medway St.-

Fr. Cagney reported that the purchase was completed on 12th December.

Mr. R. Marke referred to the plans which were on display and to the report of the Steering Group, a copy of which was available for each member, and explained the proposals in detail. Accomodation would be available for 125 persons.

Fr. Cagney suggested that one floor be prepared for casual callers. The plans were approved formally proposed by Miss Kenny, seconded by Mr. J. McCann.

Mr. D. Egan reported on the furniture available and suggested that as much as possible be used in Hope House and Hornsey Lane.

Items for disposal;- beds, lockers, book-shelves, wardrobes.

Mr. R. Marke said that a mechanical services consultant must be appointed to design a heating scheme.

He would speak to Paddy O'Brien.

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Any Other Business;-

It was reported that the Bar Manager had been assaulted by a member of The Club.

Fr, Cagney was meeting the member in question and would report later. Complaints were reported of rudeness by Bar Staff.

The Chairman asked members to report such cases fully, as such conduct would not be tolerated.

The prices being charged for meals and drinks at functions were to be reviewed in January.

Date of next Meeting.

Tuesday 10th January 1978, 8p.m.

Murphy 10-1-1978

Fr. Cagney

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT

THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 10th JANUARY 1978

PRESENT:-

- MR. M. MORONEY,- CHAIRMAN,
- REV. FR. W. CAGNEY.- DIRECTOR,
- MR. J. NEE, HON-SECRETARY,
- REV FR. P. CASSIDY,
- MR. G. O'FLYNN,
- MR. M. BRUNTON,
- MR. D. EGAN,
- MR. S. IGOE,
- MR. R. MARKE,
- MISS MARY KENNY,

IN ATTENDANCE- MISS S. CRICKLEY-SOCIAL WORKER.

1 APOLIGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Mr. P. Keegan, Mr. L. Martin, Mr. T. Dunne, Mr. J. McCann.

2 MINUTES:-

The minutes of the December meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the chairman after it was pointed out that the expression in the Club Report "dissatisfaction regarding the bars" should read "dissatisfaction regarding the bands".

3 MATTERS ARISING:-

Rev. Fr. Cagney reported that he had had a meeting with the Club members who had been involved in the assault on the bar Manager, and all said they had now regretted the incident. After this matter had been fully discussed it was agreed that certain action should be taken. On a proposal by Mr. M. Brunton seconded by Rev Fr, Cassidy, it was unanimously agreed that one member-Mr. McHugh, be barred from the Club indefinitely and that Mr. O'Rourke's membership be suspended for a period of six months, and two other members be suspended for a period of three months each.

4 CORRESPONDENCE:-

There was a letter from Mr. Paul Keating the Irish Ambassador enclosing a personal donation of £25. Mr. Keating intimated that he would endeavour to amke further similar contributions to the Centre.

5 WELFARE REPORT:-

Miss Crickley reported a total of 70 interviews during the month of December- 49 male and 25 female. There were 2 single mothers, 3 ex-offenders, 7 psychiatric cases and 2 with drink problems. A total of 3 were repatriated. 39 were looking for accomodation, and 38 were placed. 17 were looking for employment and 16 were placed. 2 non Irish called at the Welfare department. Miss Crickley made 23 visits to Welfare cases during the month. As Miss Crickley has experienced some difficulty in contacting County Associations in cases of emergency it was agreed that this matter be raised for discussion at the Council of Counties A.G.M.

It was also suggested that the maximum grant from the Council of Counties in cases of hardship should be increased from £50 to £100. This matter is also to be raised at the Council of County 's A.G.M.

HORNSEY LANE GARDENS:-

The girls hostel at Hornsey Lane Gardens is fully occupied and all is well. Rents for the month amounted to £966.

HOPE HOUSE:-

Fr. Cagney reported that Fr. Dunne is still anxious to leave but will stay on for another two months. Every effort is being made to find a replacement.

CLUB REPORT:-

Miss M. Kenny reported that Club activities were satisfactory and all was well. A new band had recently been employed.

ADJOINING PROPERTY:-

The Contractors have now commenced work on the development of the adjoining site. Finance for the first Contract is being made available by the Bank of Ireland. The bank would like us to build the new hall and kitchen and other sources of revenue in the early stages of the contract. They would also like to have a representative on the funding Committee. It was agreed that the contractors certificates be presented to the Administrative Committee for agreement before payments are made.

The Brock family are still in residence on the site and Fr. Cagney has had a meeting with the Director of Housing at Camden and it is hoped that this matter will be resolved in the near future.

As Mr. Charles O'Connor wishes to be relieved of duties at the Centre it was agreed that new solicitors be appointed.

On a proposal by Mr. G.O'Flynn, seconded by Mr. R. Marke it was unanimously agreed that Messrs JFA Bateman & Co Solicitors 108, Craven Park, London NW 10., be appointed as the new solicitors in place of Bryan O'Connor & Co.,

Mr. Bateman is anxious for the completion of the appointment of Trustees-this being held up at present, as the new Bishop of Southwark has not yet agreed to the appointment of Frank Caulfield as a Trustee.

Community Housing Association have not yet signed the sub-lease for their portion of the site and have now suggested five amendments to the original lease. In view of this Mr. Bateman has suggested that we have the property re-valued with a view to increasing the price, due to inflation etc.

Arthur Guinness & Co. Ltd. are prepared to help financially with the Lounge Bar provided it is named the Guinness Bar.

Rev Fr. Cagney has applied to Camden Council for the total amount of money (£56,00) required to complete the new Welfare department. A representative from Camden has called to discuss this.

Mr. T. Dunne has had a very successful meeting with the funding committee and some progress is being made in getting the appeal going.

Messrs Craigmyle & Co Ltd. a firm of wide experience in fund raising are prepared to take on the project of fund raising for the Centre. Their initial fee would be £980. plus V.A.T.

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MEDWAY STREET;-

Purchase of Medway st. has now been completed. The property has been insured with Sun Alliance Insurance Co. Ltd. Progress is being held up at present as we are awaiting the appointment of a Quantity Surveyor.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS;-

It was agreed that Mr. F. Keegan be asked to prepare a costing on meals at the Centre and also that Mr. Keegan discuss this with a representative of the Council of Counties.

It was agreed that a holiday be arranged for Sr. Thecla- the Irish Centre to pay for this. Rev. Fr. Cagney will make enquiries about this.

Fr. Cagney is also to make enquiries regarding a presentation to Fr. Carolan.

It was agreed that the following account be paid, Plantec Kitchen Consultants, £233.99.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 14th February 8p.m.

*J. J. Dunne,
Vice Chairman
14.2.1977*

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON

TUESDAY 14th FEB. 1978

PRESENT.

MR. T. DUNNE- ACTING CHAIRMAN.
REV. FR. CAGNEY-DIRECTOR.
MR. J. NEE- HON. SEC.
MR. L. MARTIN.
MR. P. KEEGAN.
MR. G. O'FLYNN.
MR. J. McCANN,
REV. FR. GORDON.
MR. S. IGOE.
MR. D. EGAN.
MISS M. KENNY.

IN ATTENDANCE.

MISS. S. CRICKLEY.- SOCIAL WORKER.

APOLIGIES FOR ABSENCE-

MR. M. BRUNTON, MR. R. MARKE, MR. M. MORONEY.

MINUTES-

The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the chairman.

MATTERS ARISING-

Rev Fr. Cagney has spoken to Fr. Carolan regarding a presentation and Fr. Carolan has intimated that he may require something for his Church, and would let us know at a later date.

Sr. Thecla would love to go to Lourdes, but is too ill at present to undertake the journey.

CORRESPONDENCE-

There was a letter from Penrose Glass Ltd., suggesting a fund raising scheme, using special cut glass goblets supplied by Penrose at a special price.

Mr. Charles O'Connor had written to say that Medway St. had now been insured with the Sun Alliance Insurance Co. Ltd.

Whitbreads had written to our Solicitor regarding their financial contribution to the Centre,

WELFARE REPORTS-

Miss Crickley reported that there had been 129 interviews during the month. There were 4 single mothers, 3 ex offenders 3 psychiatric cases and 6 with drink problems. 7 were seeking repatriation and 4 of these were helped. 30 were looking for employment and 26 were placed. 62 were looking for accommodation and 58 were placed.

Miss Crickley reported that making contact with County Associations was improving and Mr. G. O'Flynn is to raise this matter for further discussion at a Council of County meeting.

The Girls Hostel at Hornsey Lane Gardens is about 75% occupied and all is well.

There was no report from Hope House

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CLUB REPORT-

Miss M. Kenny reported that Club activities were satisfactory and all was well. Total takings for the month amounted to £1171.00.

Miss Kenny told the meeting that three girls who had been drinking to excess had caused trouble in the bar some months ago and had been expelled. The girls are now anxious to be reinstated and have organised a public petition on their behalf.

The meeting discussed this matter fully and it was agreed that the Club committee should deal with this problem and report back at the next Administrative Committee meeting.

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ADJOINING PROPERTY-

Although the Brock family have been offered several properties, they have not been satisfied with any, and are still in residence on the adjoining site.

As a result the contractors are held up at the moment, as this building requires underpinning which cannot be carried out while the building is occupied.

Our solicitor, Mr. Bateman, is now working on the case with a view to getting a court order for the vacant possession of the property.

Rev. Fr. Cagney read a letter from the Bank of Ireland, offering finance for the first phase of the project. The letter contained a number of conditions relating to the loan which will have to be strictly adhered to. They have also requested that one of their representatives be appointed to our funding committee.

As Community Housing Association have not yet signed the sub-lease for their part of the adjoining site, Mr. Bateman now proposes to apply for an increase in the price due to the increased value of the property plus inflation etc.. He is at present working on the case.

X The formation of the Limited Company- Irish Centre Charities Ltd will be completed in a few weeks and it is proposed that when completed the trustees and the executive should meet to discuss further development.

Bishop Bowen has now agreed to the appointment of Mr. Frank Caulfield as a Trustee of the Irish Centre.

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MEDWAY ST.-

Mr. D. Egan reported that a Quantity Surveyor had now been appointed and the new starting date for this project would be September 1st. 1978.

FUND RAISING-

Mr. T. Dunne has recently had a successful meeting with Delaney & Delaney, professional fund raisers and certain progress is being made in this field.

Rev. Fr. Cagney is meeting Messrs. Craigmyle & Co. Ltd., on Monday 20th February for further discussions regarding fund raising.

There is also a short list of Charity Trusts which we can appeal to in the near future. It is also proposed to write to the B.B.C. seeking permission to make an appeal on Radio and Television.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS-

The following suggestions were made by Mr. D. Egan, -
A stage in the McNamara Hall suitable for plays etc.,
A library at the Irish Centre when the project is completed,
Mr. Jerry O'Flynn was congratulated on his election as chairman
of County Associations,

It was agreed that the following accounts be paid,

J. MURPHY & SONS LTD	£5697.20.
HEATH & SPEARING	£466.52.
KEITH ROBERTS ASSOCIATES	£1475.28.
PLANTEC KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	£152.99.

Rev. Fr. Cagney reported the Irish Centre Bank statement
showed a credit balance of £ 73,000.00.

Messages of sympathy were passed to the relatives of Mr.
James Conway recently deceased and Mr. Paddy)'Connor recently
deceased.

Date of next meeting,
MONDAY 13th March 1978, 8p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON MONDAY 13th MARCH 1978

PRESENT

MR. M. MORONEY, -CHAIRMAN.
MR. T. DUNNE, --VICE CHAIRMAN.
REV. FR. CAGNEY -DIRECTOR.
MR. J. NEE -HON. SECRETARY.
MR. M. BRUNTON.
MR. G. O'FLYNN.
REV. FR. WOODS.
REV. FR. CASSIDY.
REV. FR. RYAN.
REV. FR. BUTLER.
MR. S. IGOE.
MISS M. KENNY.
IN ATTENDANCE- MISS CRICKLEY-SOCIAL WORKER.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MR. J. McCANN, MR. R. MARKE, MR. P. KEEGAN, MR. D. EGAN,
MR. L. MARTIN.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

NONE.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

NONE.

5 WELFARE REPORTS.

A total of 93 persons were interviewed by the Welfare Officer during the month of February. 66 male and 27 female. There were 9 under 18 years of age, 3 single mothers, 1 ex-offender, 2 psychiatric cases and 4 with drink problems.

39 were looking for employment and 29 were placed, 55 wanted accomodation and 48 were placed. A total of 9 wanted to be repatriated and 4 were helped.

4 non Irish visited the Welfare department. Miss Crickley made a total of 11 visits during the month.

The girls Hostel at Hornsey Lane Gardens is running satisfactorily.

HOPE HOUSE

Rev. Fr. Ryan who is now in charge at Hope House gave a general report on the mens hostel as follows:-

There is no heating in No. 20-22, Quex Rd., for some time now, as the Central Heating System has broken down and possibly the boiler will have to be replaced. Sheets and stocks of equipment are in very short supply. Staff is inadequate and unsatisfactory. Fr. Ryan is seeking an estimate for repairs to the central heating system.

It was suggested that the Housing Corporation be approached regarding repairs to the Central Heating system and other requirments at the hostel as a special fund exists for this purpose

6 CLUB REPORT

Miss M. Kenny reported that the total takings for the month including bingo, raffles, cover charge etc. amounted to £888.

The new band recently engaged was very satisfactory and all was well. The three girls who had been expelled had recently been interviewed by the Club Committee, and the committee would be agreeable to reinstate them under certain conditions. The Manager however was not happy about this, and refused to accept responsibility if these girls caused trouble again.

In the circumstances the Administrative Committee decided that these members should not be reinstated.

The male members who had been expelled had now been notified in writing of the decision, and member O'Rourke had asked if we could re-consider the decision.

It was agreed that the original decision be upheld.

7 ADJOINING PROPERTY

The Brock family are still in residence in No. 50, having again refused to accept the alternative accomodation offered. Our Solicitors are taking the case to Court on Tuesday 14th March, with a view to receiving a Court Order for vacant possession.

The contractors are unable to carry out the necessary work on No. 50, dueto the fact that it is occupied and are trying to use alternative methods to get over this.

A further hold up is being caused by the contractors drivers who have gone on strike. This action may cause a serious hold up if it continues.

As the development proceeds parts of the Centre may have to be closed for a period of possibly four months to facilitate the contractors.

The Bank of Ireland has again stressed that the monies advanced should be used to develop the revenue producing areas of the Centre in the early stages, such as the Fr. McNamara Hall, Kitchens etc.

An application to the Urban Council for 50% of the expenditure on the McNamara Hall has been turned down.

8 MEDWAY STREET

A General Rates bill for £4,000 has been received for the above. This has been returned for checking.

An electricity bill for £4,000 has also been received, this 5542 is also being investigated.

Mr. C. O'Connor has received an account for stamp duty for £3,900 for Medway Street. As a Charity this should be reduced by 50%.

9 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The Irish Centre Annual General Meeting will be held on May 8th at 8,30.P.M. SHARP

The Irish Centre Hostels Ltd. Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th April at 6 o'clock .m.

The Irish Centre Club Annual General Meeting will be held on June 6th at 8,30 p.m.

10 FUNDING

Our application to the Irish Government for financial assistance is on the agenda for discussion in the near future.

With regard to organising a national appeal the Bishops of Ireland will make a decision after the Government has spoken.

Rev. Fr. Cagney has written to a number of Charity Trusts regarding funds also to the B.B.C. for an appeal on Radio or Television.

Mr. T. Dunne reported that our professional fund raisers, Delaney and Delaney have now produced a programme and are ready to set the machinery in motion.

Rev. Fr. Ryan expressed some dissatisfaction with the brochure being produced and feels that it should be edited, also the charges for posters and leaflets etc should be looked into.

The meeting authorized the funding committee to proceed with the programme and instruct the professional fund raisers Delaney and Delaney to go ahead.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. G. O'Flynn asked what arrangements would be made for organisations having bookings during the period when the Kennedy Hall will be closed.

Suggestions were made that other halls may be available during this period and enquiries should be made regarding this. Fr. Cassidy offered to help by making his hall available when possible.

Fr. Cagney agreed to make inquiries and ascertain the exact period during which the hall would be closed and notify all organisations accordingly.

New lists of officers of County Associations are now being drawn up and copies will be given to Miss Crickley to enable her to make contact more easily.

It was agreed that the following accounts be paid,-

J.MURPHY & SONS LTD. £11080.76.

KEITH ROBERTS ASSOCIATES £737.64.

12 Date of next meeting Tuesday 11th April 8P.M.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 11th APRIL 1978

PRESENT:-

MR. M. MORONEY	CHAIRMAN
MR. T. DUNNE	VICE CHAIRMAN
REV. FR. W. CAGNEY	DIRECTOR
MR. J. NEE	SECRETARY
MR. P. KEEGAN	
MR. D. EGAN	
MR. S. IGOE	
MR. J. McCANN	
MR. M. BRUNTON	
MR. L. MARTIN	
MISS M. KENNY.	

INATTENDANCE. MISS CRICKLEY, SOCIAL WORKER, REV. FR. RYAN, REV. FR. BUTLER.

1 APOLIGIES FOR ABSENCE
MR. R. MARKE, MR. G. O'FLYNN.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

The queries raised at last months meeting regarding Medway Street are still being investigated.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

5 WELFARE REPORTS

Miss Crickley reported that a total of 74 people had been interviewed by the Welfare Officer at the Irish Centre during the month of March.

There were 5 ex-offenders, 2 single mothers, 2 psychiatric cases and 4 with drink problems, 5 non Irish people were interviewed, one person was repatriated.

Miss Crickley made a total of 14 visits during the month. Miss Crickley suggested starting a training course for voluntary Social Workers and also making closer contact with other Welfare agencies who sometimes send Welfare cases to the Centre.

GIRLS HOSTEL

The girls hostel at Hornsey Lane Gardens is approximately 85% occupied. Some of the girls expressed dissatisfaction with the type of freedom allowed in the hostel but this problem has now been satisfactorily dealt with.

There is also a problem with maintenance in general and it is essential that this matter is investigated so that somebody is available to call on in cases of emergency.

HOPE HOUSE

Rev. Fr. Ryan reported that there are 86 men in residence at Hope House at present. Recently it would appear that fewer people are looking for hostel accomodation. There is still a problem with the hot water system.

Some tenants leave without paying their rent.

Staff are looking for an increase in wages but on the whole the hostel is running satisfactorily.

6 CLUB REPORT

Miss M. Kenny reported that the total receipts for the month amounted to £1318. This figure included Bingo, Raffles, Membership fees, Cover charges etc..

The comedian "Blake" although not very successful so far has been engaged for another month.
The band has asked for an increase in pay.
It was suggested that an increase in the price of drinks may be necessary to cover the extra expence.

7 ADJOINING PROPERTY.

Rev. Fr. Cagney reported that the Brock family had now vacated No. 50 but have not yet been paid disturbance money or loss of home compensation.

The building contractors are now making satisfactory progress despite the fact that their drivers had been on strike which held up progress considerably.

The architects have asked for a meeting with the working party to discuss future programmes.

Rev. Fr. Cagney, Mr. Richard Marke, and Mr. Bateman, solicitor are meeting on Thursday 13th April to discuss the sale of the hostel at Hornsey Lane Gardens.

Mr. Bateman is also endeavouring to finalize the Brewery loans and hopes to get this matter completed in the near future.

Rev. Fr. Cagney has contacted all the organisations regarding the period the John F. Kennedy Hall will be closed and all are prepared to make alternative arrangements for the holding of their functions.

It was agreed to pay two accounts amounting to £591.46 recently received from Bryan O'Connor, solicitor.

It was agreed that Colin Graham Associates account amounting to £3341.89 be passed to the architects for approval.

8 MEDWAY STREET

It is still hoped that the Medway Street project will commence on September 1st., although a change of personnel in the Housing Corporation may cause a hold up, as these people are taking another look at the project and may decide to make changes.

The architect has given them a full set of drawings of the proposed development but has not had a reply so far. It was agreed that the architect be instructed to make enquiries with the Housing Corporation regarding any changes that might be envisaged.

A charge of 5p per annum for the use of a wall of Watneys public house adjoining the hostel has now been increased to £5 on renewal of the contract by Irish Centre Hostels Ltd.,

FUND RAISING

Mr. T. Dunne reported on the progress to date-
A brochure telling the history of the Irish Centre has now been finalized and will be going to print in the near future.

Lord Longford is to hold a luncheon in the House of Lords on May 11th and will appeal to the Industrialists for funds. He will also be given a list of names of other businessmen whom he will approach.

11 An appeal will also be launched to the top Irish Organisations in Britain.

111 A National appeal will be launched to all Irish people in Britain.

It was also suggested that Rev. Fr. Gordon, Rev. Fr. Woods and Rev. Fr. Cassidy approach their respective Bishops regarding fund raising.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. P. Keegan reported that due to a mistake in calculating interest Allied Irish Banks had now transferred a further £1100 to the Irish Centre account at the Bank of Ireland.

On behalf of his colleagues at Aer Lingus, Mr.T.Dunne expressed thanks to the staff of the Irish Centre for the excellent treatment received at their function held there recently.

It was agreed not to fix the date of the next meeting until after the Annual General Meeting which takes place on the 8th of May.

NEXT MEETING 13th JUNE 8 P.M.

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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY--SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE IRISH CENTRE
ON 9th MAY, 1977

In the absence of the President-Lord Longford-the Chairman, Mr. Martin Moroney, presided at the meeting and welcomed everyone. He paid tribute to Cardinal Conway, Bishop Cowderoy, and Larry Gosling and all other deceased members and asked Fr. Cagney to say a prayer for them.

The Chairman, then called for the Hon. Secretary, Mr. John Nee, to read the Notice convening the meeting and called for the minutes to be taken as read, and they were adopted unanimously. He then went on to give his report. He welcomed the members of the Irish Embassy, Mr. R. O'Brien and Mr. T. Feehan, and welcomed the new Ambassador, Mr. Paul Keating to London and hoped the close co-operation between the Embassy and the Centre would continue in the future. He also welcomed the various members of the County Associations and paid tribute to them for contributing so much to the smooth running of the Centre by holding their functions and meetings there. Tribute was paid to Fr. Carolan who was leaving Hope House after two years, and he wished him every success for the future. Mr. Moroney paid tribute to Sr. Thecla for her tremendous work in running the two girls hostels. Tribute and thanks were also paid to Sister Joan and Sister Anne-Marie who had left the Centre earlier in the year. Mr. Moroney also expressed his and the Committee's appreciation to the Social Club Committee and all the voluntary workers for the tremendous job they are doing.

In conclusion, Mr. Moroney praised his fellow workers on the Admin. Committee who attended the various and numerous meetings regarding the development programme of the Irish Centre, and special tribute to Fr. Cagney who worked so hard on the programme, and also for his and Fr. Ryan's great work in running the Centre.

Fr. Cagney was asked to give his Annual Report. Applause concluded the report, and it's adoption was proposed by Don Marron and seconded by Tommy Dack. The Chairman asked if there were any questions on the report. There were none, and the Hon. Accountant, Mr. P. Keegan, was called on to give the Financial Report. He pointed out that the hostel accounts covered Hornsey Lane only, which had a drop of 2% for the year in question. Bar increases amounted to 12.7%. Receipts from functions were up by 50%. Profits from functions were as low as 3.7%. Food costs amounted to 38.6% of total receipts, salaries totalled 31.2%, and various items took 24.5%, leaving a total of 3.7% profit. There would have to be drastic increases in the price of functions which were against the will of many people. The Balance Sheet breakdown had been given in the report. He asked for questions but there were none. The Chairman thanked Paddy Keegan for his work, and the report was proposed for adoption by J. McCann, and seconded by T. Brennan and carried unanimously. The Chairman called on Tommy Dunne to propose a vote of thanks to the Auditors and Accountants, Messrs. C.F. Burton, who had given a devoted service to the Irish Centre. Particular thanks was paid to Mr. T. Brennan for his efforts.

APPOINTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION:-

The Chairman announced the following appointments-

- (a) The Archbishop of Westminster, had appointed Rev. Fr. W.J.Cagney, O.M.I., as Chaplain for the coming year, and Rev. Fr. P.Cassidy, as Diocesan Representative on the Administrative Committee.
- (b) Archbishop Bowen of Southwark, had appointed Fr. Ambrose Woods to continue as Diocesan Representative for the coming year.
- (c) Bishop Patrick Casey of Brentwood, had appointed Rev. Fr. John Gordon as Diocesan Representative for the coming year on the Administrative Committee.

In accordance with Rule 6 (ii) of the Constitution, the following were appointed to serve on the Administrative Committee:-

John Nee
 Paddy Keegan
 Richard Marke
 Liam Martin

Proposals for the election of eight lay members in accordance with Rule 6 (i) of the Constitution were put forward and votes were taken by secret ballot. The tellers appointed were R.O'Brien and T.Brennan. Votes were cast, and the following eight members were elected to the Committee for the forthcoming year:-

J.McCann	M.Moroney
M.Kenny	M.Brunton
G.O'Flynn	D.Egan
S.Igce	T.Dunne

APPOINTMENTS OF AUDITORS:-

The Vice-Chairman, Mr.T.Dunne proposed Messrs.C.F.Burton & Co. be appointed Auditors for the coming year, and this was seconded by M.Brunton and unanimously approved.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

The Chairman called on Mr. John Branagan to give a few words. Mr. Branagan commenced by thanking Mr. Moroney for all his devoted service to the Irish Centre. He welcomed R.Marke to the Administrative Committee and congratulated him on his achievements in obtaining grants from the Housing Corporation on behalf of the Irish Centre, and thanked Rev.Fr. Cagney for his efforts in this field also. Mr. Branagan concluded by wishing the Chaplains and the new Committee every success for the forthcoming year.

Mr. Moroney then called on Tadgh Feehan to say a few words. Mr. Feehan conveyed the good wishes of the new Irish Ambassador, Mr.Paul Keating, to Frs. Cagney and Ryan, and all involved with the running of the Centre. Mr. Moroney thanked Tadgh for his support and conveyed good wishes to Mr.Paul Keating.

A vot of thanks was proposed to Lord Longford for his efforts to the Irish Centre over the years as President, and the Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for their valued support.

The meeting closed at 9.30.p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 13th JUNE 1978

PRESENT

MR. M. MORONEY - CHAIRMAN
MR. T. DUNNE - VICE CHAIRMAN
REV. FR. CAGNEY - DIRECTOR
MR. J. NEE - SECRETARY
MR. P. KEEGAN
MR. D. EGAN
MR. G. O'FLYNN
MR. R. MARKE
MR. S. IGOE
MR. M. BRUNTON
MISS M. KENNY
REV. FR. WOODS
REV. FR. CASSIDY

IN ATTENDANCE- MISS A. CRICKLEY

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

NONE

2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers elected for 1978 are as follows;-

MR. M. MORONEY - CHAIRMAN
MR. T. DUNNE - VICE CHAIRMAN
MR. J. NEE - SECRETARY
REV. FR. W. CAGNEY - TREASURER

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING

NONE

5 CORRESPONDENCE

Rev. Fr. Cagney read a letter from Sea-Link confirming their undertaking at a recent press conference at the Irish Centre that they would subscribe 8p. per person to the appeal fund for each passenger in excess of those carried in 1977. This agreement would be reviewed Annually.

There was a letter from Keith Roberts Associates stating that the Slab over the tunnel could not be completed until the sale of the land to Community Housing Association had been completed.

Our Solicitor - Mr. Bateman has been trying to arrange a meeting with Community Housing with a view to getting the contract signed but so far Community Housing Association have failed to turn up at the meetings that have been arranged

Mr. Bateman also feels that a revaluation of the land is necessary, due to the time lapse, inflation etc..

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WELFARE REPORTS

A total of 102 persons had been interviewed by the Welfare Officers during the month of May. There were 2 single mothers, 2 psychiatric cases, 1 ex-offender and 2 with marital problems, 25 people were looking for employment and 51 accomodation.

8 people asked to be repatriated and 3 were helped. There had been many enquiries from people who wished to return to Ireland permanently.

Miss Crickley has had a meeting with other agencies during the month to discuss the immigrants problems and Welfare work in general.

Some of those present felt that the Irish community were not helping enough and also that sufficient information was not available for young people before leaving Ireland. Further meetings of this nature are to take place in the future.

Rev. Fr. Woods suggested that young priests in parishes around London would be willing to help if they were asked to come to the Centre and become familiar with the workings of the Centre.

The Girls Hostel at Hornsey Lane Gardens is fully occupied and all is well. Rents for the month amounted to £982. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Administrative Committee be held there.

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CLUB REPORT

Miss M. Kenny reported that Club activities were going well and everything was satisfactory.

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ADJOINING PROPERTY

Rev. Fr. Cagney told the meeting that the Contractors negotiated tender for contract D.2. was £99,000. Although this figure was in excess of the Quantity Surveyors estimate the increases were mainly due to extra steelwork required and the insistence of the fire officer that all steelwork must be fire proofed, plus additional temporary works required for protection purposes. A portion of the cost of this contract will be taken off the next contract.

A meeting of the executive was called on June 2nd, to discuss this and the following resolution was passed.

On a proposal by Mr. P. Keegan seconded by Mr. T. Dunne it was agreed that we accept in principle J. Murphy & Sons Ltd., negotiated tender offer to carry out the works to contract D.2., within a four month contract period commencing on Monday June 5th for the fixed sum of £99,098.16.

It was also agreed that Rev. Fr. Cagney and / or Mr. M. Moroney be authorized to sign the contract for these works.

The resolution was now put to the full committee for ratification and was unanimously agreed.

The Architects have expressed dissatisfaction with the contractors progress to date and a letter has been sent to J. Murphy & Sons Ltd, to this effect.

A reply has been recieved stating that every effort will be made to speed up production from now on.

MEDWAY STREET

Due to a change of personnel in the Housing Corporation it was felt that a re-appraisal of the Medway Street project would be undertaken thus causing delay in commencing the works. However this obstacle has now been cleared and a September start is still possible.

A tender list of contractors has been prepared by the architect and the Irish Centre is to forward a number of contractors names for inclusion in this list within the next few days.

The architect has indicated that he will only be responsible for the insurance of the new work undertaken and all other items will be the responsibility of Irish Centre Hostels Ltd.,.

At the Irish Centre Hostels Ltd. A.G.M., the accounts presented had been fully audited but verification of the various assets involved had not been received, therefore the report could not be signed. The title deeds and all relevant documents relating to Medway Street have now been made available and this matter has been satisfactorily concluded.

FINANCE

Mr. P. Keegan presented the accounts for the period January 1st. to April 30th 1978. The general financial situation was discussed. Loans from the Breweries are now all agreed and Mr. Bateman is finalizing details for the transfer of this money to our accounts at the bank.

Mr. Bateman would prefer that property in Irish Centre Hostels Ltd. be transferred to the Irish Centre and be available for use as security against bank loans etc..

FUND RAISING

Mr. T. Dunne reported that no progress had been made so far with the actual raising of money.

All parties interested in the raising of funds are waiting for a move from the Irish Government and no reply has been received from Ireland so far.

Lord Longford's meeting at the House of Lords was not a success as many of the guests invited had other commitments on the day. Mr. Dunne is to re-convene the advisory group again in the near future and is also to meet Lord Longford for further discussions.

It was agreed that Rev. Fr. Cagney go again to Dublin for further discussions with the Ministers concerned regarding the raising of funds.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. T. Dunne reported that Aer Lingus were preparing a programme of holidays to the Gaeltacht for children 12 to 18 years of age. He had contacted County Associations and other Irish Organisations including the Irish Centre regarding this project. The holiday would be for a three week period at a cost of £100 per child, all in.

Hearty congratulations were extended to Rev. Fr. Woods on reaching his fortieth year in the priesthood.

Members of the committee expressed their dissatisfaction of the treatment given to some of the guests at the Mayors Banquet recently held at the Irish Centre.

It was agreed that the following accounts be settled:-

J. MURPHY & SONS LTD.	£16,989.62
HEATH & SPEARING	£3,157.76
Keith Roberts Associates	£2,321.13

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th July at 8 p.m. at

HORNSEY LANE GARDENS, HIGHGATE

Acting - Chairman

W. J. Caspary 18-7-'78

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
~~MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE~~
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 18TH JULY 1978

PRESENT

REV. FR. W. CAGNEY	ACTING CHAIRMAN
MR. J. NEE	SECRETARY
MR. P. KEEGAN	
MR. D. EGAN	
MR. G. O'FLYNN	
REV. FR. RYAN	
MISS M. KENNY	

IN ATTENDANCE

MISS CIRCKLEY	WELFARE WORKER
SR. BEATRICE	GIRLS HOSTEL

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

REV. FR. GORGAN, REV. FR. WOODS, REV. FR. CASSIDY, MR. L. MARTIN.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and signed by the chairman after it was agreed that the third paragraph under the "Medway St" heading should read - The Architect has indicated that he will only be responsible for the insurance of the new works undertaken and all other items will be the responsibility of the contractor.

3 MATTERS ARISING

NONE

4 CORRESPONDENCE

There was a letter from Arthur Guinness & Co. enclosing a cheque for £5,000 as a donation to be used towards furnishing part of the bar to be known as the Guinness Lounge.

There was a letter from the Council of Irish County Associations enclosing a cheque for £3000 as a donation to the Centre from the Council's share of the proceeds from the London Irish Festival 1977.

5 WELFARE REPORT

Miss Crickley reported that a total of 147 persons had been interviewed during the month of June - 118 male and 29 female. There was 1 ex-offender, 2 single mothers and 5 with drink problems. 61 were looking for employment and 70 required accomodation. 3 people were repatriated, Miss Crickley made a total of 16 visits during the month.

HOPE HOUSE

Rev. Fr. Ryan reported that there are 74 tenants in residence at Hope House at present. The number of students looking for accomodation is on the increase.

Some of the survivors of a recent fire in the locality were accommodated at the hostel at the request of Brent Council.

As a Welfare organisation accommodation at the hostel should be short term only but some tenants want to stay on permanently.

Our Solicitors are investigating this point and will report back in due course.

Sister Beatrice gave a general report on the Girls Hostel at Hornsey Lane Gardens. Rents for the month amounted to £951.52. It was agreed that the rent being charged at present - £9.52 per person was too low and that it should be increased in stages over a period of time to £13 per week.

Sister reported on a number of things which required attention:

The boiler is getting more noisy. Kitchen equipment is inadequate. Another cooker and another fridge are required. Some painting and decorating is also required.

Rev. Fr. Cagney agreed to investigate and report back.

6 CLUB REPORT

Miss M. Kenny reported that owing to present conditions due to the building works being carried out Club takings were slightly down on previous months. The total takings for the month amounted to £748.79.

7 ADJOINING PROPERTY

Rev. Fr. Cagney reported that he had been to Dublin and had met members of the Government regarding finance for the Irish Centre. No decision has yet been reached by the Government but the matter is being discussed again in the near future.

The meeting felt that unless a reply is received in the very near future the Centre will have to go ahead with its own funding programme.

Work on the site is progressing fairly well although the Architect stated that during excavation and demolition for the new lavatories in Contract D.2. it was found that the existing concrete and brick structures were in very poor condition and extra work was involved in strengthening the foundations thus causing a delay of about two weeks. The contractors hope that this time can be caught up if not this will cause a two week extension of the contract.

The Architect is also concerned regarding a £5,000 premium on 19 (2) A insurance cover and would like to meet and discuss this matter so that a decision can be taken on it to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Community Housing Association have now completed the purchase of the lease of part of the adjoining site and this may cause a hold up with the Irish Centre development.

Rev. Fr. Cagney has written to Camden Council in this regard and has had a letter in reply. The Council are concerned that Community Housing Association have not by now acquired the property and may have to consider whether the money allocated to this scheme could be better used elsewhere.

Mr. Bateman is working on this and is endeavouring to get a decision from Community Housing Association but has had no answer so far.

A letter from Camden regarding Fr. Cagney's application for a grant for the building of the new Welfare Department stated that consideration of the application was deferred at the last meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee in order to obtain the views of the Social Services Committee.

The application will now be considered at the next meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee on September 14th and the outcome will be notified to us shortly after that date.

8 MEDWAY STREET

Mr. F. Egan reported that he hadn't had a meeting with the Architect recently but hoped that one could be arranged in the near future.

He suggested asking the Architect to come to the Centre to meet the Committee with a view to discussing the scheme envisaged and pressing for an early start.

Rev. Fr. Cagney agreed to meet the Architect at the Centre or elsewhere to discuss the project and emphasize the importance of getting the scheme under way.

ACCOUNTS

It was agreed that the following accounts be paid :-

KEITH ROBERTS ASSOCIATES	£1644.24
HORNTON CAVELL LTD.	153.00
J. MURPHY & SONS LTD.	£33226.74

This account to be paid subject to the approval of the Bank of Ireland.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Rev. Fr. Cagney reported that the bar Manager Mr. P. McNamara had left without giving notice. One applicant for the post has been interviewed and may be suitable to fill the vacancy. In the meantime John Woulfe will look after the bars.

Condolences and sympathy were expressed to Martin Moroney and his family on the recent death of Mrs. Tess Moroney. R.I.P.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST AT 8P.M.

M. Moroney

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 12th SEPT.

PRESENT

MR. M. MORONEY	CHAIRMAN
REV. FR. CAGNEY	DIRECTOR
MR. M. BRUNTON	
MISS MARY KENNY	
MR. D. EGAN	
MR. R. MARKE	
MISS S. CRICKLEY	
FR. F. RYAN	

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MR. T. DUNNE, MR. P. KEEGAN, FR. CASSIDY, MR. S. IGOE, FR. GORDAN, MR. L. MARTIN, FR. WOODS, MR. J. NEE, MR. G. O'FLYNN

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting (July) were taken as read. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Mr. M. Brunton and seconded by Miss M. Kenny.

3 MATTERS ARISING

NONE

4 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence would arise under subjects for consideration.

5 WELFARE REPORTS

Miss Crickley reported on behalf of the Girls hostel -; The hostel was filled almost to capacity during the last two months. The sisters had expected some work would have been completed by now on the decoration of the premises. Fr. Cagney said that it was not programmed to start until after September 23rd. and was in hand. Cooking facilities had been improved since the last meeting.

Irish Centre

The Centre's welfare office was very busy during the last month with 250 new people seeking assistance. Stacia expressed appreciation for the assistance she had in her department from Valerie Murphy. Sr. Joan had now joined the staff, replacing Sr. Marie de Lourdes. Stacia reported that a meeting was planned to discuss the future Welfare Dept. and other aspects related to the welfare service. The Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Irish Centre for the services of Sr. Marie de Lourdes.

Hope House

Fr. Ryan reported that Hope House was occupied to capacity during the summer season. Many seeking accommodation were students who were working during the summer holidays. There seemed to be an increase in the number of young people coming from northern Ireland.

6 Club

Mary Kenny reported that the Club remained very active during the holidays. The band was very popular with members and the attendance at Bingo and other functions was near capacity, due in some extent to the closure of part of the premises for redevelopment. Total receipts for the month were £716.97.

7 MEDWAY ST.

Mr. D. Egan reported there had been a delay in the Pre Contract Programme. Documents were now ready to go out to tender and 10 firms would be invited to tender. Tenders from the firms would be opened in the Centre on October 11th at 4p.m. - closing time for tendering 12 noon on that day. Work on the hostel is expected to start in early November.

~~The premises was now being occupied by 3 persons - just to keep out squatters.~~

Recovery of fittings

Valuable fittings (door handles) were being dismantled - it may be necessary to put them into 'cold storage' while awaiting a suitable purchaser. Assistance to move furniture from all parts of the building was required. These would be disposed of privately or by public auction.

Hope House.

Richard Marke reported on the background and the progress being made in refurbishing Hope House. The architects Keith Roberts had submitted plans which the sub-committee had accepted in principle. The cost, which would be met in full by the planning Corporation amounts to £28,000, and consists of demolishing the Chapel block and erecting a joining block with 27 single rooms upgrading 20/22 Quex Rd and carrying out other alterations. Mr. Marke stated that some work needed to be carried out immediately i.e. getting hot water to sinks etc.. The cost of this was £2,500 This sum may not be recoverable and would have to be made out of our own funds. He asked the committee for approval to proceed with the work. The plans were proposed for approval by Mr. M. Brunton seconded by Miss M. Kenny and passed unanimously.

Mr. R. Marke proposed setting up a sub-committee to look assist with the running of Hope House. The chairman agreed and suggested that he (Mr Marke) be assigned to co-opt competent people into that committee. The suggestion was proposed by Fr. Cagney and seconded by Mr. D. Egan and accepted by the committee.

Development of the Centre

Mr. M. Brunton reported that there were serious difficulties with Contract D 1. There had been a number of meetings to try to resolve these. J. Murphy & Sons were looking for an extra 3 months (15 altogether) and estimated the cost would be £560,000. The architects and Quantity Surveyor advised a 12 month period at a cost of £486,000. Another meeting was planned and if there could not be a satisfactory compromise the contract may have to go to public tender and that could bring further difficulties.

It is expected that the Kennedy Hall will be ready for the 13th October, the toilets will be operational but not completed.

Irish Centre Charity

Fr. Cagney reported that we had successfully negotiated a loan from the Bank of Ireland. An embarrassing situation arose when it was discovered that a Charity could not legally mortgage property without the permission of the Charity Commission. This permission had now been obtained and the problem resolved.

Community Housing Association

Fr. Cagney reported that there had been a meeting with Community Housing Association and other interested parties in the development of the adjoining property. The present valuation (private valuer) of the site is £125,000. Fr. Cagney reported that Community Housing Association seemed anxious now to proceed with the programme of development and are expected to respond positively in the near future.

Finance

Fr. Cagney reported that he was proceeding with a fund raising campaign without reference to the sub-committee. 50 letters were going out to substantial financial organisations. The bank were anxious to see some results from the programme submitted some months ago.

A number of outstanding bills related to the development were submitted for approval and payment. These were proposed by Mr. M. Brunton and seconded by Fr. Ryan.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER AT 8 P.M.

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MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 10th OCTOBER 1978.

AGENDA;-

MR.M.MORONEY CHAIRMAN
REV.FR.CAGNEY DIRECTOR
MR.J.NEE SECRETARY
REV.FR.CASSIDY,REV.FR.GORDAN,MR.G.O'FLYNN,MISS M.KENNY
MR.R.MARKE,MR.M.BRUNTON,MR.P.KEEGAN,MR.D.EGAN.

IN ATTENDANCE

MISS CRICKLEY SR.JOAN,SOCIAL WORKERS.

1 APOLIGIES FOR ABSENCE

MR.L.MARTIN,REV.FR.RYAN,REV.FR.WOODS,MR,T.DUNNE.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the September meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

NONE

4 CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

5 WELFARE REPORTS

The Girls Hostel at Hornsey Lane Gardens is full to capacity. Rents for the month amounted to £1362. Some students resided there during the summer.

Hope House is also full to capacity and evrything is satisfactory.

A total of 99 persons were interviewed at the Irish Centre during the month of September.

There were 6 single mothers, 2 ex-offenders, 4 had marital problems and 5 had drink problems. 79 wanted accomodation and 76 were placed, 38 were looking for employment. 4 persons were repatriated. A total of 26 visits were made by the Welfare Officers during the month.

6 CLUB REPORT

Miss M. Kenny reported that Club activities were going well and everything was satisfactory.

7 ADJOINING PROPERTY

At a recent meeting between J.Murphy & Sons and our professional advisers the figure of £566,000 for Contract D.1. quoted by the Contractors was reduced to £461,000 as a result of negotiations between the two parties.

This figure was presented at a meeting of the executive who agreed that it was acceptable and that the Contractors be instructed to proceed with Contract D.1. - to start on October 9th. This was now put to the full meeting of the Administrative Committee and a resolution was passed. On a proposal by Mr.R. Marke seconded by Mr.G.O'Flynn it was unanimously agreed that Contract D.1. be carried out by J.Murphy & Sons Ltd. for the sum of £461,174.10 and to be completed over a period of 52 weeks.

The price agreed for the portion of the site to be developed by Community Housing Association has now been increased from

£78,000 to ~~£110~~,000

The Bank of Ireland had held certain reservations regarding security for monies advanced but this has now been resolved and all our freehold property can now be accepted as security.

It was agreed that the following accounts be cleared:-

Keith Roberts Associates	£782.54
Delaney & Delaney	£3656.88

8 MEDWAY ST.

Tenders for the conversion of this property are due in on the 11.10.78. and will be opened at 4.p.m. at the Irish Centre.

There is still some furniture to be disposed of at Medway St. Sales are to be held for this purpose.

It was suggested that adverts be put in the local papers and also the Irish Post. It was agreed that an offer of £750 for a piano on the premises be accepted.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fr. Cagney told the meeting that some members who had been expelled last year had re-applied for membership in the coming year. It was agreed that their applications be accepted.

Some work to be carried out on the Girls Hostel will require scaffolding and other equipment which is rather difficult to get.

It was suggested that voluntary help be sought to carry out this work and an insurance policy be taken out to cover such people while engaged on this work.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING, TUESDAY 14 TH. NOVEMBER 8.P.M.

Murphy 14/11/1978

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 14th NOVEMBER 1978

PRESENT MR.M.MORONEY CHAIRMAN
MR.T.DUNNE VICE CHAIRMAN
REV.FR.CAGNEY DIRECTOR
MR.M.BRUNTON,MR.D.EGAN,MR.S.IGOE,MR.P.KEEGAN,MISS M.KENNY,
MR.R.MARKE,MR.G.O'FLYNN.

IN ATTENDANCE

REV.FR.RYAN,SR.JOAN.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

REV.FR.CASSIDY,MR.J.NEE.

In the absence of Mr.J.Nee the minutes were taken by Mr. G.O'Flynn.

2 The minutes of the October meeting having been circulated were as read and adopted on a proposition by Mr.M.Brunton seconded by Mr.S.Igoe.

3 MATTERS ARISING

NONE.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was read from the London Borough of Camden giving details of Welfare grants approved for payment as follows :-

1978/79	£14,000	
1979/80	£14,000	for provision of Welfare Department.

A further £5,000 would be given by the Social Services Department.

A letter was received from Fermanagh Football Club requesting help towards their Youth programme.

5 WELFARE REPORTS

Sr. Joan reported that the Girls Hostel at Hornsey Lane is full to capacity. Rents for the month amounted to £1,333.71.

There were 16 new arrivals,14 left, 7 of them had moved into flats. 4 went home.

One girl was expelled because of her violent nature. Considerable difficulty was experienced in trying to place her elsewhere,with very little co-operation from her doctor, the hospital or from the London Borough of Haringay. Sr. Joan reported that the officers of the London Borough of Haringay were quite rude.

Mr.R.Marke suggested that a strong complaint should be lodged with the London Borough of Haringay and that we should consult our Solicitor on this matter.

HOPE HOUSE

100 Fr. Ryan reported that there were 46 males and 1 female interviewed residence. Many of them were very young including one boy of 15½. He is working. The boiler is working satisfactorily.

A total of 186 persons were interviewed at the Irish Centre during the month of October.

There were 2 single mothers, 6 psychiatric cases, 6 with marital problems, 3 families, 7 under 18 (they present a big problem), 52 between the ages of 18 and 25, 7 illiterate, 22 married couples. 32 were newly arrived from Ireland after a period of unemployment there.

77 sought accommodation	69 were placed
51 sought work	50 were placed
10 sought repatriation	3 were repatriated

There were 3 missing persons inquiries.

Mr. Marke said that unmarried couples should be looked after by the local authority if the girl is pregnant and the couple will not be separated.

Miss Crickley had spent three weeks in Ireland during which time she did very valuable publicity work for the Centre.

6 CLUB REPORT

Miss M. Kenny reported that Club activities were going well and attendance was improving. Takings for the month amounted to £946.14.

Concern was expressed over the cost of the band in the Club at the moment i.e. £220. It was also stated that they were not starting on time and having too many intervals. It was agreed that it was time to get rid of them.

There was a further complaint that the band had sold tickets for the Dermot O'Brien show by falsely pretending that the proceeds would go to the Irish Centre Building Fund.

7 ADJOINING PROPERTY.

Fr. Cagney reported that work on the second contract was 4 weeks behind programme. The Sub-Contractors were being blamed for this. Plumbing was troublesome. The toilets are not completed, false ceilings and floor tiling are still to be done.

The new bar is very successful but it means a reduction in the capacity of the John F. Kennedy Hall. It was agreed that the maximum number for a meal should be 180. The Manager and the County Associations are to be so advised.

The first contract (site preparation) except for the last section of Community Housing Association which is needed to allow access is complete.

The third contract (McNamara Hall) is ahead of schedule at the moment.

A bill (£523.80) had been received from Bate & Co. re. the revaluation of the property to be sold to Community Housing Association. The sale price has been increased from £78,000 to £110,000. It was agreed to withhold payment of this account until confirmation has been received from the District Valuer.

A letter had been received from Keith Roberts regarding the interior design of the new hall, panelling of walls, crockery cutlery etc.. It was agreed to seek advice on this from Michael Scott (Architect).

A letter was received from Alec Soars suggesting that we take delivery now of kitchen equipment. This suggestion was not accepted.

The payment of bills had presented problems because of the Trusteeship Laws. This had now been resolved by the Transfer of the title deeds of the freehold properties to the Irish Centre. Leasehold properties are also being dealt with.

A sum of £124,000 is to come from the Breweries. This is under study by Mr. Bateman.

It was agreed that the following accounts be cleared ;-

J. Murphy & Sons Ltd	Contract No 1	£26,046.46
" "	" " 2	£24,154.13
" "	" " 3	£22,579.25
Heath & Spearing		625.32
Coiln Graham Associates		7,667.54
Keith Roberts		886.69

9 MEDWAY STREET & HOSTELS

The tender from Hill's for the alterations has been accepted.

Mr. R. Marke proposed that a meeting of Irish Centre Hostels should be held after the next meeting of the Administrative Committee.

It was also agreed to call a meeting of the Executive of the shareholders on 21st. November.

Financial Report Mr. P. Keegan presented a Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure account for the period ended 30th September 1978.

He pointed out that income had dropped to £59,000, compared with £77,000 for the same period last year, whereas expenditure dropped only £2,400.

He also pointed out that the bank credit of £70,853.00 on 1st. January had now become a debit of £47,917.00.

The total commitment on building is £763,000 and fees.

FUND RAISING

Mr. T. Dunne reported that he had been off the scene for 3 months but is now trying to arrange a meeting of the liaison committee.

Fr. Cagney said that an appeal letter had been sent to some business concerns.

No news had been received regarding the application for help to the Irish Government but it was hoped that a decision would soon be reached.

Mr. Oliver Flanagan T.D., had promised to approach the Taoiseach and a question was to be asked in the Dail by Mr. John Donnellan and Mr. Austin Deasy.

Also a delegation of M.P.'s was planned to visit the Dail.

Bishop Casey is to approach the London Bishop's and is to raise the question at the next Episcopal Commission on Emigration meeting.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fr. Cagney announced that Mr. John Nee is returning to Ireland and it was agreed to make him a presentation at a party on 29th November.

Mr. Sean Igoe announced that he too was returning to Ireland and tendered his resignation.

Mr. Martin Moroney paid well deserved tributes to Mr. Nee and Mr. Igoe and expressed how sadly they would be missed by the Irish Centre and other organisations with which they were connected.

All members present supported the Chairman in his remarks.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12th December 1978 8 P.M.

M. Moroney 12/12/1978

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 12TH. DECEMBER 1978

PRESENT

MR. M. MORONEY CHAIRMAN
REV. FR. CAGNEY DIRECTOR
REV. FR. J. GORDON, MR. D. EGAN, MISS M. KENNY, MR. G. O'FLYNN

IN ATTENDANCE REV. FR. RYAN, SR. JOAN.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
MR. M. BRUNTON, MR. J. NEE

2 On a proposal by Miss M. Kenny seconded by Fr. Cagney the minutes of the November meeting having been circulated were taken as read subject to amendments suggested by Fr. Ryan.

3 MATTERS ARISING

NONE

4 CORRESPONDENCE

Some correspondence received would be dealt with under other headings.

Fr. Cagney read the official report of the Dail meeting when Mr. Kennedy Minister for External Affairs, replied to a question tabled by Deputies Deasy and Donnellan regarding the application for help made by the Irish Centre.

The Minister agreed that there is a need for help but pointed out that the Inter Party Government had turned down a previous application.

He said that an Inter Departmental Committee was now doing a study and he could therefore make no commitment at this stage. There would not be any Dail Debate until a Cabinet decision had been made.

In reply to a question by Mr. D. Egan, Fr. Cagney informed the meeting that applications to the Irish Government for help had been made by Hammersmith Welfare Bureau, The Birmingham and London Irish Centre's and the Federation of Irish Societies. Bishop Eamon Casey was also urging the Government to sponsor 20 Welfare workers.

The feeling of the meeting was, that, it was unfortunate that so many separate applications had been made but that it would be unfair to limit help to The Irish Centre because of demands by other Welfare Centre's.

A letter was received from Pica Floorings Ltd. pointing out that the unsatisfactory state of the floor of the John F. Kennedy Hall was due to its having been used too soon after being treated and to lack of sufficient ventilation.

Also read was a copy of a letter from Keith Roberts and Associates, Architects to J. Murphy & Sons Ltd. complaining about inadequate supervision, resulting in faulty work and demanding immediate rectification.

Keith Roberts and Associates, Architects, reported that Webb and Tapley had given an approximate estimate of the cost of work to NO. 50 Camden Sq. as, £60,000 - £65,000. Fr. Cagney said that Paddy O'Brien considered this estimate too high.

Keith Roberts also suggested, that, regarding the sale of land and houses to Community Housing Association, it might be advantageous to separate the houses from the site in terms of the sale.

J. F. A. Bateman & Co. Solicitors, reported that British Rail were in a position to complete the exchange of the Deeds of Rectification and they requested a remittance of £75 for their Solicitors costs and 50p stamp duty on the Counterpart Lease.

5 WELAFRE REPORTS

GIRLS HOSTEL

~~Sr.~~ Joan reported that the hostel was full to capacity. Bed occupancy was 1,017 out of a possible 1,020.

Rents received amounted to £1,275.00. There were 7 new arrivals, 5 left (2 went home and 3 got flats).

Irish Centre

There were 82 applicants, 51 male, 31 female, 2 families, 66 sought accommodation, 62 were placed.

32 sought work, 28 were placed, 4 sought repatriation none repatriated. 112 received counselling and advice, 16 were deferred to other agencies, 8 psychiatric cases, 11 with marital problems. 48 visits were made and 212 interviews.

HOPE HOUSE

Fr. Ryan had no figures available because he had been engaged in preparing the Annual Report.

There were 36 in residence, 2 had been sent away and 4 had left.

Some of the residents were of a poor quality but, he insisted that they must work if they are at all fit.

There had been a loss of rent of £100 in 3 weeks. There had also been some thieving (£108 taken from one resident).

Hand basins were now being fitted.

Some painting work was necessary and overdue in the girls hostel in Hornsey Lane Gardens. He was trying to get some of the residents from Hope House to do it. One man had already done some plastering and painting.

A bigger fuel tank had been provided.

CLUB REPORT

Miss M. Kenny reported that activities were going well. Takings for the month amounted to £902.60. O.A.P. raffles raised £67.15 and the buffet showed a profit of £158.

The band appeared to be getting more amenable and had agreed to move to the J.F. Kennedy Hall for Christmas, New Year and January 6th. with relay to the Douglas Hyde Lounge.

ADJOINING PROPERTY

The first Contract is nearing completion. The second is complete except for a section required for access.

Toilets are still not working satisfactorily. The supply of water has to be reduced until work is completed. There have been some blockages and broken handles. Ducting and false ceilings are still not satisfactory, floor tiling has still to be done.

The contractors are now concentrating on the new boiler house.

The McNamara Hall is ahead of schedule.

The new cellar will be ready in three months.

The new entrance from Camden Sq. is to be pushed to improve access and appearance.

The Building Site Sub-Committee will make a site inspection after Christmas.

It was also decided to invite the Bank officials to visit the site.

The present banking facilities have now been used up. An approach for further facilities will now be made.

The position at the Bank on 12.12.78. was as follows :-

Development Fund Account	overdrawn	£201,989.40
Current Account	in credit	4,354.11

The grant (£14,000) received from London Borough of Camden for the Welfare Office has been placed in a separate account.

It was agreed that the following accounts be paid;-

Webb and Tapley	£10,543.38
They have agreed to accept three monthly payments of £3,514.46	
Keith Roberts and Associates	996.99
Heath and Spearing	1,124.17
Sandy Brown Associates	334.13.

Mr.D.Egan proposed and Rev. Fr. Gorgon seconded that these accounts be paid ,subject to the approval of the Building Sub-Committee.

8 MEDWAY STREET

The successful tenderer's, J.M.Hill & Sons Ltd., have provided the required Performance Bond and Bank Guarantee.

In reply to a query from the Housing Corporation it was pointed out that the lowest tender received (Thornberry Bros.) did not make provision for mechanical services.

There is still some furniture for sale.

9 FUND RAISING

It still has not been possible to arrange a meeting of the Fund Raising Committee.

Fr. Cagney has sent out 420 appeal letters. The Banks are also sending out appeals to clients whom they feel might help. Some replies have been received, including £1,000 from Lord Moyne.

The weekly lottery being organised by Mecca Ltd., will commence end of January / early February. Mecca will do all the work. The initial contract will be for a period of one year.

Mecca Ltd. are seeking permission to extend the scheme to Ireland.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The London County Board of the G.A.A. have received permission from Croke Park to bring over the Cork and All Stars Hurling teams to London during the first week-end in May. They are now looking for sponsors.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 9th January 1979 at 8 P.M.

M. Moroney

9/1/1979

MINUTES OF THE IRISH CENTRE ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON JANUARY 9th. 1979

PRESENT

MR. M. MORONEY	CHAIRMAN
FR. W. CAGNEY	DIRECTOR
MR. P. KEEGAN	
MR. L. MARTIN	
MR. G. O'FLYNN	
MR. D. EGAN	
FR. F. RYAN, MISS M. KENNY	

IN ATTENDANCE MISS A. CRICKLEY

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

FR. CASSIDY, MR. M. BRUNTON

2 MINUTES

On a proposal by Miss M. Kenny, seconded by Mr. P. Keegan the minutes of the December meeting (having been circulated were taken as read) were adopted.

3 MATTERS ARISING

NONE

4 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence would arise under other subjects.

5 WELFARE REPORTS

IRISH CENTRE

There was a slight reduction in the number seeking assistance at the Centre during the month of December. A total of 140 interviews were conducted. There were 49 new clients, 37 men, 12 women, 3 were under 18. A number of home visits were made. Stasia reported that she had been elected to the Executive Committee of the Camden Commission for Community Services. The partition in the office was not erected yet.

GIRLS HOSTEL

The hostel was very full during the month of December. 11 left altogether and were replaced.

Sr. Beatrice fell and broke her arm, she is now making a good recovery.

Volunteers had decorated the girls T.V. room and their kitchen area.

HOPE HOUSE

There were only 19 new applicants during the month of December. Residents had a good Christmas and there were 40 for lunch on Christmas day.

The boiler was now giving trouble and repair would be costly.

Sr. Joan's "clinic" on Monday evenings was very popular.

6 - CLUB REPORT

Miss M.Kenny reported a very busy December for the Social Committee A total of £1,335 had been raised during the month. The O.A.P'S had a total of 160 at their dinner, everybody had a most enjoyable afternoons entertainment.

One of the Clubs Committee members died suddenly during the Christmas period.- Mr.John Downing. The Administrative meeting passed a vote of sympathy to the wife and family of the late Mr.Downing and asked that a letter to that effect be sent to his family.

7 ADJOINING PROPERTY

The building of the new hall was 6½ days late because of the extreme weather conditions.

Plans for developing 50 Camden Sq. were being drawn up. It was considered advisable to invite small firms to tender for the job.

Bank approval would be necessary before any committments could be made.

There were some reservations about having two contractors on the same site. Mr.L.Martin suggested we might negotiate a schedule of rates (E.P.C.) with J.Murphy & Sons for the job. It was decided to give the idea some further consideration.

Two bills were presented for payment by the architect (Keith Roberts) one amounted to £747.64 and the second was for £400.00. Mr.L.Martin proposed paying them and this was seconded by Mr.G.O'Flynn.

8 MEDWAY ST.

Mr.D.Egan reported that the Dept. of Environment were expected to give approval to the tender within one week. Work should begin on February 1st..

If approval was not forthcoming within the week then J.M.Hill & Sons Ltd. would have to reconsider the costings.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

FUND RAISING

Fr.Cagney reported that there were no developments in our application for Government assistance.

Correspondence had been received from Mr.M.Kennedy T.D. and Mr.O.Flanagan T.D..

A cheque from the London Borough of Islington had been received amounting to £440.

To date the response to the appeal letters was not very encouraging.

A letter from Mr.M.P.MacLoughlin of the Bank of Ireland was received. It registered concern over the delay in receiving the title deeds of the Adjoining Property, and the lack of substantial fund raising activity. As a result of the discussion that followed, the position of the present fund raising committee was to be reviewed and a meeting called in which the bank representative would also be invited.

CHURCH COLLECTION

Fr.Cagney reported that the Irish Bishops were not willing to allow an Irish National collection. Bishop Casey had approached Cardinal Hume regarding a collection in London. Details are being worked out at present.

BRITISH RAIL

British Rail are expected to present a cheque amounting to £20,000 at a function in the Irish Centre during the next month.

OTHER BUSINESS

A meeting of the Council of the London Irish Festival is to meet on Thursday next at 8.00.p.m. at the Irish Centre, to conclude the events of last years Festival.

SPECIAL MEETING

At a special meeting on December 17th. attended by Mr.P.Keegan, Mr.M.Brunton,Mr.G.O'Flynn, Miss M.Kenny, Fr.W.Cagney, Mr.T.Dunne, Mr.R.Marke, it was decided to appoint Fr.F.Ryan acting secretary of the Irish Centre and Irish Centre Hostels Ltd., replacing Mr. J.Nee, who had returned to Ireland.

It was also decided that any two of the following could sign cheques;- Fr.W.Cagney,Fr.F.Ryan,Mr.J.Nee.

The full meefing of the Administrative meeting were asked to approve this resolution. Mr.G.O'Flynn proposed the appointment. Mr.P.Keegan seconded the proposal and the motion was carried unanimously. Likewise Mr.G.O'Flynn proposed the resolution to give authority to any two of Fr.Cagney,Fr.Ryan,Mr.J.Nee, to sign cheques. This was seconded by Mr.P.Keegan and was carried unanimously.

A motion was also passed that "Fr.Cagney,Chairman and Fr.Ryan acting secretary will sign on behalf of Irish Centre Hostels Ltd.,the Legal Charge documentation in connection with the bank security"

It was also gareed that "William James Cagney act as promoter of the Society's lottery during 1979."

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th. February at 8.00 p.m.,at the Irish Centre

Mulloney 13/2/1979

MINUTES OF THE IRISH CENTRE ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON FEBRUARY 13TH. 1979

PRESENT

Mr.M.Moroney	Chairman
Fr.W.J.Cagney	Director
Fr.F.Ryan	Hon.Secretary
Mr.P.Keegan	
Mr.L.Martin	
Mr.G.O'Flynn	
Fr.P.Cassidy	
Fr.A.Woods	
Fr. J.Gordan	
Mr.R.Marke	
Mr,T.Dunne	
Mr.D.Egan	
Miss M.Kenny	

APOLOGIES

NONE

MINUTES

On a proposal by Mr.G.O'Flynn, seconded by Mr.P. Keegan the minutes of the January meeting (having been circulated were taken as read) were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence would arise under other subjects.

WELFARE REPORTS

Girls Hostel

Sr. Joan reported the Hostel was full all the time, unusual for this time of year. A total of £1,036.00 was collected in rents.

IRISH CENTRE

A total of 208 interviews were conducted during the month, 111 of these were new clients. There was a high number of single mothers (9). Sr. Joan reported a difficulty in getting a doctor to examine a girl who was 8 months pregnant. She was refused attention by 9 doctors. Sr.Joan also reported the Welfare Office was used for meetings at weekends and the partition had not been erected as yet.

HOPE HOUSE

Fr. Ryan reported that 34 new residents were taken in during the month of January. Some men were still recovering from the Christmas holidays and about five were seeking employment. A report of the work carried out during 1978 has been circulated, and the meeting expressed satisfaction with the report.

CLUB

Miss M.Kenny said that income figures given at the last months meeting should have been £1,335.00 and not £1,435.00. Miss Kenny reported a lot of new people were coming to the Centre Social functions and were becoming members of the Club. Income for January was £1,092.00. The increase in membership meant they were not collecting as much on the cover charge at the door and accounts for the decrease in income. Everything was going well. It was proposed to hold the Club's A.G.M. on 22 nd. May.

ADJOINING PROPERTY

Fr.Cagney reported that Contract 1 had been completed. There were some difficulties with materials used in Contract 2 but it was nearly completed. Contract 3, the new hall, was about a week behind schedule which it is expected will be made up. Costs on this Contract have risen provisionally by £78,000.

Three more Contracts are required to complete the Irish Centre project. It is estimated the Welfare Department will cost £68,000. Renovations of 51/52, Camden Sq., would cost £175,000. The entrance to the new hall, renovations of the Douglas Hyde Lounge and the J.F.Kennedy hall would cost £210,000. Total estimated costs to complete the project is £453,000.

Fr. Cagney reported that our overdraft is at present £265,000. The bank was not satisfied with the results of our fund raising plans, and would not be prepared to authorise any more contracts to be signed unless it was evident by May 1st. that we were in a position to service the loan. The bank had appointed Declan Quinn to assist with our fund raising plan.

FUND RAISING

Mr.T.Dunne reported that his sub-committee had decided to engage a full time fund raiser, and provide him with adequate support, it would cost about £20,000.

Mecca are ready to launch a lottery to aid the Centre. This will go ahead when the licence arrives. The Centre would be expected to lend its support to the project.

The Appeal letters had not yet brought in expected revenue, but some replies offered assistance in kind and this was to be considered.

British Rail will present their cheque at a function in the Irish Centre on February 23rd. at 12.30.p.m.. All members of the Committee were invited to attend.

MEDWAY ST.

Mr.R.Marke reported that the Dept. of Environment had approached the tender for Medway St. and J.M.Hills would try to be on site within 10 days to start work.

NY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr.D.Egan suggested that we draw up a five year programme for the Centre. This would help direct our resources into appropriate channells of need for the Irish Community

This may also convince people of the need to support the Centre financially.

Fr.Cagney submitted for payment the architects fees of £761.00, this was proposed for payment by Mr.P.Keegan, seconded by Mr.T.Dunne. Fees for Webb & Tapley for £713.00 and a second one of £3,500.00 were proposed by Mr.M.Brunton and seconded by Mr.L. Martin.

Also submitted were bills for J.Murphy & Sons. A sum of £13,213.30 for Contract C (taking them over the approved costs), also £2,627.83 for the toilet block and £19,740.41 for Contract D1. Payment of these were to be approved subject to scrutiny by the advisory committee. The payments were proposed for payment by Mr.L. Martin and seconded by Mr.G.O'Flynn.

DATE OF A.G.M.

It was decided to hold the A.G.M. of the Council for the Irish Centre on Tuesday May 1st. at 8.p.m..

Since the meeting had gone on rather late the Chairman decided to ask Mr.P.Keegan to present the accounts at the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be
TUESDAY 6 MARCH AT 8P.M.

M. Moroney 6/3/1979

MINUTES OF THE IRISH CENTRE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH. 1979.

PRESENT MR. M. MCROONEY CHAIRMAN
FR. CAGNEY DIRECTOR
FR. F. RYAN HON. SECRETARY
MR. P. J. KEEGAN, MR. T. DUNNE, MR. L. MARTIN, MR. G. O'FLYNN,
FR. J. GORDAN, MISS M. KENNY, MISS S. CRICKLEY, MR. M. BRUNTON.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE FR. P. CASSIDY

2 MINUTES

CORRECTIONS

- (1) Apologies for Mr. M. Brunton - not present. Substitute Mr. T. Dunne for Mr. M. Brunton in A.O.B..
 - (2) Date of Club A.G.M. not fixed.
 - (3) Irish Centre Welfare; - Problems with illiterate emigrants and lack of educational facilities.
- The minutes with the above amendment were proposed by Mr. G. O'Flynn for adoption and seconded by Mr. P. J. Keegan.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Matters arising would come under other headings.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

Fr. Cagney read Mr. David Andrews T.D. letter of reply to Mr. J. Stallard M.P., concerning Irish Government Aid for the Irish Centre. A letter from our solicitor indicated that the Brewers were now prepared to release 50% of the loans promised - the rest to follow later.

MECCA LOTTERY

Mecca wrote to inform us that they were ceasing to operate their lotteries and their staff were being made redundant. Our lottery is affected by this decision.

It was proposed to send a letter of thanks to Sea-Link for their cheque of £21,379.00.

5 WELFARE REPORTS

IRISH CENTRE

Miss Crickley reported that despite a busy month they were able to make a lot of outside visits. This became urgent due to the industrial dispute among Camden Social Services Dept.. Some progress had been made on the problem of illiteracy. Our Welfare Dept. were now playing a more constructive role in local welfare organisation.

HOANSEYLANE

Sr. Beatrice was reported to be making good progress after her accident. The Hostel was full almost to capacity during the whole month. There were no unusual problems among the residents.

HOPE HOUSE.

Fr. Ryan reported that the employment situation had improved now that the snow had gone. 33 'new men' were admitted during the month.

6 CLUB

Miss Kenny reported that the Club was going well. The total of £896.94 had been raised during the month. Bingo had improved and Friday nights were very good. There were still a lot of people seeking membership.

7 ADJOINING PROPERTY.

Fr. Cagney reported that some lost time had been made up since the last meeting and the hall should now be ready in September. The Kitchen Contractors asked for a meeting with Fr. Cagney to express their reservations about working with Murphy's. Fr. Cagney was advised to inform the architects and invite them to any formal meetings.

Bills for payment

Architects Fees. £940.29

Kitchen Consultants £153.00

These were proposed for payment by Mr.M.Brunton and seconded by Mr.G.O'Flynn.

8 MEDWAY STREET

Mr.D.Egan informed the Committee that work would start on March 12th., and J.M.Hill was confident it would be handed back on June 9th. 1980. Mr.D.Egan will visit the site to monitor progress.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

FUND RAISING

Mr.T.Dunne reported that a professional fundraiser would be interviewed shortly with a view to employ him to undertake this task for the Centre.

ACCOUNTS

Mr.P.J.Keegan presented draft accounts which were discussed at some length. The question of casual wages was discussed and it was resolved to make all casual employees fill in employment forms, giving their names, addresses and National Insurance No. before April 1st.. Earnings will be taxed at source and returns made to the Inland Revenue.

G.A.A.

Mr.G.O'Flynn informed the meeting that the "All Stars" game had run into difficulty. The G.A.A. in London had decided to withdraw their support from the event. Under these circumstances the Committee decided to do likewise.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by thanking all present for their contributions.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY APRIL 10th.

Please note the meeting will begin at 6.00.p.m. SHARP.
The Mayors Banquet will follow at 7.30.p.m.

Murphy
10/4/1979

MINUTES OF THE IRISH CENTRE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

HELD ON APRIL 10th. 1979 AT THE IRISH CENTRE

PRESENT

Mr.M.Moroney, Chairman
Mr.T.Dunne Vice Chairman
Fr.W.Cagney Director
Fr.F.Ryan Hon Secretary
Mr.L.Martin, Mr. G.O'Flynn, Fr. J.Gordan, Mr.D.Egan, Miss M.
Kenny, Miss S.Crickley.

1 APOLOGIES

Mr.M.B.anton, Mr.P.Keegan.

2 MINUTES

On a proposal be Mr.T.Dunne, seconded by Mr.G.O'Flynn the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Committee.

3 MATTERS ARISING

NONE

4 CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

5 WELFARE REPORTS

IRISH CENTRE

Miss Crickley presented the Annual Welfare Report, which had been previously circulated. The Chairman complimented Miss Crickley on the report, and this was endorsed by the committee.

HOPE HOUSE

No report

GIRLS HOSTEL

No report

6 CLUB REPORT

Miss Kenny reported the total income from Club functions realised £1,293.74. St. Patrick's Day functions went well, The Social Committee were considering changing the Band.

7 ADJOINING PROPERTY

Fr. Cagney reported the building was now making good progress. We have now arrived at a stage when we should be ordering the effects for the hall. On a proposal by Mr.D.Egan seconded by G.O'Flynn a sub-committee, consisting of Mr.T.Dunne, Mr.L.Martin and Fr. Cagney, should examine the best option available and report back to the next meeting. The hall should be able to cater for 430 people at a banquet. The lay out of tables (round) and nature and position of stage was to be examined.

8 MEDWAY STREET

Fr. Cagney reported a cheque for £62,462 had been received from the Housing Corporation for work carried out at Medway St.. Mr.D.Egan reported there were no problems evident at this stage.

9 FINANCE

On a proposal by Fr.Cagney seconded by Mr.M.Moroney, Fr. Ryan's name should be substituted for Mr.John Nee, giving him authority to withdraw money from the account at Williams & Glynn's Bank, Camden Town.

The following bills were presented to the Committee for payment. Architects Fees £854.64, J.Murphy & Sons £40,173.29, Kitchen Consultants £153. On a proposal by Mr.T.Dunne seconded by Miss M.Kenny, it was resolved to pay these bills, subject to the condition that J.Murphy & Sons bill be approved by the architects.

10 FUND RAISING

Fr. Cagney informed the Committee that Craigmyle had accepted to undertake Stage 1 of the fund raising campaign. This would take up to three months to prepare and would cost £1,200 + V.A.T., and would advise on the best method to raise funds in our case. On a proposal by Fr.Gordan seconded by Mr.G.O'Flynn Mr.D.Egan it was proposed to enter into a stage one contract.

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11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee were reminded that the A.G.M. was on May 1st. and three new members of the Committee were required.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There will be a brief meeting of the Administrative Committee on May 1st. at 7.p.m. before the A.G.M..

The next meeting following the A.G.M. will be May 8th at 8.p.m.

M. Moroney 8/5/1979

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 8th. May 1979

PRESENT Mr.M.Moroney, Fr.W.Cagney, Fr.P.Cassidy, Mr.T.Dunne,
Fr.J.Gordan, Miss M.Kenny, Mr.T.Devine, Mr.D.Eggn,
Mr.L.Martin, Mr.G.O'Flynn.

IN ATTENDANCE Sr.Joan.

The first business of the meeting was the election of Officers and the following were elected unanimously;-

Chairman; Mr.M.Moroney, proposed by Mr.T.Dunne seconded by Fr.J.Gordan,
Vice Chairman; Mr.T.Dunne, proposed by Miss M.Kenny seconded by Mr.D.Egan,
Treasurer; Fr.W.Cagney, proposed by Mr.M.Moroney seconded by Mr.T.Dunne,
Minute Secretary; Mr.G.O'Flynn, proposed by Mr.M.Moroney seconded by Mr.T.Dunne.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Fr.A.Woods, Mr.M.Brunton, Mr.P.Keegan, Mr.S.Troy.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the April meeting having been circulated were taken as read and adopted on a proposal by Mr.T.Dunne, seconded by Mr.D.Egan.

3 MATTERS ARISING,

NONE

4 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Whitbreads with the Contract for the loan. They have agreed to release 50% of the loan immediately on completion and the balance when the titles are transferred from Irish Centre Hostels to the Irish Centre.

Applications have been received for the position of Catering Manager. Applicants will be interviewed by the sub-committee Fr.Cagney, Mr.T.Dunne and Mr.L.Martin.

A long discussion took place regarding the job discription with particular reference to the situation vis-a-vis that of Bar Manager.

5 WELFARE REPORTS:- Irish Centre, Hope House, Girls Hostel.

Girls Hostel

Sr. Joan reported that rents for the month amounted to £1,034. There were three vacancies. 13 girls had left during the month.

Hope House

No Report.

Irish Centre

There were 83 new applicants. 3 families were referred to the London Borough of Camden which arranged accommodation for them.

66 sought accommodation, 64 were placed
36 sought work 33 were placed
4 sought repatriation 2 were repatriated

Sr. Joan reported that there was no shortage of work but complained that Irish employers were the worst for exploiting labour.

There was an increase in the number of applicants over 40. Problems were getting more complicated and counselling was needed more and more.

A disturbing feature was the number of men coming from Arlington House. Mr.T.Devine said that the London Borough of Camden had sent social workers to Arlington House and found it most unsatisfactory. It is being run on a commercial basis.

Bishop of Birch of Ossory has offered to provide and pay a social worker for the Centre.

Sr. Joan said that in addition there was a great need for a secretary come information officer, who could also act as receptionist typist. This would relieve the social workers a lot and they would be able to concentrate more on their own work.

Sr. praised the voluntary workers highly but they could not do the work as effeciently as full-time worker.

6 CLUB REPORT

Miss M. Kenny reported that takings for the month amonuted to £1,095.96 after the jackpot had been paid.

The new band is promising and the members are very co-operative. They are not too noisy.

7 ADJOINING PROPERTY.

The building sub-committee held a site meeting and they were satisfied with the progress. The contractors are confident they will finish in October.

A further meeting of all parties concerned will be held in early June when a definate date for completion will be fixed.

A fees account for ^{940.29}~~£329.69~~ was received from the Architect and approved for payment, proposed by Mr.T.Dunne and seconded by Mr.L.Martin, subject to scrutiny by the biulding sub-committee.

Community Housing Corporation have received approval from the Dept. of the Environemnt and the documents are now with the solicitor.

8 MEDWAY STREET

Mr.D.Egan said he had only verbal report from the site, but there were no problems. He had not received the programme from the contractors yet.

9 FINANCE

Fr. Cagley reported that the financial situation is now very critical and he would submit a report every month.

Development A/c.No1. showed a debit balance of	£300,455.87
Development A/c.No2. showed a credit of	17,469.80
Welfare Office Bd.Fund A/c credit of	14,000.00

The facility granted by the bank of Ireland is now almost up. The bank's head office in Dublin will want concrete proof of donations to the Development Fund before entertaining any suggestion of further advances.

10 FUND RAISING

Mr.T.Dunne gave a detailed report of progress to date. The Craigmyle Co. have taken on the task and have appointed Mr. Alan Williams to prepare the programme. He is operating from 12, Murray St.

He plans to set up an Appeal Committee consisting of well known business men under the Chairmanship of a distinguished personality. Mr. Denis Lowery of Gestetner Ltd. has agreed to act as Chairman and has already arranged a number of meetings and made contacts for Mr. Williams to follow up.

Craignyle are designing the Appeal brochure. They visualise the Appeal falling into two stages.

Stage 1.

A Committee of prestigious names would be set up to seek donations from the big institutions. They feel this should raise half the target of £1.6 Millio.

Stage 2.

This would not start until the 1st. Stage was well on its way. A Committee of influential people would arrange major functions such as, football games, race meetings, concerts etc..

It is also hoped to set up similar Committee's in Ireland and the U.S.A.

It was clearly pointed out that the amateur approach to fund raising is complete, out and all contacts should be processed through the fund raisers.

Mr. Terry Sheehy will act as P.R.O.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following sub-committee's were appointed:-

a MEDWAY ST.

Mr. D. Egan, Mr. R. Marke, Mr. L. Martin.

b WELFARE

Sr. Joan, Miss A. Crickley, Fr. F. Ryan, Mr. T. ^{DEVINE,} ~~Dunne~~, Mr. S. Troy.

Mr. S. Troy will act as liaison officer with the County Associations and Fr. Sheridan will be entertainments liaison officer.

At the end of the meeting the Chairman extended a special welcome to Mr. T. Devine and thanked him for all his help to the Centre over the years.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12th June at 8.p.m.

Mulloney 11/6/1979

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 12th. JUNE 1979.

PRESENT. MR.M.MORONEY CHAIRMAN
MR.T.DUNNE VICE CHAIRMAN
FR.W.CAGNEY TREASURER
MR.P.KEEGAN HON.ACCOUNTANT
MR.G.O'FLYNN HON.SECRETARY

Fr.P.Cassidy,Fr.J.Gordan,Mr.M.Brunton,Mr.D.Egan,MissM.Kenny,
Mr.L.Martin,Mr.S.Troy.

IN ATTENDANCE

Fr.F.Ryan, Miss A.Crickley

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr.T.Devine.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the May meeting having been circulated were taken as read and adopted on a proposal by Mr.T.Dunne seconded by Miss.M.Kenny subject to two alterations as follows ;-

- (a) Paragraph 7 Adjoining Property, fees account should read £940.29
- (b) Paragraph 7 Welfare Committee, Mr.T.Dunne should read Mr.T.Devine.

3 MATTERS ARISING

NONE

4 CORRESPONDENCE

Comhaltas Ceoltorir Eireann applied for a "Comhaltas Room" in the new Irish Centre to house the North London branch and as a memorial to the members so tragically killed in the recent accident.

Mr.T.Dunne proposed and Mr.P.Keegan seconded that we allow the room to be called the Comhaltas Room and that a plaque could be erected. Exclusive use could not be afforded but preference would be given. The question of storage of records would be considered later.

Irish Heritage wrote giving details of the arrangements for the presentation of the manuscript of Thomas Moore's "Minstrel Boy".

The Monaghan Association complained about the difficulty in keeping a Dinner Dance private for those who attended the dinner, and also about the seating arrangements.

Problems are created at the moment because of the lack of toilet facilities upstairs. Efforts would be made to have this situation remedied as soon as possible. Then it might be possible to close the door at the foot of the stairs thus ensuing privacy for users of the J.F.Kennedy hall.

Seating arrangements can be agreed with the ~~Manageress~~

Fr. Cagney will convey this information to the Monaghan Association and it can be discussed at the meeting between the Executive Committee of the Council of Irish Counties Association and the Irish Centre.

Carole Eastern requested permission to act as resident photographer. Fr. Cagney will advise her that her request will be considered when the McNamara Hall is available for use.

Naypcas wrote offering help regarding the possibility of the London Borough of Islington withdrawing support from the Irish Centre. Fr. Cagney and the Social workers will reply.

J. Murphy & Sons Ltd. had been instructed by the Architect to remove the site toilets from their present location but they requested that the move be delayed until after the completion of the D1. Contract. This matter would be discussed at the site meeting with Community Housing Association on 19th June.

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WELFARE REPORTS

HOPE HOUSE

Fr. Ryan reported that 35 new residents were admitted during the month, leaving 107 in residence. He had to turn away 10 on that day.

There is a good atmosphere in the house and residents are in no hurry to leave.

All hostels and B&B establishments were full even before the arrival of the students from Ireland. It was decided to put a notice to that effect in the Irish papers.

The fire officer has made an inspection and is satisfied with conditions.

The exterior of the windows will need re-painting before Winter.

IRISH CENTRE

Miss Crickley reported that during the month there were 111 new applicants, 72 Male and 39 Female with 218 interviews. 62 were less than one week in England 89 had no formal training.

91 sought accommodation	90 were placed
41 sought work	39 " "

There were 2 repatriations. 8 referrals, 28 hostel visits, 10 home visits, 4 hospital visits. 11 had marital problems and there were 7 single mothers.

It was a heavy month for numbers and types of problems with a big increase in the missing persons inquiries. Things were difficult since Pat left. There were no voluntary secretarial facilities and no voluntary desk help at night.

Miss Crickley suggested that the salaries of the Social Workers should be slotted in on the National Scale which would mean automatic increments.

All semi-state bodies had been asked to help with regard to voluntary secretarial and reception workers. Initially there had been a good response but getting home afterwards was a problem and the response had fallen off.

Fr. Cagney was looking for a retired couple to cover the hours between 9.a.m. and 9.p.m.

GIRLS HOSTEL

There had been a drop in the number of residents after Easter but the hostel was now overfull and will be so until the end of the Summer.

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CLUB REPORT

Miss Kenny reported that takings for the month amounted to £1,077.99 from which two jackpots had been paid.

A successful buffet/dance had been held on the previous Saturday. The booked band failed to appear but the situation was saved by John Murphy with the disco.

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ADJOINING PROPERTY

A site meeting was held on the 4th June. Completion and handover were confidently expected in the first week of October.

Work on the hall is now up to schedule, the kitchen slightly behind, services slow and awkward. It is hoped that the cellar will come into use ahead of a schedule.

Bills in connection with the building work were received as follows :-

J. Murphy & Sons.	April D1 contract	£32,652.78
	April D2 "	95.15
	The Ramp	685.26
	May D1	47,274.89
Webb & Tapley		1,427.76
Heath & Spearing		1,042.20
Keith Roberts	April	854.64
" "	May	829.69
Colin Graham		3,316.12

It was proposed by Mr. M. Brunton and seconded by Mr. G. Martin that the accounts except that of Colin Graham be paid, subject to scrutiny by the Building Advisory Committee.

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CATERING

Quotations have been received for kitchen and dining - room equipment and a further quotation was awaited from a contact made in Birmingham by Fr. Sheridan.

Interviews for the post of Catering Manager had been held and a candidate selected, subject to satisfactory references being received. It is hoped that the person appointed will take up duty in mid-August.

MEDWAY STREET.

Mr.D.Egan and Mr. L.Martin reported that the programme had now been received and that completion is scheduled for June 1980.

The contractors are making very good progress.

An unfortunate error by the Architects resulted in the first payment to the contractors being delayed but the problem had now been overcome.

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FINANCE

Development Ac No 1.	debit balance	£345,000.00
" " " 2	credit balance	4,600.00
" " " 3	" "	14,000.00
Current Ac.	" "	6,300.00

A further £330,000 will be needed to complete works now in hand.

Draft quartly accounts to 31.3.79. showed that bar profits were up on the corresponding quarter last year. Bank charges and salaries were up by 67%.

Money from the Breweries is held up pending transfer of titles from Irish Centre Hostels Ltd. to Irish Centre.

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FUND RAISING

Mr.Williams of Craigmyle, is presenting a report to a meeting on Thursday.

Good progress has been made in setting up the Appeal and Patronal Committee's. Some progress had been made in Ireland and in New York.

Cardinal Hume has agreed to act as a Patron and Cardinal O'Fiaich is ready to start work immediately.

The Ambassador is also taking a special interest in the Irish Centre case for funds.

An Appeal brochure is to be printed.

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McNAMARA HALL

A discussion took place about the date of availability and the use of the new hall. It must be used every day and every night of the week. Advertising should now begin, as it will take time to get it into full swing.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fr.Cagney invited the Committee to meet for mass at the Centre on Sunday 17th June followed by a site visit and lunch. A meeting would follow to discuss the practical aspects. This was accepted.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10th. July 1979 at 8.p.m.

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 10/7/1979

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 10TH. JULY 1979.

PRESENT

MR.M.MORONEY	CHAIRMAN
MR.T.DUNNE	VICE CHAIRMAN
FR.W.CAGNEY	TREASURER
MR.G.O'FLYNN	HON.SECRETARY
FR.J.GORDAN, FR.A.WOODS, MR.T.DEVINE, MR.D.EGAN, MISS M. KENNY, MR.L.MARTIN, MR.S.TROY.	

IN ATTENDANCE

FR.F.RYAN, SR. JOAN.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr.M.Brunton Mr.P,Keegan.

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MINUTES

The minutes of the June meeting having been circulated were taken as read and adopted on a proposal by Mr.T.Devine seconded by Mr.T.Dunne.

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MATTERS ARISING

Arising out of the reference to secretarial and receptionist problems, Fr.Woods pointed out that the concept of an Irish Centre evolved from a meeting of the Irish priests Committee which he had called. He felt that this source of help and revenue was virtually untapped. Recently he had sent 5 books of tickets for the car raffle to the priests of Southwark Archdiocese and there had been a 75% response.

He suggested that the Irish priests be circularised and invited to the Irish Centre for a meal and a talk and he felt sure that they would introduce many voluntary helpers. They might also run functions in their parish halls.

It was agreed that September/October would be the best time for such a meeting and Fr.Woods and Fr.Gordan undertook to contact the Irish priests in their respective dioceses.

Fr.Woods suggested also that a prayer leaflet be produced and a special mass be celebrated on the feast day of St. Oliver Plunkett.

In response to a query by Fr.Woods, Fr.Cagney explained the purpose and make up of the Patronal Committee.

Mr.T.Devine said the Mayor of Camden would be glad to join the Committee.

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CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Director of Social Services of the London Borough of Islington announcing the discontinuation of the grant aid which the Centre had been receiving from the Council.

Letters were received from Councillors Neress, Haynes and King, concerning this decision and regretting the lack of support for the Centre by Councillors of Irish origin or connections.

A quotation for cutlery, crockery etc. had been received from Harris of Birmingham and will be discussed with Alec Soars.

J.F.A. Bateman & Co. (Solicitors) requested further information which the Charity Commissioners required in connection with the loans from the Breweries. It is hoped that the transfer of the deeds can be completed in 14 days.

WELFARE REPORTS.

GIRLS HOSTEL

Sr. Joan reported that the hostel was full to capacity and everything was going smoothly. A number of the girls helped in ticket selling in Roundwood Park.

IRISH CENTRE

Sr. reported another very busy month with a total of 291 interviews. There were 164 new applicants including 72 students looking for holiday work. They were a problem because they were too hard to satisfy. 145 sought accommodation, 133 were placed

The remainder were families. 4 sought repatriation, 2 with long psychiatric histories were repatriated. 38 hostel, 18 home and 2 hospital visits were made.

The Social workers with the London Borough of Islington want a meeting at the Irish Centre to form a pressure group, to recover the grant which is being discontinued.

Sr. sought advice about what to do for a man who though physically quite well has suffered brain damage as the result of an accident and is unable to look after his affairs. He has a lot of investments but his people in Ireland do not want to be bothered.

All his effects are with the Allied Irish Bank who are prepared to administer his affairs provided they are sorted out properly. Mr. T. Dunne suggested we consult our solicitor.

Another problem was presented by a family which left its home in Northern Ireland because of intimidation. They moved to Wandsworth but the Council there refused them accommodation because they had "voluntarily" left their home in Northern Ireland.

Mr. T. Devine said he would have them housed in Camden in 6 weeks of their getting an address in the Borough. Sr. will progress this with Mr. Devine.

Fr. Woods said an approach should be made to the London Borough of Wandsworth on this matter.

A temporary receptionist has been engaged for 2 months but a permanent appointment is essential.

The Welfare worker being seconded by Bishop Birch is visiting the Centre on 23rd. July.

HOPE HOUSE.

Fr. Ryan reported a very busy month. Accommodation is very difficult. 45 new residents were admitted, 35 left. Many students sought accommodation and work.

The Patrician Brass Band from Galway was accommodated for six nights and proved themselves very well behaved.

Mr. O'Flynn said he had been asked by the Director of the band to pass on their very sincere thanks to Fr. Ryan and to the staff of Hope House for the wonderful way they looked after the members of the band.

A problem had been encountered with a man from Northern Ireland who had been arrested by the police while travelling to Germany and detained for 48 hours without access to anybody. He was in a bad state when released.

A final year student had requested accommodation and it was generally agreed that a small percentage of students would be an advantage. Sr. Joan did not agree.

CLUB REPORT

Miss M. Kenny reported that takings for the month amounted to £846.89. Three jackpot prizes had been paid resulting in a loss of £19.10 on Bingo. A profit of approximately £440 was made of the buffet/social held for the building fund. The Club Committee were warmly commented for their great effort

For personal reasons John Tatum, Chairman of the Club Committee has had to resign. The necessary steps will be taken to appoint a replacement.

ADJOINING PROPERTY

Progress on the buildings continues to be good. Community Housing Association are cleaning up their section. Work has started on the kitchens and plastering of the McNamara Hall is well ahead. The contractors say they are still on schedule.

Fr. Woods proposed and Miss M. Kenny seconded that steps be taken to repair the upstairs toilets as quickly as possible. This is necessary in order to relieve the problems being experienced by organisers of functions in the John F. Kennedy hall.

Mr. L. Martin and Mr. D. Egan are to inspect and advise. Miss Kenny reported that damage had been done to the electrical fittings for the amplification system and repairs were urgently needed.

MEDWAY STREET

Mr. D. Egan said he had nothing to report. There were no problems and work was on schedule.

Mr. L. Martin is making a site visit on 11th. July.

FINANCE

There was no report as Fr. Cagney had been in Ireland. The current account is in credit.

FUND RAISING

Mr. T. Dunne reported that Messrs Craignyle had suggested that we appoint our own fund-raisers and Fr. Cagney and Fr. Sheridan had been appointed on a full time basis. Craignyle will stay on as consultants.

Earlier in the evening a meeting called by the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, Mr. Denis Lowery, had been held and six well disposed, enthusiastic gentlemen had attended.

The Chairman presented a comprehensive slide programme of the development and the whole question of development, finance, and fund-raising was very critically examined and prospects assessed.

Those in attendance are prepared to join a Fund-Raising Committee which should comprise 20 members.

A new strategy was suggested and the Consultants were instructed to prepare and produce a strategy document in line with the suggestions made at the meeting. They visualised a three stage five year programme. A revised brochure would now be prepared and the Appeal would be launched probably at a dinner.

The nucleus of Fund-Raising Committees in Ireland and the U.S.A. were lined up but it was agreed that we must prove ourselves here before going out in Ireland and the U.S.A.

The contractors for the Consultants involvement is now being drawn up.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr.D.Egan queried whether any improvement has taken place with regard to the problem of getting doctors to attend urgent Welfarecases. Fr.Ryan said a list is being prepared. Sr. Anna Marie is helping out in Hope House.

In reply to questions by Mr.S.Troy Fr. agney said that the builders are confident that they can hand over the New Hall in early October.

A Catering Manager has been appointed, generally to run the Irish Centre on a professional basis. Part of his duties will be to procure business. Standards must be right from the start and the new hall must be in use every night.

A vote of sympathy was passed with the widow of the late Mr. Chalres Kennedy of the Irish Heritage and Irish Embassy, proposed by Mr.T.Dunne and seconded by Mr.M.Moroney.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting Tuesday 14th. August 8.p.m.

M.Moroney 14/8/1979

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 14TH AUGUST 1979.

PRESENT. Mr M Moroney, Fr Cagney, Mr Liam Martin, Mr M Brunton,
Miss M Kenny, Mr T Devine. IN ATTENDANCE : Stacia, Fr Butler.

S Troy (present)
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE :

Tommy Dunne, D. Egan, R Marke, P. Keegan, Fr Gordon, G. O'Flynn,
Fr Ryan,

MINUTES :

The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated
were taken as read.

MATTERS ARISING.

The trading surplus on the Club Buffet should now read
£407.00.

Local priests had not been invited to the Irish Centre for
entertainment so far. A submission was being made to His
Eminence the Cardinal.

CORRESPONDENCE.

This would be taken at the relevant time.

REPORTS FROM THE HOSTELS.

Rents from the Girls Hostel came to £1,360.00. There were
1,083 bed-nights for the month. One girl was re-housed. The
Girls Hostel was full since July. Fourteen girls had got flats.

There were 154 new clients at the Irish Centre, making up a
total of 219. 117 wanted accommodation and 71 were in search
of work. There were 6 home visits, 34 hostel visits and 6
hospital visits. Sr Joan was on holiday. A student social
worker filled in during the holiday period. A Chat - show
on Capital Radio was very successful - favourable comment was
heard from Dublin where the programme was heard.

There was no report from Hope House.

Miss Kenny gave the Club Report. Bingo £303.60 ; but the loss
of the Jackpot reduced that to £203.60 ; Cover charge £416.30 ;
Raffles £457.17 ; OAP raffle £.87 ; Membership £4.30 making a
total of £1,148.24. This total was about £300 up. The prospect
was good - the young people were coming in now. Brian Tutte
was doing a good job and was looking after the youth. There is
a place for the youth at the Irish Centre - better have them come
here than into the public houses. The Federation of Irish
Societies were doing a Seminar on Youth.

ADJOINING PROPERTY.

Reference was made to the special meeting and the Mass. The
Accountant had produced an interim balance sheet. The CHA
property was transferred for £100,000, £25,000 of which to go
to Hope House. The breweries were actively transferring grants.
Courages - £15,000 already given and the remainder to be transferred
with an week. Whitbreads £44,000 was in the hands of their solic-
itor. The £50,000 of Charringtons was to be with the Irish Centre
before the end of the month. £147,000 was due to Murphy's and
£15,000 was to be paid for the cutlery and crockery.

The Pope had been asked to send a greeting as he passed over Britain.

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FUND - RAISING.

Work on the fund - raising project has been stopped as so many people were away. The banks were invited to participate in the fund - raising. The Bank of Ireland was asked for £50,000. A covenanted deposit would return £100 worth plus £42. The fund - raising company now seemed to think that raising cash from events would be more profitable than from persons. Nevertheless more Directors were needed because of the tax rebate. The Irish Banks were helpful in opening the gates to other banks.

A projected Fro - Am golf tournament would produce £15,000 - £20,000. The All - Stars were coming from Ireland to play against a team in London. This would be in conjunction with a function at the National Ballroom. There would be 3,000 tickets for this function at £2.00 each. Nothing should be undertaken that might prejudice any action that might be taken by the Irish Government.

The Press would not be approached until about 40% of the target sum would be achieved. There would then be a splash with an announcement in the Press. Westminster Cathedral adopted this method and it proved successful. Murphy's Contractors have been very patient. They are more satisfied now.

Eamonn Andrews would be interested in compering events gratis and would be able to seek a slice of the £250,000 available from the TV companies. This amount could be sought direct through Eamonn Andrews or through the Embassy. Perhaps it might be a good thing to have Eamonn Andrews on the fund - raising committee. But it is now up to each one to get moving on the fund - raising.

Cardinal O'Fiaich was anxious to get on with the fund - raising. Bishop Casey thinks the Government has let him down and is anxious that this should not happen again. The Cardinal will over - ride the bishop in this matter.

The Building itself is coming on fairly well. The plumbing is giving trouble. The date for the hand - over is 1st October 1979. And the building will be ready. Kitchen materials are coming in today. The builders are satisfied they will have the kitchen in a useable state.

There was a suggestion that wall paper should be put up on the walls with ⁱⁿ the area between the pillars. This would cost a little extra but it would warm up the hall. 40 or 50 rolls would do the job but it would cost £40 to £50 a roll. The Administrative committee should have a look at it. Members could bring their wives with them. Another idea put forward was the fixing of mirrors in those spaces.

It was suggested that there should be an inspection of the hall after 11:00 am Mass next Sunday - arrangements to be made with the Architects so that lights would be on etc.

CATERING MANAGER.

While the first official function in the McNamara Hall was on 17th October there should be a promotion to advertise the Hall. The Press, the Irish organisations, the appeals committee etc should be invited making up a number of about 300. There should be an opportunity for representatives of the public to see the place in action.

DECOR.

There should be a basic theme running through the decor. Perhaps a series of prints could be fixed in order round the hall. These could also be plaques of the Counties. Killarney were presenting a painting on 17th October. But there should be a well - conceived

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theme throughout the hall. This would lend a unique quality to the hall, ...witness Dublin Bar in the Tara Hotel. The Gresham Ballroom has a most striking colour print behind the stage - most remarkable.

MEDWAY STREET.

The building seems to be on target for 9th June 1980. The partitions are complete on the top floor, the roofing is 90% complete. Good progress has been made and the cash is paid up to date.

HOPE HOUSE.

The Department of the Environment wanted a fresh application to be made for dining facilities, kitchen facilities, heating and new entrance. The rest of the application would be maintenance.

BOOKINGS.

There should be a small charge if any booking was cancelled within six weeks of the event. This charge would be over-looked if there was a full re-booking for the same night. Three months notice should be given should any price change be made on meals etc. A house - wine should be introduced of fairly good quality but of a less pricey tag.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Date of the next meeting Tuesday 11st September 1979.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE
ON TUESDAY 11TH. SEPTEMBER 1979.

PRESENT

MR.M.MORONEY
REV.W.CAGNEY
MR.P.KEEGAN
MR.G.O'FLYNN
REV.P.CASSIDY,MR.D.EGAN,MISS M.KENNY,MR.S.TROY.

CHAIRMAN
TREASURER
HON.ACCOUNTANT
HON.SECRETARY

IN ATTENDANCE

SR.JOAN,MISS M. O'BRIEN.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MR.T.DUNNE, MR.L.MARTIN.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the August meeting were taken as read and adopted on a proposal by Mr.P.Keegan,seconded by Miss M.Kenny.

3 MATTERS ARISING

NONE.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Mr.J.P.Gleeson tendering his resignation from the position of Trustee, because of other heavy committments.

The Chairman expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Committee for all Mr.Gleeson's concern and help to the Centre over the years.

It was pointed out that there were now vacancies for two Trustees and it was decided to defer the matter to the next meeting to give members an opportunity to consider replacemnts.

5 WELFARE REPORTS.

HOPE HOUSE.

There was no report because Fr.Ryan was on holiday.

GIRLS HOSTEL

Sr.Joan reported that after being full during the Summer the Hostel now had five or six vacancies.

Rents for the month amounted to £1,526.

The Hostel is now faced with massive maintenance problems, some of the windows are in danger of falling in, kit men sinks are blocked,the meters in the kitchen are in a bad state,the cookers need replacing and should not have meters,decorating is badly needed. There could be a slight increase in rents to compensate for the loss of revenue from the cooker meters.

Fr. cagney will arrange for Fr.Ryan and the maintenance man to make an early inspection.

IRISH CENTRE.

During the month there were 103 new applicants with 176 interviews

87 sought accommodation, 85 were placed.
52 sought work, 52 were placed.

The problems encountered included marital, drink, drugs and psychiatric cases.

At this stage the Chairman welcomed Miss Maureen O'Brien the Social Worker, who is on loan for a year from Kilkenny and hoped she would enjoy her stay at the Centre.

Sr. Joan said there was still no typing help and very little night or day reception help.

Fr. Cagney said that an elderly lady had just started work as receptionist/telephonist. Doubts were expressed about her suitability but she would be given a trial.

The receptionist's job is very important and one should be available from 9.a.m. to 10.30.p.m.. It is hoped that voluntary helpers would cover the evening hours (5.30.-10.30.p.m.).

6 CLUB REPORT

Takings for the month of August amounted to £1,205.73.

Bingo (after 1 jackpot)	233.45
Raffles	408.31
O.A.P. Raffles	50.22
C.C.D.H.L.	494.70
Membarship	19.05
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	£1205.73

The band costs £220 per week.

The air conditioning in the Douglas Hyde Lounge is not functioning properly.

Miss Nenny thought this might be an appropriate time to consider increasing the Club membership fee.

7 ADJOINING PROPERTY.

The Contractors and Architects are confident that the McNamara Hall and kitchens will be ready by the 7th. October.

Our Solicitor has been very dilatory in preparing the documents relative to the loans from the Breweries.

The Contractors (J. Murphy & Sons) will charge interest on overdue payments.

8 MEDWAY STREET

No Report

9 FINANCE

Mr. Keegan presented accounts for the half year to 30th. June 1979. These showed big increases in bank interest and salaries. Bar gross profit also showed an increase.

Expenditure on development was as follows :-

Paid to date	651,169
Work done but not paid for	185,287
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Work still to be done	150,000
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	986,456

Of that expenditure the Centre itself has funded £254,000.

Interest charges have amounted to £30,000 approx.

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FUND RAISING

The first meeting of the Appeals Committee had taken place. The eleven members were very enthusiastic. Ten more members were needed. They were isolating the professionals and each member is to have a specific role. Three covenants had been received and a £50,000 donation promised.

An Events person has been appointed on a voluntary basis.

A Gala Charity Night has been arranged for the National Club, Kilburn, on Tuesday October 9th.. This will be preceded at 7.p.m. by a football match at Willesden Sports Centre between the Jimmy Magee All Stars and a Dennis Waterman team.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fr. Cagney referred to an article in the Irish Weekly Examiner. He had no prior knowledge of it and it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Editor disclaiming responsibility and expressing dissatisfaction at the tone.

19 bookings have been made for the McNamara Hall before Christmas. It was agreed to have an open night and a P.R. function before the middle of October.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Because of the Gala Night on the 9th. October it was agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday 8th. October 1979.

Murphy 8/10/1979

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE
ON MONDAY 8TH. OCTOBER 1979

PRESENT MR.M.MORONEY CHAIRMAN
MR.T.DUNNE VICE CHAIRMAN
MR.P.KEEGAN HON.ACCOUNTANT
MR.G.O'FLYNN HON.SECRETARY
REV.J.GORDAN, MISS M.KENNY, MR.M.BRUNTON, MR.D.EGAN,
MR.L.MARTIN, MR.S.TROY.

IN ATTENDANCE

REV.P.SHERIDAN, REV.F.RYAN, MISS S.CRICKLEY.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

REV.W.CAGNEY, REV.P.CASSIDY.

2 MINUTES

On a proposal by Mr.T.Dunne, seconded by Mr.M.Brunton the minutes of the September meeting were taken as read and were adopted.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Further to the resignation of Mr.J.P.Gleeson from the position of Trustee, it was proposed by Mr.M.Brunton and seconded by Miss M.Kenny and agreed unanimously that Mr.D.O'Riordan be invited to allow his name to be submitted to His Eminence the Cardinal for appointment as a Trustee.

Consideration of the appointment of a fourth Trustee was deferred to the next meeting.

Mr.Bateman is no longer acting as solicitor for the Irish Centre and Mr.C.Anthony Prince, C.Anthony Prince & Co., 77, Uxbridge Rd., London W5., has been appointed to replace him.

The balance of the loan monies has not yet been received from the breweries.

Fr.Cagney has written to the Editor of the Irish Weekly concerning the article that had been published about the alleged lack of support for the Irish Centre from the Irish in London.

Mr.James Whelan, London Editor of the Irish Weekly had been upset by the report.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

Keith Roberts has written asking for instructions regarding the next phase of the development.

Courages have increased their loan offer to £44,000 on the same terms.

The McNamara hall must be inspected by the Licensing Authority before the licence is granted.

The Bank of Ireland pointed out that the payment of the half yearly interest is now due.

WELFARE REPORTSGIRLS HOSTEL, HORNSEY LANE GARDENS

During the month 33 residents had left. 3 had gone to Greece for the winter and 3 more were following them. 3 had moved into flats and 3 had gone home.

The Sisters are hoping that the maintenance work will be done quickly.

Fr. Ryan reported that a new electric cooker (without meter) had been ordered. There had been a spillage of fuel oil due to a faulty storage tank and Fr. Ryan felt that it would be advisable to change over to gas. One water storage tank in the loft is in a dangerous condition.

The housekeeper is leaving.

IRISH CENTRE

During the month there were 85 new applicants, 62 male 23 female. There were 171 interviews, 42 hostel visits, 4 home visits and 3 hospital visits.

The majority of the applicants were in the 18-25 age group. 34 were one week in England.

77 sought accommodation 72 were placed
 35 sought work 34 were placed
 112 sought advice, 4 were referred to other agencies,
 4 single mothers and 5 missing persons enquiries.

The missing persons enquiries involved a lot of work but the Salvation Army were very helpful.

Miss Crickley presented a report on the Piccadilly Advice Centre which it was hoped would open this month. She recommended close co-operation with the Centre which promises to be very useful in rescuing young people - many of them Irish - before they get caught up in the West End "scene".

The Committee agreed to support Miss Crickley as much as possible in her efforts to help the Piccadilly Advice Centre.

The Federation of Irish Societies Welfare Committee Annual Congress will take place on Saturday 27th October commencing at 10.45 a.m.. The venue is the Irish Centre.

The theme of the Congress is "Returning to Ireland" and a number of prominent Welfare Workers from Ireland will speak.

Fr. Sheridan is Chairman of the Committee and Miss Crickley is Hon. Secretary.

A bill for £103 had been received for posters being displayed at Euston Station. A donation of £50 had been received and it was agreed to pay the balance of £53 proposed by Fr. Gordan and seconded by Mr. S. Troy.

Problems were still being experienced in the reception and typing areas. Fr. Sheridan was confident he could find a receptionist and he would discuss it with Fr. Cagney. He complimented the Welfare officers on their tremendous work in difficult circumstances.

Miss Crickley hoped that the next stage of the development of the Irish Centre (in the Welfare Dept.) would go ahead without delay. She reminded the meeting that there were already some funds available.

Fr. Sheridan invited all the members of the Committee to attend the Federation Welfare Congress. Lunch would be available for £2.50 by prior booking.

HOPE HOUSE.

There were 44 new arrivals during the month. Numbers were down because students had gone home. One resident had died of pneumonia after an epileptic fit.

The Housing Corporation have approved the development plans. (£357,000)

The Hostels Committee have decided to change the name to Conway House.

Fr. Ryan wants to ascertain whether the Girls Hostel at Hornsey Lane Gardens is paying its way and wants to open a separate bank account for it. For that purpose a resolution is required that "The Bank of Ireland be instructed to open an account for Marion House with Fr. Ryan and Fr. Cagney as the signatories".

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CLUB REPORT

Nett takings for the month amounted to £1234.88.
Bingo £322.80 from which 2 jackpots (£200) were paid.

Cover charge	474.20
Raffles	532.91
O.A.P. Raffles	88.97
Membership	16.00

Fr. Sheridan said there was nothing clear in the Club regarding bookings and it was essential that a meeting of all concerned should be held without delay to sort out the problems properly and frequently.

The Douglas Hyde Lounge is packed to capacity on Saturday nights, while the J.F. Kennedy hall is sometimes free on Saturday nights.

Could the ballad sessions not be transferred on these nights.?

A query has arisen regarding a booking by the Roscommon Association who wanted a prompt clarification. The Chairman would look into this and clarify it with Mr. Eddie Naughton (Roscommon Chairman).

It was agreed that a special meeting be held on Thursday 11th. or Monday 15th. October. Invited to attend; all the members of the Administrative Committee, the Chairman and Secretary of the Club Committee, the Catering Manager and Mr. John O'Shea, Bar Manager.

The minimum number for the McNamara hall must be decided.

Charge for the use of the McNamara hall will be £60.
Thursday nights will be used for big bands.

Mr. Keegan raised the question of maintenance of the air conditioning system in the Douglas Hyde Lounge.
It was agreed to raise the matter with the suppliers of the conditioning to the McNamara hall.

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ADJOINING PROPERTY

It was hoped that the McNamara hall would be ready for the "Open Night" on the 10th. October.

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MEDWAY STREET

Mr. D. Egan reported that work was on programme with no major problems. He warned that holdups usually happen in the later stages of a contract such as this.

Mr. Egan and Mr. Martin are meeting the architects on 17th. October.

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FINANCE

NO REPORT

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FUND RAISING

Fund raising has not really got off the ground as yet. Mr. T. Dunne has completed his brief and things are now beginning to take shape.

A.I.B. have promised a donation and are explaining the possibility of making it under Covenant, which would be very much to the advantage of the Irish Centre. It is hoped that the Bank of Ireland will follow suit.

Printing of the necessary paper is now being done.

It was felt that membership of the Fund Raising Committee should be increased from its present number (10) to 21.

Fr. Sheridan said that many people were willing to help but they did not know how to go about it. It is essential that full information be available on organisation, progress and developments so far. Each of us has full responsibility for raising money by getting names of possible donors and by every other possible means. The finances of the Centre are in a desperate state and all well wishers must be enroled to save the situation.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13th. November 1979

W. Murphy 13/11/1979

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE
ON TUESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER 1979

PRESENT MR. M. MORONEY CHAIRMAN
MR. T. DUNNE VICE CHAIRMAN
REV. W. J. CAGNEY TREASURER
MR. P. KEEGAN HON. ACCOUNTANT
MR. G. O'FLYNN HON. SECRETARY

REV. A. WOODS, MR. M. BRUNTON, MR. T. DEVINE, MR. D. EGAN,
MISS M. KENNY, MR. L. MARTIN.

IN ATTENDANCE

SR. JOAN, MISS S. CRICKLEY, REV. J. BUTLER, REV. F. RYAN.

I. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

REV. J. GORDAN.

2. MINUTES

Fr. Cagney expressed regret that due to an oversight the minutes had not been circulated. Members were given an opportunity to read them and then adopted them on a proposal by Mr. T. Dunne, seconded by Miss M. Kenny.

3. MATTERS ARISING

It was decided to ignore a further article by Tom Tobin in the Irish Weekly.

The meeting planned for October regarding the use of the McNamara Hall did not take place.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Dealt with under appropriate headings.

5. WELFARE REPORTS

The Irish Centre

Sr. Joan dispersed with the usual report as she wanted to make some general points in preparations for the visit next day by the Committee which has been appointed by the Irish Government to decide the distribution of the funds voted for payment of social workers in the various Irish Centres.

Sr. Joan and Miss Crickley submitted details of the salary structure for social workers, also a report on present and hoped for future facilities in the Welfare Department. Three social workers are now required. Areas of entry to the salary structure for our social workers were suggested and were unanimously agreed on; a proposition by Mr. T. Devine, seconded by Mr. P. Keegan.

Sr. Joan again referred to the complete lack of secretarial help which was essential as a back up service for the social workers.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Devine, seconded by Mr. T. Dunne that a part-time typist be appointed. This was agreed and Miss Crickley will arrange the appointment and salary for approval at our next meeting.

A receptionist is also required.

5. WELFARE REPORTS CONT..

Girls Hostel

No report available because of meetings the previous day, Mr. P. Keegan said that to facilitate costing a separate bank account had been opened. Also the cost of changing from oil to gas would be prohibitive.

Hope House

No report because of meetings.

6. CLUB REPORT

Miss M. Kenny reported that takings for the month amounted to: £1533.35.

Bingo	£391.40
Cover charges	£445.90
Raffles	£551.56
O.A.P. Raffles	£80.09
Membership	£64.40

Music in the Douglas Hyde Lounge, at weekends, costs £220 per weekend.

A Folk and Traditional night had been introduced very successfully. It attracted alot of young people.

Varying reports had been received regarding the acoustics in the McNamara Hall. Water and heating had been causing problems but it was hoped they would be speedily resolved.

7. ADJOINING PROPERTY

A complaint was received from G.L.C. regarding the use of the McNamara Hall before completion. The Certificate of Practical Completion has now been received.

The rear exit from the McNamara Hall is being used as the entrance temporarily. Storage of furniture at this end is now a problem. The Chairman suggested that possibly a porta-cabin might be used.

Our Insurers have been notified of the handing over of the Hall and cover has been arranged as follows:-

Building	£500,000
Contents	12,000

It was agreed to increase the cover on the buildings to £750,000.

A fees bill was received from Colin Graham Associated with a reminder regarding a previous bill.

Our new solicitors, Messrs C. Anthony Prince & Co., have now taken on negotiations with the Breweries and have received the first half of the advance from Charingtons.

They are also dealing with the question of the various licences required. The general Restaurant licence will be applied for in the name of 'John O'Shea'.

The Committee expressed appreciation of the prompt service received from Messrs. Prince.

A bill for fees was received from our former solicitors, Messrs. J. F. A. Bateman & Co., and it was agreed to submit it to Messrs. Prince for advice.

7. ADJOINING PROPERTY CONT..

Fr. Cagney said that definite guide lines for the use of the Mc Namara Hall must be laid down. It was agreed to hold a meeting of the Committee plus the Chairman and Secretary of the Club Committee on Monday 19th November, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.. The Bar Manager and Chef would be available.

Disatisfaction was expressed regarding the performance by the Catering Manager, the Chairman proposed and Mr. P. Keegan seconded that he be discharged. This was agreed and Fr. Cagney is to get advice from our Solicitor on the matter.

A visit has been made, to the Centre, by members of the Inter-Departmental Committee set up by the Eire Government to review our application for a Government grant.

8. MEDWAY STREET

A problem has arisen because the design of the basement does not comply with the requirements of the Public Health Acts. This involves some redesigning and marginal construction alterations. The question of responsibility for the extra cost (approx £6,000) has not been decided but it is hoped that the Housing Corporation will pay.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Egan have given instructions for the work to be carried out and their action was approved by the Committee.

Mr. Martin referred to the Minutes of the last site meeting in which it was stated that the Irish Centre had approved the cost involved (£5,000) in switching around the hall and the flat. This was not given approval.

The contractors are three weeks behind schedule but they say they will pull it back. This is doubtful.

Internal communication in the hostel will be by way of telephone extensions to strategic points on all floors. The furniture for the new building is now becoming available.

9&10. FINANCE & FUND-RAISING

It is hoped that the Appeal Function can be held during the first week in December. Cardinal O'Fiaich will endeavour to attend.

Two major donations of £25,000 each (under Covenant) have been guaranteed.

Takings from the Jimmy McGee's Allstars Function, at the National Club, amounted to £3,100.

Mr. P. Keegan presented the accounts for the period to 30th September 1979. These showed an excess of expenditure over income of £26,779 as against £1,582 for the corresponding period in 1978. This was accounted for principally by an increase in bank interest. Salaries had also increased considerably.

II. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Constitution for the London Irish Festival is to be processed by Messrs. C. A. Prince & Co..

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 19th November (re: McNamara Hall)

Tuesday, 11th December 1979.

McMoroney 11/12/1979

DRAFT MINUTE OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE IRISH CENTRE

1. It was resolved that the Irish Centre would pay J. Murphy & Sons (Contractors) Limited interest at 3% over the National Westminster base rate from the contractual date of payment till the actual date of payment.

Melloroney Chairman
G. O'Flynn Secretary

2. It was resolved that all monies received from the Appeal Committee, in respect of the building programme, be promptly paid to J. Murphy & Sons (Contractors) Limited in satisfaction of the monies owing to them under their building contract and any interest accruing thereon.

Melloroney Chairman
G. O'Flynn Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE
ON TUESDAY, IITH DECEMBER 1979

<u>PRESENT</u>	MR. M. MORONEY	CHAIRMAN
	REV. W. CAGNEY	TREASURER
	MR. P. KEEGAN	HON. ACCOUNTANT
	MR. G. O'FLYNN	HON. SECRETARY

REV. P. CASSIDY, REV. J. GORDON, MR. M. BRUNTON,
MR. T. DEVINE, MR. D. EGAN, MISS M. KENNY.

IN ATTENDANCE

MISS M. O'BRIEN, REV. F. RYAN, REV. J. BUTLER.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MR. T. DUNNE, MR. L. MARTIN, MR. S. TROY.

2. MINUTES

The minutes having been circulated were taken as read and adopted on a proposition by Rev. P. Cassidy, seconded by Miss M. Kenny.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None.

At this stage the Chairman (Mr. M. Moroney) proposed a vote of sympathy with the widow of the recently deceased Mr. Michael Casey, a former Hon. Secretary of the Irish seconded by Mr. G. O'Flynn.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Cardinal O'Fiaich regretting that he would be unable to visit London before Christmas. The Appeal Launching Function is now being planned for mid March.

The Secretary of the Committee which visited the Centre recently wrote expressing thanks and appreciation for the welcome and co-operation received.

Sealink wrote to say that because of the drop in passenger carryings during 1979 (to date) it is unlikely that any funds will be forthcoming this year.

Carole Easton (Photographer) said that patrons of the Irish Centre had complained to her that they had not received photographs for which they had paid. Fr. Cagney will bring this point to the notice of the associations concerned.

Messrs. C. Anthony Prince and Co., Solicitors, reported that the application for the restaurant licence in the name of Mr. John O'Shea will proceed on 8th January 1980. They submitted a bill of costs in the sum of £166.75 in respect of occasional licences.

5. WELFARE REPORTS

The Irish Centre

Miss M. O'Brien reported that during the month of November there were 111 callers; 66 male, 45 female, 35 were married, 92 first time applicants and 8 non-Irish. Accomodation was the big problem and it was found except in a few cases.

It had been arranged that Mrs. F. D'Arcy would do 5 hours secretarial work weekly for the Welfare Department at £2.50 per hour.

5. WELFARE REPORT Cont...

Girls Hostel

No financial report.

The hostel was very full during the month with only a few vacancies.

An exploratory meeting of the welfare workers with Sr. Anthony, Fr. Butler and Fr. Ryan had been held to assess the situation of the Hornsey Lane Gardens Hostel, when the Medway Street Hostel would open.

Conway House

The Hostel's year ended on 30th November and Fr. Ryan expects to have the Annual Report ready by the end of January.

During the year 656 persons were accommodated (an increase of 30%). 84 were under 18, 346 between 18-25, 97 over 40, 86 non-Irish.

There were no spare beds during the year which meant a high strain on the management and staff.

Returns for the first 9 months show that the hostel is running according to budget.

In reply to a query by Mr. T. Devine, Fr. Ryan said that no records were kept of callers who could not be accommodated. During cold weather large numbers came from 'squats'. They usually had drink or drugs problems.

Good progress is being made regarding the building. A fire alarm system is being fitted in the new wing. It will cost £184,000 to do up the old building.

6. CLUB REPORT

Miss M. Kenny reported takings for the month were as follows:-

Bingo (less one jackpot)	£323.80
Raffles	470.41
Cover Charges	345.70
O.A.P. Raffles	81.26
Membership	48.90
	<u>£1270.07</u>

In reply to a query Miss M. Kenny said that tax had been deducted before the above figures were arrived at.

Miss M. Kenny asked that something should be done to brighten up the Douglas Hyde Lounge before Christmas. It is in a filthy state and the furniture is getting very tatty. The Chairman and Fr. Cagney will look into the matter.

Fr. Cagney reported that a robbery had taken place since the last meeting. £1,115 in cash had been taken as well as £110 worth of spirits. The police were notified, the locks were changed and a claim submitted to our insurers.

7. ADJOINING PROPERTY

Building workers are still on site, maintenance work is still being carried out, the heating system is still not working satisfactorily. These things make conditions difficult and disagreeable for residents, staff etc..

7. ADJOINING PROPERTY Cont. . . .

Messrs. C. Anthony Prince & Co. submitted a draft of a letter which should be sent to Messrs. J. F. A. Bateman requesting them to submit a remuneration certificate in respect of the bill of costs which they had submitted.

Messrs Prince & Co. are pressing Harrow Land Registry for documentation in an effort to get release of the balance of the loans from the Brewers.

Messrs. J. Murphy & Sons Ltd. wrote requesting clarification of the financial situation with particular reference to monies owing to them in respect of building services provided and interest on overdue accounts.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:-

I. It was resolved that the Irish Centre would pay J. Murphy & Sons (Contractors) Ltd. interest at 3% over the National Westminster Base Rate from the contractual date of payment till the actual date of payment.
Proposer: M. Brunton
Seconder: T. Devine

2. It was resolved that all monies received from the Appeal Committee, in respect of the building programme, be promptly paid to J. Murphy & Sons (Contractors) Limited in satisfaction of the monies owing to them under their building contract and any interest ^{account} ~~according~~ thereon.

Messrs. Murphy will accept payment as money comes in, provided they are first in line. They will be satisfied if payment is completed by the end of March. We now owe them £200,000. Our Bankers are happy with the arrangement.

A fees account in the sum of £13,973.54 was received from Keith Roberts & Associates.

Colin Graham Associates have approved the appointment of Mr. Lodge as Mechanical Services Maintenance Engineer, and of Mr. Wraith as Electrical Services Maintenance Engineer. Both gentlemen have been supplied with the necessary manuals and drawings.

Hornton Cavell (Kitchen consultants) have offered to credit one months design fee and 50% of the fee re; ^{approach} ~~approachment~~ of Mr. Ward, Catering Manager, who has now been discharged

It is found that the new kitchen is much too small to cater for both halls.

8. Medway Street

Mr. D. Egan reported that the contractors are at least four weeks behind programme and are unlikely to complete on time, even though they insist they will.

9&10 Finance and Fund Raising

£94,000 is expected shortly from the Brewers and another donation of £25,000. £1,000 has been received from the Irish Centre Golfing Society and £400 from the Roscommon Association.

The McNamara Hall is making profit and favourable comments have been received about the meals provided.

Costings for the quarter ended 30th September 1979 showed the following results: Bars 7.9% net profit

Functions 3.0% net profit.

Mr. T. Devine said that in present conditions the figures were very good but must be improved. Purchasing must be constantly under review as must bar prices etc..

Finance & Fund Raising Cont.. ..

Mrs. D'Arcy has been appointed Catering Manageress and is proving quite good. A good relationship has sprung up between her and the Bar Manager and the Cef. They work well together and hold regular meetings.

An Agreement has been reached with EEC Ltd. for the raising of funds. EEC Ltd. will undertake the complete planning organisation, publicity and promotion of fund raising activities subject to the overall supervision of the Irish Centre Development Appeals Committee. EEC Ltd. will be paid £1,000 per month for a period of two years plus 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ % of net profit.

Mr. T. Devine proposed and Rev. J. Gordon seconded that we enter into this agreement with EEC Ltd. and this was unanimously agreed.

It is now hoped that the Appeal will be launched at a function in the McNamara Hall early in March.

An Events Sub-Committee is now being formed. Events being planned include an "All Star" Event, Cheltenham Night, International Darts Tournament, Pro-Am Golf.

II. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fr. Cagney reported to the delight of the meeting that Dr. L. Morton had agreed to act as a Trustee and on a proposition by Mr. P. Keegan seconded by Mr. T. Devine it was unanimously agreed to recommend him to the Patrons. Our Solicitor will take the necessary action.

Fr. Cagney produced a document showing the structure and services of the Centre in detail. He felt it was important to involve the members of the Administrative Committee more closely with the running of the Centre. Ideally, a member should head a sub-committee looking after each section. This must be borne in mind when preparing for the next A.G.M.. The Hostel's Sub-Committee is a shining example to be borne in mind.

Mr. D. Egan suggested a special meeting to discuss the "Structure" document but Fr. Cagney said this would be impossible before the next meeting because of the Christmas holidays. He suggested instead that the ordinary business of the next meeting should be limited to one hour and an hour devoted to discussion of the "Structure" document.

Mr. T. Devine suggested that the Executive Committee should deal with everyday problems, thus reducing the Agenda for meetings.

I2. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th January 1980.

Mulloney, 8th Jan. 1980

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE
ON TUESDAY, 8TH JANUARY 1980

PRESENT MR. M. MORONEY CHAIRMAN
MR. T. DUNNE VICE-CHAIRMAN
MR. G. O'FLYNN HON. SECRETARY
REV. J. GORDON, MR. T. DEVINE, MR. D. EGAN, MISS M. KENNY,
MR. S. TROY.

IN ATTENDANCE

MISS. S. CRICKLEY, REV. J. BUTLER, REV. F. RYAN.

I. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

REV. W. CAGNEY, MR. P. KEEGAN, REV. P. CASSIDY.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read on a proposition by Mr. T. Dunne, seconded by Mr. T. Devine, subject to the correction of misprints as follows:

Item 7. ADJOINING PROPERTY resolution no. 2 should finish "interest accruing thereon".

Also second last paragraph beginning "Hornton Cavell" "approachment of Mr. Ward" should read "appointment of Mr. Ward".

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Department of Labour, Dublin announcing an allocation of £10,000 towards the cost of employment of social workers at the Centre; subject to the conditions that a full report on the expenditure of this money is submitted to the Departmental Committee in July 1980.

A cheque for £500 was received from Irish Distillers in respect of the appeal.

5. WELFARE REPORTS

The Irish Centre

Miss Crickley reported that 47 new applicants were interviewed during the month. There were 122 interviews, 48 hostel visits, 6 hospital and 7 home visits.

24 of the new applicants were in the age bracket 18-25. 19 were less than a week in England.

30 sought accommodation, 10 sought work, 8 sought repatriation, 79 sought counselling.

Miss Crickley said that B&I and Sealink had agreed to display in their ferries posters outlining the Welfare services provided at the Centre.

Miss Crickley asked that now that the grant had been received from Dublin, the new salary structure for the social workers be implemented. The Chairman pointed out that this had already been agreed and was being dealt with by the Executive. The Executive would also consider some help for Miss M. O'Brien who is on a very small salary.

5.

WELFARE REPORTS cont.

The Irish Centre

On a proposition by Mr. T. Dunne, seconded by Mr. T. Devine it was agreed to pay the cost (£125) of the course which Miss Crickley is attending at the Institute of Family Therapy.

In reply to a question by Miss Crickley the Chairman said that the time schedule for completion of the new Welfare Department depended entirely on finance.

The Girls Hostel--Hornsey Lane Gardens

Fr. Ryan Reported on the meeting of social workers held to discuss the situation of the Hornsey Lane Gardens Hostel after June (date for opening of Medway Street Hostel). The following points emerged:

- (1) The building has deteriorated and a conservative estimate of the cost of repair and decoration would be £40,000.
- (2) The sisters now in residence will leave in June and it is unlikely that they will be replaced by their congregation.
- (3) A great need exists for short-term accommodation for women in the 30-50 age range.

The Chairman said it was hoped to hold on to the hostel and he wondered whether the Housing Corporation would be interested. The Irish Centre Hostels will consider this point.

Conway House

Fr. Ryan distributed copies of the report for the year to 30th November 1979.

During Christmas there were 30 in residence, very few callers, but in the early days of January there were many callers.

There is a need for additional personnel for management and administration.

The new wing is being painted.

6.

CLUB REPORT

Miss M. Kenny reported takings for the month as follows:

Bingo	£324.80
Cover charges	£370.80
Raffles	£403.75
Membership	£120.95
O.A.P. Raffles	£70.72
	<u>£1351.02</u>

There was no profit on Boxing night when both halls were open.

The McNamara Hall showed a profit of £156 on New Years Eve.

The Pensioners party on 5th January was a great success. 196 attended.

The heating system is still not working satisfactorily.

7.

ADJOINING PROPERTY

In the absence of Fr. Cagney there was no report.

8.

MEDWAY STREET

Mr. D. Egan said there was nothing to report except that a variation to the tank room will add a further £6,000 to the cost.

9. FINANCE
No report.

10. FUND RAISING

Mr. T. Dunne said that the new fund-raisers (EEC Ltd.) are progressing well with their programme. He has arranged a meeting with them for 9th January. He is also meeting Lord Longford on 11th January.

Mr. T. Dunne has made contact with some well-wishers in New York. They may start a fund-raising committee there.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fr. Butler raised a number of points which require ^Rattention.

(1) There is no dining room for the staff. He suggested this could be put right by re-opening the door which leads from the Green Room towards the new kitchen and by clearing up of the Green Room.

(2) The grease-traps in the kitchen are smelling.

(3) A sewer manhole is situated in the centre of the new kitchen and is not properly sealed.

(4) The waste food disposal units are constantly breaking down.

(5) The dish-washer is out of action.

(6) A compressor is located outside the window of his bedroom. The extractor units are adjacent. This makes sleep impossible.

(7) The escape door from the Chapel needs attention.

At the request of the Chairman Fr. Butler agreed to make a list of all the items needing attention and to take them up immediately with Mr. John Moore (Architect) in order to have them remedied promptly.

Fr. Butler will arrange for the re-opening of the door from the Green Room to the new kitchen and for the decoration of the Green Room.

Mr. D. Egan proposed and Miss Kenny seconded that the Executive Committee be empowered to deal with matters left over from this meeting. This was agreed.

It was agreed that the following motion be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting:

"That the full Committee meet to appoint a study group to examine the structure document presented to the last meeting by Fr. Cagney.

In reply to a query from Mr. S. Troy the Chairman said he will check with Fr. Cagney what progress has been made regarding the Constitution for the London Irish Festival Committee.

In conclusion the Chairman wished all a very Happy New Year.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 12th February 1980.

Murphy 12/2/1980

Mr. M. Moroney

MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE
ON TUESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY 1980

PRESENT:

- MR. M. MORONEY CHAIRMAN
- REV. W. J. CAGNEY TREASURER
- MR. P. KEEGAN HON. ACCOUNTANT
- MR. G. O'FLYNN HON SECRETARY
- MISS KENNY, M. BRUNTON

IN ATTENDANCE

MISS M. O'BRIEN

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

REV. J. GORDON, D. EGAN, R. MARKE, S. TROY, REV. F. RYAN.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes having been circulated were taken as read and adopted on a proposition by Miss. M. Kenny, seconded by Mr. M. Brunton.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Mrs. B. Casey expressing her thanks for the message of sympathy on the death of her husband (RIP).

Richard Marke wrote tendering his resignation from the Administrative Committee because of lack of time due to family and business committments. He would be glad to continue to serve on the Hostels Committee.

The Chairman expressed the gratitude of the Committee to Mr. Marke for the invaluable assistance which he had rendered to the Centre both inside and outside the Committee and he was very pleased that Mr. Marke would continue to serve on the Hostel's Committee

The Cork Association requested that a room in the new Centre should be known as "The Cork Room". The Association is prepared to donate £2,000 towards the cost. They would like a formal document outlining the conditions and affording them preferential rights for the use of the room. Fr. Cagney will discuss the matter further with them but we will not give a legal document.

Messrs. C. A. Prince & Co. wrote to advise that we should not give the retrospective indemnity which Mr. J. P. Gleeson's Solicitors wanted on his retirement as Trustee. Fr. Cagney will discuss this matter further with Messrs. Prince & Co..

5.

WELFARE REPORTS

By: Miss. M. O'Brien

The Irish Centre

The numbers are consistent with the previous month but much busier than in January of 1979.

- There were 84 applicants.
- 42 were new arrivals in England.
- 65 had no formal training.
- 80 were making first application to the Irish Centre.
- 62 sought accommodation, 56 got it.
- 25 sought work, 26 Got work.

A new system of recording has been introduced. This shows that a very diverse group of agencies and individuals refer people to the Centre.

- 14 were referred by voluntary agencies in England.
- 2 were referred by voluntary agencies in Ireland.
- 6 saw the posters at the mainline stations.
- Very many came from Ireland without any planning.
- 2 came direct from Ireland after psychiatric treatment.

The Sisters in Hornsey Lane Gardens are leaving in June (or when the Hostel closes down).

The Social Workers requested implementation of their salaries in line with the conditions of service of the National Joint Council for Local Authorities.

Mr. P. Keegan suggests that the points on entry on the scale seemed reasonable but he queried the London weighting. He felt that the cost of meals supplied would probably balance the figure shown.

It was agreed that Fr. Cagney would discuss the question with the Social Workers, and offer Sr. Joan and Miss Crickley the Salaries appropriate to their spiral column entry points on the Local Authorities scale. He would also offer Miss O'Brien a supplement of £66 per month. Fr. Cagney praised the Social Workers highly.

A crew from B.B.C. (Nationwide) visited the Centre and recorded a programme for early transmission.

The Girls Hostel - Hornsey Lane Gardens

Due to the absence, for a time, of Sr. Francis whose sister died recently in Ireland (RIP), Sr. Joan, Miss Crickley and Miss O'Brien spent more time helping out in Hornsey Lane Gardens. Hostel occupancy has been very high - 992 out of a possible 1023.

Conway House

In Fr. Ryan's absence, Sr. Joan has been spending this week in the Hostel. There was a turnover of 45 people during the month of January.

6.

CLUB REPORT

Miss M. Kenny reported takings for January were as follows:

Bingo (less one jackpot)	£267.80
Raffles	453.17
O.A.P. Raffles	47.78
Cover Charges Douglas Hyde Lounge	229.05
Membership	263.75

£1261.55

6. CLUB REPORT Cont../..

In reply to a query by Miss Kenny it was made clear that food or drink could not be brought in from outside to meetings or functions.

7. ADJOINING PROPERTY

Quotations have been received for the maintainance of the heating and air conditioning systems, and for the lifts.

The Architects have written suggesting a revision of the plans for the house in Camden Square. More residential accommodation could be included thus qualifying for large grants from substantial sums available. Fr. Cagney informed them that if the grants were guaranteed we would consider their proposal.

The Housing Corporation will be making a monitering visit to the Hostels at the end of May.

Because the Title Deeds have not yet been received the balances of the loans from the Breweries have not been paid. For the same reason difficulties are being experienced with regard to the licenses. Extensions being obtained in Mr. Corrigan's name are costing £28.50 each. The police are being very co-operative.

Problems are still being experienced with the toilets and the heating system. The kitchens are functioning better and the McNamara Hall is operating satisfactorily. The entrance is a handicap.

Dinners in the McNamara Hall show a profit but Sunday night functions are not attracting crowds.

8. MEDWAY STREET

No Report.

9. FINANCE

Mr. P. Keegan presented the accounts for the year ended 31st December 1979. These showed considerably increased indebtedness to the Bank and to the Building Contractors. There were also considerable increases in income and expenditure.

10. FUND-RAISING

Seelink are giving £1,000 even though there was no increase in the numbers of travellers using their services between Ireland and here

The Taoiseach replied to a letter from Fr. Cagney, he expects the Report from the Interdepartmental Committee which visited the Centre, to go before the Government before long and he said that it would be received as sympathetically as possible

Fr. Cagney said that Fr. Sheridan is pleased with the new fund-raisers. They are arranging the date for launching the Appeal, and for the House Of Commons Meeting. They are also planning a national darts competition.

Fr. Cagney has made some progress with a committee in the U.S.A..

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Annual General Meeting will take place on 6th May 1980

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th March 1980.

Murphy 11/3/1980

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE
ON TUESDAY, 11TH MARCH 1980

PRESENT

MR. M. MORONEY	CHAIRMAN
MR. T. DUNNE	VICE-CHAIRMAN
REV. W. J. CAGNEY	TREASURER
MR. P. KEEGAN	HON. ACCOUNTANT
MR. G. O'FLYNN	HON. SECRETARY

REV. P. CASSIDY, REV. J. GORDON, REV. A. WOODS,
MR. D. EGAN, MISS M. KENNY.

IN ATTENDANCE

REV. F. RYAN, SR. JOAN

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. T. Devine

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the February meeting having been circulated were taken as read and adopted on a proposition by Mr. T. Dunne, seconded by Miss M. Kenny.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Arising out of the report that the Cork Association had requested that a room in the new Centre should be known as 'The Cork Room', concern was expressed that this might lead to problems with other associations.

Fr. Cagney explained that in addition to donating £2,000 the Cork Association would furnish and maintain 'The Cork Room' and in return would require preferential treatment for its use. This has been agreed in principle but it was now felt that the name could not be allowed. The officers of the Administrative Committee will meet the officers of the Cork Association if necessary to discuss the matter.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Messrs. C. A. Prince & Co., Solicitors advised that occasional licences can now be obtained in the name of 'Irish Hostels Limited'.

5. WELFARE REPORTS

Girls Hostel - Hornsey Lane Gardens

Rents received for February amounted to £1371.

14 new residents were received. Bed occupancy amounted to 968 out of a possible 1015.

The Irish Centre

86 new applicants were interviewed together with a further 91 at the hostels. Total interviews amounted to 258.

Three house visit and one hospital visit were made.

5. WELFARE REPORTS

Irish Centre cont. . . / . .

There was no difficulty in placing applicants in work but there was a great shortage of bed/sit accommodation.

The Annual Report which was compiled this year by Sr. Joan has now been printed and copies were distributed to members as well as to Government members and to 'The Irish Post'.

800 copies had been printed for £150.00.

The salaries suggested had been accepted by the Social Workers but Miss Crickley had expressed concern at not having been offered the London Weighting.

The Chairman suggested that a letter be sent to Dr. Birch expressing thanks for his generosity in paying Miss O'Brien's salary for a year.

Conway House

It was generally a quiet period. 35 new residents were admitted during the month. Jobs were scarce in the area with travel to work being a problem.

The hostel is running smoothly. There are 12 vacancies at this date.

Development work is at a standstill because of legal problems caused by a Covenant.

Mr. Egan said that Mr. R. Marke was unable to attend meetings of the Development Committee and he, himself, was also very heavily committed otherwise. It was important to appoint someone on the Committee to help-out. Mr. L. Martin had been approached and his reply was awaited.

6. CLUB REPORT

Takings for February were as follows:-

Bingo	£430.40
Cover Charges D.H.L.	304.60
Raffles	541.60
O.A.P. Raffle	72.14
Membership	113.35
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	£1462.09
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Bingo numbers remain fairly constant despite a general falling-off in commercial centres. No other problems.

Further to the decision of the last meeting to prohibit the import of food and drink to functions, Fr. Cagney read the letter notifying the Council of Irish County Associations of the decision. It appears some controversy developed at a C.O.I.C.A. Executive Meeting. This carried over to a Festival Meeting and to a further meeting on the following Sunday.

Happily the problems which appear to have resulted from misunderstandings have now been resolved.

7. ADJOINING PROPERTY

It was agreed that the proposals submitted by the Architects for the development of the house in Camden Square, as reported at the February Meeting, were impractical and would not be pursued.

Further examination of the new heating system have shown up errors in gas connections. These have now been rectified and the system appears to be operating efficiently. Some problems are still being experienced in the new building. There are still 2 or 3 men on site most days.

Mr. Brunton and Mr. O'Brien need to make a list of defects.

8. MEDWAY STREET

The Contractors have gone into liquidation and a Receiver has been appointed.

Work ceased on 25th February and on that day Mr. Marke took over possession of the site on behalf of the Irish Centre Hostels Ltd.. He arranged for the site to be secured immediately and appointed the existing site manager as an employee of the Irish Centre to protect the site and materials.

The Contract with Messrs. J. M. Hill has been determined and an assignment has been requested. The official Receiver has suggested an assignment to Mabey Construction Company who are anxious to take over as soon as possible.

Confirmation from Mabeys is now awaited as well as a recommendation from the Architect. Proposals must then be put to The Housing Corporation to enable work to be resumed.

A delay of 3-6 months is envisaged.

9. FINANCE

Debts now amount to over £700,000. Money coming in is very small.

The Title Deeds have not yet been received and as a consequence the Breweries are unable to pay the balance of their grants.

10. FUND-RAISING

No further funds have been received.

The ambassador informed Fr. Cagney that the Irish Government were on the point of making a substantial contribution when Mr. Lynch retired. He is still hopeful that this will still happen.

The Sunday night dances have been a failure and were discontinued. Dinner/Dances are proving reasonably successful.

Guests at the Aer Lingus function were very impressed by the McNamara Hall.

A meeting has been held today with the Fund-Raisers. The following projects are being processed.

- (1) Major T.V. Darts Tournament taking in 300,000 Public Houses.
- (2) Insurance Companies Project including a 'Salesman's Competition'.

10. FUND-RAISING cont.../...

- (3) House of Lords Luncheon on 29th April.
Sixty specially chosen people will be invited.
Lord Devonshire and Fr. Cagney will speak on behalf of The Irish Centre.
- (4) Development Appeal Presentation on 21st May.
A member of the Irish Government (or The Ambassador) will be host. This will take place at a dinner to which prospective donors of substantial amounts will be invited.
- (5) Irish Gala Evening at Grosvenor House 30th October.
Tickets £25. Top-class cabaret, Tombola etc..
- (6) Irish Drury Lane Night.
The Ambassador will write to Irish Artists to take part.
- (7) Cheltenham Function - next year.
- (8) Pro-Am Golf 5th Or 12th October at Foxhills.
Smithwicks and Guinness are interested in sponsoring.
- (9) Companies
They will be asked to make a donation on every item of a certain product range over a certain period.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fr. Cagney said that the role played by individual members of the Administrative Committee have now taken on an added importance.

Members must not just be sitters-in at meetings. Each member must identify with one particular interest and be prepared to build around him a committee of members similarly interested. Experts are now requested on various services and members must be selected for their qualities and activities.

An assessment is required of the needs of the Irish Centre. The following headings would be used as a basis for the assessment:-

- Information
- Public Relations Officer
- Youth
- Social
- Personal
- Culture (Adult Education)
- Maintenance
- Welfare
- Pastoral (Chaplains)

It was agreed to hold a special meeting at 8.00 p.m. 27th March 1980 to discuss this whole problem.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 1980 8.00 P.M.

Murphy 8/4/1980

2. WELFARE REPORTS cont...

Conway House (Fr. Ryan)

March was a relatively quiet month. The majority of callers were in the 19/20 age group and fairly well educated. Many were just passing through, some on their way to work on the continent. 6 were non-Irish.

There were no particular problems except that labouring work was not easy to find.

Mr. T. Devine said that employment was becoming a very sticky area. A lot of well-educated people are taking menial jobs leaving the non-educated on the dole. He hoped that accommodation for single persons would become easier because multi-storey properties with 5th and higher floors are being allocated to single people.

Fr. Ryan said that there was no progress with the building work because of legal and approval problems. A new safe has been installed and doors are being checked for security and fire precautions.

He has received an offer of a new brother for the staff.

Medway Street (Fr. Ryan)

Assignment of the building contract has not yet been effected. It is hoped that this will be done before April 20th, when the caretaker will be leaving.

It is hoped that two sisters from the Convent Of Mercy, Tuam, will join the staff for Medway Street. Fr. Woods complimented Fr. Ryan and the Welfare workers on the success of their efforts to keep decent people decent.

3. CLUB REPORT (Miss M. Kenny)

Takings for the month amounted to:	£1311.29
Bingo (after two jackpots)	161.60
Raffles	609.98
Cover Charges	460.10
Membership	46.10
C.A.P. Raffles	79.61

Attendance at Bingo is still good.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the March meeting having been circulated were taken as read and adopted on a proposal by Mr. T. Devine seconded by Mr. M. Brunton, subject to the following correction:-

Item No. 4 Correspondence - IrishHostels Ltd., should read Irish Centre Hostels.

5. MATTERS ARISING

It is expected that the licence for the McNamara Hall will be issued on 15th April.

There has been no development with the Cork Association regarding a 'Cork' room.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

J. Murphy & Sons Ltd. wish to know when they can expect payment of outstanding certificates.

6. CORRESPONDENCE cont...

Fenchurch Insurances will survey the premises to enable them to arrange satisfactory insurance cover.

C. A. Prince & Co. hope to resolve the position regarding Title Deeds in two weeks. This will enable the Breweries to pay the balances arranged.

Because of new responsibilities Fr. Cassidy will be unable to continue to represent His Eminence The Cardinal on the Administrative Committee. He will continue to have the interests of the Centre very much at heart. The Chairman expressed appreciation to Fr. Cassidy for his service to the Centre.

Mr. J. O'Shea, Manager, tendered his resignation under doctor's orders. Tributes were paid to him for his courtesy, integrity efficiency and devotion to duty. It was decided to make him a presentation.

A new Manager (Mr. J. Marron) has been appointed and will take up duty on 10th April.

7. ADJOINING PROPERTY

Keith Roberts & Associates will be visiting the Centre to make a defects list for Contracts 'C' and 'D1'. The defects period expires in mid-May.

The maintenance Contract for the air-conditioning does not include the boiler plant. This will be investigated.

The McNamara Hall is now completed with the exception of the entrance from Camden Square.

The buildings at 51/52 Camden Square are in a very poor state, but no further work can be done until substantial finance becomes available.

Mr. T. Devine said that the second instalment of £14,000 from the London Borough of Camden for the Welfare Department should be paid in a few days.

8. FINANCE

No Report.

9. FUND-RAISING

A meeting with the Fund-Raisers has been arranged for the 10th April. Twenty-two acceptances have been received for the House of Lords Luncheon in May.

The Golf Tournament will take place at Foxhills on 18th December.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman congratulated Fr. P. Sheridan on his appointment to 'The Committee on Emigrant Services'. He said this was a very wise appointment which would be beneficial for the Commission and for welfare generally.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 13th May 1980 at 8.00 p.m..

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 13TH. MAY 1980.

PRESENT

Mr. M. Moroney	Chairman
Mr. T. Dunne	Vice-Chairman
Fr. W. J. Cagney	Director/Hon. Treasurer
Mr. G. O'Flynn	Hon-Secretary
Rev. J. Fulham, Miss M. Kenny, Mr. J. Murphy, Mr. D. Quinn	

IN ATTENDANCE

Rev. FR. R. in

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rev. J. Gordan, Mr. T. Devine, Mr. D. Egan, Mr. C. Kane, Mr. P. O'Brien.

The Chairman welcomed the new members present and suggested that because of the numbers unable to be present the election of officers should be deferred to the next meeting. This was agreed.

2 WELFARE REPORTS

CONWAY HOUSE

Br. Kevin Murtagh has joined the staff and has taken on the task (among others) of resettlement officer. 34 new entrants were admitted during the month - many from Northern Ireland.

54 of the residents are over 25 years of age and have been in the hostel for over 2 years. 2 were members of a political organization, created problems and had to be removed by the police.

The Architects are now working on the plans for the re-development work which is now 6 weeks behind programme.

HORNSEY LANE GARDENS

Rents received for the month amounted to ~~£9,560.70~~ ^{f 956.70}

Bed occupancy was 751 out of a possible 900.

There were 8 new residents

There were 9 departures (4 went home, 5 got flats)

The Sisters now in charge will definitely leave in August. It is hoped that the Sisters from Tuam will take over from them until the opening of Medway St..

The Social workers submitted a memorandum urging that a decision be made without delay regarding the future of the hostel and pointing out the need for a premises in the area where women in the 30 + age range could be accommodated and given supportive care.

The Chairman said that because of a commitment to the Bank the premises must be sold when Medway St. is opened.

It could be offered to the Housing Corporation for Irish Centre Hostels Ltd. or alternatively, sold on the open market,

IRISH CENTRE

There were 83 applicants (70 male, 13 Female) 5 families
6, estranged spouses.
Total interviews 222
Total visits 59
42 sought accommodation, 38 were placed
29 sought work 21 " "
8 sought repatriation 5 " "

Miss S. Crickley has accepted a place on a one year post-graduate course in Applied Social Studies at Swansea University and has tendered her resignation from September 12th. next.

The resignation was accepted with regret. Appreciation was expressed for the wonderful work which she did and good wishes were expressed for her future.

Fr. Cagney will discuss the situation with the Social workers and take the necessary action for replacement

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CLUB REPORT - Miss M. Kenny

Takings for the month were as follows :-

Bingo (after 2 jackpots)	195.40
Cover Charges (D.H. Lounge)	294.00
Raffles	446.16
O.A.F. Raffles	60.20
Membership	18.70.
	£1,014.46

The Staff Buffet/Social will be held on June 6th.
tickets £4.00.

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MINUTES

The minutes of the April meeting having been circulated were taken as read and adopted on a proposal by Miss M. Kenny seconded by Mr. T. Dunne - subject to a correction as follows:-

Section 9 Fund Raising " 18th December" should read "18th October".

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MATTERS ARISING

In reply to a query Fr. Cagney confirmed that the licence for the McNamara Hall had been granted.

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CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs confirming that the Irish Government has decided to provide a special grant of £300,000 towards the cost of the second phase of the development programme on condition that an equal amount be raised by the Irish Centre.

Messrs Ferris & Evans, Solicitors, wrote advising that the C.L.C. considered the premises suitable for an annual music and dancing licence. Fr. Fullam proposed and Mr. D. Quinn seconded that we apply for a licence allowing 500 at a cost of £750. This was unanimously agreed.

Many letters and telegrams of congratulations and good wishes had been received following the announcement of the Irish Government grant.

The Federation of Irish Societies annual congress will be held at the Irish Club, Slough on June 7th. next.

The Council of Irish Counties Association acknowledged a letter suggesting an annual function for the County Associations and will notify their decision after their next meeting on the 8th. May.

Focus Photographers requested permission to attend functions at the Irish Centre and offered 10% commission.

It was decided that no appointment would be made at present. A franchise will be arranged when the programme of events is more settled.

The Chief Environmental Health Officer of the London Borough of Camden has received complaints from local residents that early morning deliveries of beer to the Centre are causing a noise nuisance and requested that the deliveries should not be made until after 8.am. The Brewery has been so informed.

ADJOINING PROPERTY

Colin Graham Associates recommended acceptance of the maintenance facilities offered by Macard Control Systems Ltd. for the fire and emergency lighting systems. The G.L.C. Inspector wants emergency lighting in the kitchen areas. This would cost approximately £320. Colin Graham Associates have been instructed to arrange for this work to be done.

Miss Kenny reported that lighting in the Kennedy hall was very poor. The Committee made an inspection with the Manager and agreed additional lighting points.

The list of defects has been drawn up and remedial work will be carried out shortly. Points needing attention on the heating and accoustic systems in the McNamara Hall, tiling in the kitchens, and the tea and coffee making machines. A meeting is being arranged iwth J.Murphy & Sons Ltd. and the Bank of Ireland regarding the next stage of the dev development.

MEDWAY STREET

Assignment of the building contract has not yet been effected because the Housing Corporation keeps looking for additional information even though our Quantity Surveyors and Mabey Construction have agreed the work remaining to be done. Delays in assignment will mean increased costs and the projected opening on 15th. November will not now be realised.

The Official Receiver is claiming £40,000 for work allegedly completed by the previous contractors, P Our Architects value it at approximately £20,000. When the hostel does open Sr. Anthony will take charge and it is hoped that the Mercy Sisters from Tuam will still come despite the delay in completion.

FAIANCE

Fr. Cagney submitted a statmment regarding the development prw programme which started five years ago.

Projected expenditure	1,090,000.00
Actual expenditure to date	1,071,660.00
Income(including Irish Gov.Grant)	723,873.00
Loans	470,000.00
Creditors (J.Murphy & Sons Ltd.)	256,000.00
Required to complete programme	600,000.00

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON MONDAY 19th. MAY 1980

PRESENT

Mr.M.Moroney	Chairman
Mr.T.Dunne	Vice-Chairman
Rev.W.J.Cagney	Director/Hon.Treasurer
Mr.G.O'Flynn	Hon.Secretary
Rev.J.Fullam, Rev.A.Woods, Mr.M.Brunton, Mr.T.Devine,	
Mr.D.Egan, Mr.C.Kane, Miss M.Kenny, Mr.J.Murphy,	
Mr.D.Quinn.	

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rev.J.Gordan, Mr.P.Keegan, Mr.P.O'brien.

The meeting was called for the following purposes;-

- a To elect officers of the Administrative Committee
- b To discuss the structure of the Centre and its services and to allocate responsibility for various services to individual members of the Administrative Committee.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the members especially those who were newly appointed. He thanked them for the interest they have shown in the Centre by allowing their names to be put forward for the Committee. He was sure that the talents expertise of the members would ensure the future success of the Centre. Finally, he appealed to the younger members to allow themselves to be nominated for office.

Fr. Woods felt that we are now in midstream and it was hardly the time to make changes and he proposed the re-election of Mr.M.Moroney as Chairman. Mr.T.Dunne seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.

The following officers were also elected ;-
unanimously;-

Vice Chairman	Mr.T.Dunne Proposed by Mr.M.Brunton Seconded by Mr.D.Quinn
HonTreasurer	Rev.W.J.Cagney Proposed by Mr.D.Egan Seconded by Miss M.Kenny
HonAccountant	Mr.P.Keegan Proposed by Mr.D.Egan Seconded by Mr.D.Quinn
Hon Secretary	Mr.G.O'Flynn Proposed by Mr.T.Dunne Seconded by Mr.M.Brunton

All newly elected officers promised their best efforts on behalf of the Irish Centre.

The meeting then discussed the structure document which was introduced by Fr.Cagney. He said that the Centre having been in existence for 25 years we must now be looking forward to the next 25 and make plans accordingly. We must take stock. There must accountability for the premises which we have and for the money which we have spent. We must justify it.

We must take a long hard look and consider whether what we are doing is the best thing.

What have we neglected ? What should we be doing now? What should we be planning for? What is the proper use of the buildings? What are we now doing to make callers better citizens? What about the social side? Culture? Hostels? Promotions?

Each member of the Administrative Committee must feel that he is an essential part of the Centre with responsibility for a particular function.

A long discussion followed during which the aims and objects of the Centre were outlined and discussed, the segregation of the various functions and their relationship with each other were analysed and the aptitudes of particular members for different duties were calculated. As a result the following responsibilities were accepted;-

- Welfare Mr.T.Devine
- Youth " " "
- Social Miss M.Kenny,Mr.J.Murphy,Rev.J.Fullam
- P.R.C. Mr.C.Kane
- Promotions " " "
- Development Mr.M.Brunton,Mr.P.O'Brien,Mr.L.Martin
- Treasury Mr.D.Quinn.Mr.P.Keegan
- Maintenance Mr.J.Murphy
- Hostels Mr.D.Egan.Mr.L.Martin
- Culture Rev.J.Gordan
- Fund Raising Mr.T.Dunne
- Liaison with Irish Organizations Mr.G.O'Flynn

A member of the Administrative Committee should be available at all functions to note standards and to take complaints.

M. Devine

 10-6-1980

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 10TH. JUNE 1980

PRESENT Mr. M. Moroney Chairman
Mr. T. Dunne Vice Chairman
Mr. P. Keegan Hon. Accountant
Mr. G. O'Flynn Hon. Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE
Rev. P. Sheridan

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rev. W. J. Cagney.

2 WELFARE REPORTS

IRISH CENTRE

64 new applicants (42 male 22 female), 5 families, 11 estranged spouses, 5 psychiatric cases, 4 marital problems, 4 single mothers, 4 drink problems.

17 on first visit to England.

44 sought accommodation, 38 were placed.

21 sought work, 19 were placed.

7 sought repatriation, 1 was repatriated.

107 received counselling.

Total interviews 169.

52 home and hostel visits were made.

Accommodation for the over 30's is very difficult to find.

The seasonal influx of students has started but not in the same numbers as in previous years. Jobs for them are not easy to find.

There were no reports for Conway House and Hornsey Lane Gardens Hostels.

3 CLUB REPORT

Takings for the month were as follows;-

Bingo (after jackpot)	329.00
Cover Charges (D.H.Lounge)	819.61
Membership	7.50
Raffles	473.47
O.A.P. Raffles	57.71.
	<u>£1,687.29</u>

4 MINUTES

The minutes of the May meeting having been circulated were taken as read and adopted on a proposition by Mr. T. Dunne seconded by Mr. Keegan subject to the following correction.:-
Item No. 2 Hornsey Lane Gdns. rents received should read £956.70.

5 MATTERS ARISING

Mr. C. Kane has written to Mr. F. Caulfield re. P.R.O. activities but to date has not received a reply. The Chairman understood that Mr. Caulfield was away on holiday.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Taken under item 7.

ADJOINING PROPERTY

Further to the letter (read at the May meeting) received from Mr. Brian Lenihan, Minister for Foreign Affairs, advising of the decision of the Government to make a grant, Mr. Owen O'Neill of that department telephoned to say that this grant would not become available until work commenced on the second phase of the development (the welfare department).

Fr. Cagney wrote to Messrs. J. Murphy & Sons (Contractors) Ltd., outlining a programme whereby they (Murphy's) could commence work on the second phase. This plan was not acceptable to Murphy's who require payment for the first phase before they will commence phase two.

Fr. Cagney had a meeting in Dublin to-day with Messrs. O'Neill, McGrath and Fitzgerald of the Department of Labour in an effort to devise a scheme whereby the grant could be credited to the Irish Centre. Towards this end a meeting is being arranged with the Department officials, Bank of Ireland, J. Murphy & Sons (Contractors) Ltd. and the Irish Centre.

A point to be borne in mind is that, delay in commencement of the work will mean considerably increased costs.

MEDWAY STREET

Mabey Construction are now on site. The scheduled completion date of 30th. November is now unlikely to be met. A more realistic date would be 1st. January 1981.

QUEX RD.

Work was scheduled to commence on 1st. September but because of delays by the Housing Corporation in granting approval of specialised sub-contractors it will not now commence until 1st. November 1980. Because of Government cutbacks some trimmings have had to be made.

FINANCE

The launching of the appeal will now take place at a function at the Irish Centre on Wednesday 25th. June. The earlier function had to be called off because of lack of support. This reflected badly on the Irish Centre and was a considerable embarrassment to His Excellency the Irish Ambassador.

The fund-raisers are confident they will realise the target of £1.7 million in two years. They are following up contacts in Ireland this week and visiting the U.S.A. in the near future.

Plans are well ahead for the Pro. Am. Golf.. Planning for other functions is also well advanced.

In reply to questions the Chairman said that the fund-raisers would get commission only on funds which they raised. Their expenses at the moment are running at £1,000 approximately per month.

Mr. C. Kane said that they should submit a monthly report of income and expenditure.

It was felt that a full-time representative from the Irish Centre should work closely with the fund-raisers. Fr. Sheridan felt that Fr. Cagney should be relieved of management duties at the Centre to enable him to concentrate on fund-raising. Fr. Sheridan would be prepared to take responsibility for internal management,

1 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. C. Kane has arranged for the 1st. July at Ireland House a meeting to which he has invited representatives of the Embassy, Aer Lingus, Bank of Ireland and the other banks. He plans a further meeting with Irish organizations.

Mr. Kane said that he must have a close look at the image of the Centre, what facilities are available or will become available. A brochure should be produced showing the possibilities of the Centre. We must cultivate uses on a long-term basis. The Centre must be self-supporting when the development work is completed and it is vital that full use is made of all its facilities and services.

Mr. Kane could produce a brochure in two months but felt that it might be advisable to delay it a little to give him time to weigh up prospects. He would welcome ideas and suggestions.

The Chairman said that we must be absolutely sure of the level on which we promote ourselves. We must do what we are able to do.

In reply to a query by Mr. T. Dunne regarding the question of standards (cleanliness etc.) Mr. John Murphy requested permission to employ a firm of industrial cleaners to give the whole place a good cleaning. He felt this was essential and it would encourage the staff to maintain the standard. This was unanimously agreed. He would also recruit cleaners who will come in on a regular basis.

Decoration of the J.F.K. Hall has been completed. Work will shortly commence on the Douglas Hyde Lounge.

YOUTH

Mr. T. Devine regretted that he would be unable to devote sufficient time to youth activities. The Chairman said Fr. Cagney and Mr. D. Egan were negotiating with a Christian Brother who has shown interest.

Miss S. Crickley

It was agreed to make a presentation to Miss Crickley in a appreciation for her work. The form and timing would be decided by the Chairman and Fr. Cagney. Fr. Cagney is recruiting a successor.

BAR LICENCE

It is necessary to change the licence due to the departure of Mr. John O'Shea. It was proposed by Miss Mary Kenny, seconded by Mr. G. O'Flynn that arrangements be made to have it transferred to the new manager Mr. John Marron.

THE IRISH SCENE

Reference was made to an article which appeared in the Irish Scene. The article was critical of the Irish Centre and the Irish Government's decision to make a grant towards the development costs of the Irish Centre. In addition it contained a scurrilous attack on Fr. Cagney and the Taoiseach, Mr. Haughey.

The meeting regretted this attack and expressed solidarity with Fr. Cagney and agreed to write to the Taoiseach, expressing regret and assuring him of the Committee's resolve to continue to improve the welfare facilities of the Centre.

No further action was to be taken with regard to the report.

The Annual General Meeting of the Irish Centre Social Club will be held on 16th. June. Members were asked to show support by attending. The Club is a very important part of the Centre, as are the Committee members who devote so much time and energy to it.

It was left to the Chairman, Fr. Cagney and Miss M. Kenny to select the candidates for the Committee.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday July 8th. 1980 at 8.p.m.

M. Moroney

Tickets sold for buffet supper dance	916
Raffle at	177
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	1093
	60
Cost of band	<hr/>
	1033

The cost of food supplied was approximately £430, which would leave a profit of £600 approx. Tributes were paid to the Club members for the success of the function but arrangements need improving and the band was not suitable.

4 MINUTES

The Hon. Secretary regretted that the names of members present at the June meeting were not included in the minutes. They were as follows :-

Rev. J. Fulham, Rev. J. Gordan, Mr. M. Brunton, Mr. T. Devine, Mr. D. Egan
Mr. C. Kane, Miss Mary Kenny, Mr. J. Murphy, Mr. P. O'Brien, Mr. D. Quinn.

The minutes of the June meeting having been circulated were taken as read and adopted on a proposition by Mr. M. Brunton seconded by Mr. D. Quinn.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. D. Hogan who was representing Mr. C. Kane.

5 MATTERS ARISING

NONE

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Messrs C. Anthony Prince & Co. outlined the situation regarding registration of titles etc.. There are some problems which they hope will be resolved shortly, enabling the Brewers to pay the balances of their loans.

The Council of Irish County Associations felt that a special banquet for the County Associations would be an unnecessary expense which the Centre cannot afford. They suggested instead that the President and officers of the Council and County Chairpersons and their partners could be invited to the Mayors Banquet. This was unanimously agreed. It was also agreed to arrange the requested meeting with the Executive of the Council of Irish County Associations.

Bishop Eamonn Casey wrote to say that the decision of the Bishop's Conference regarding the application for permission for a national church collection in Ireland would be communicated by its Secretary, Bishop John McCormack.

7 ADJOINING PROPERTY

Fr. Cagney has consulted the Architects regarding possible starting dates for the next phase. Work could start on No. 50 Camden Sq., in one month and on No's 51/52 in three months. The basic plans are already prepared. No expense is to be incurred with Architects until we are certain work is to go ahead and finance is available. The welfare and reception areas must be done.

Fr. Cagney reported on the purposes of his visit to Dublin which were twofold.

1 To discuss with his superiors the necessity to maintain (if not increase) the numbers of priests at the Centre.

2 To negotiate ways and means of having the Irish Government grant made available.

Fr. Cagney had a meeting with the Department Officials who visited the Centre last November. They had seen the Fleming article and treated it as rubbish. They were very interested to know the reaction to the grant and to the progress regarding fund-raising both here and in Ireland.

As a follow up to this meeting Mr. McGrath and an independent accountant visited the Centre on June 19th. where they met representatives of the Administrative Committee. The result was a very positive report, recommending immediate payment of the grant.

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MEDWAY STREET

Mr. D. Egan and Mr. L. Martin made a site visit on 2nd. July. They were disappointed with progress and with standards of workmanship. They are not satisfied that the Architects are alive to the needs of the situation. They emphasised to Architects and Contractors that the completion date (29th. November) must be met and that standards of workmanship must be improved.

No extra costs are anticipated. The Contractors submitted a programme and will be subjected to penalties if completion is not achieved by the due date.

Fr. Ryan said that loan sanction was required immediately to allow orders to be placed for furniture, carpets fittings etc. The Housing Corporation are holding up progress through lack of decisions. It appears they cannot sanction the loan until we are in a position to make the monthly payments. This cannot be done until tenants are admitted.

Fr. Ryan will discuss the situation with Mr. R. Marke.

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FINANCE

Mr. P. Keegan and Mr. D. Quinn are preparing a report on the finance and accounting systems of the Irish Centre. It will begin with the six months report to 30th. June. It was felt that a full time accountant should be employed to control the financial and accounting systems of the Centre and the Hostels.

The car raffle raised almost £9,000.

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FUND RAISING

A few minutes before the meeting Fr. Cagney received a report from the fund-raisers. He had not sufficient time to study the report but it was obvious that not much had happened so far.

A sub-committee was appointed to study the report and to keep close liaison with the fund-raisers who must not embark on any schemes without consultation. They had visited Dublin recently and are planning a visit to the U.S.A. next week. The Committee felt this was not advisable and Fr. Cagney will contact them with a view to having the visit postponed.

The members of the sub-committee are, Fr. Cagney, Mr. Y. Dunne, Mr. D. Egan, Mr. C. Kane, and Mr. D. Quinn.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dermot Hogan submitted a written report of the meeting at Ireland House on 1st. July. Copies were distributed to members.

Fr. Cagney outlined the 25 years history of the Centre as a self supporting body and warned that a more professional approach was now essential.

A discussion document was circulated and points were agreed. An advisory committee to prepare a marketing plan was proposed and the following agreed to serve;-

Mr. G. Corr, Mr. T. Dunne, Mr. B. Griffin, Mr. G. Feeney, and Mr. D. Hogan (Co-ordinator).

Mr. D. Egan referred to the London Irish Festival saying it should be on our agenda prior to the event. It is a huge promotion platform on which we miss out. The Centre should be more involved.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th. August 8.p.m.

Murphy

11/8/1980

IRISH CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING.

AUGUST 12th. 1980.

PRESENT.

Mr. Moroney, Chairman; Mr. M. Brunton, Mr. D. Quinn, Miss M. Kenny, Mr. J. Murphy, Mr. T. Dunne, Fr. J. Butler, Fr. F. Ryan.

APOLOGIES

Mr. D. Egan, Mr. P. O'Brien, Fr. W. Cagney, Mr. P. Keegan, Fr. Fulham, Mr. T. Devine, Mr. G. O. Flynn..

MINUTES

On a proposal by Mr. T. Dunne, seconded by Mr. M. Brunton the minutes were taken as read, and approved by the meeting.

Fund-Raising

Mr. T. Dunne reported on the meeting with the Fund Raisers which took place just prior to the meeting. He outlined a programme of events which were to take place this year, and should raise £100,000. Other events were scheduled for 1981. The meeting seemed confident that this money would be raised this year. Mr. Dawson outlined his trip to the U.S.A. It appears he made some very good contacts, and has laid the foundations there for some functions. He requested permission to return soon to finalise arrangements. Considerable discussion followed this request, and it was decided to ask Mr. Dawson to cost the trip, and provided it was below £5,000 Mr. T. Dunne would authorise it. The figure submitted by Mr. Dawson would become the authorised expenditure sum. This resolution was proposed by Mr. J. Murphy, and seconded by Miss M. Kenny. Mr. T. Dunne informed the committee that bills to the tune of £4,400 were outstanding and needed to be paid immediately. Arrangements for this were concluded.

WELFARE

A report in the form of statistics was presented by the Centre's Welfare Dept. It showed a very large work-load made more difficult by the lack of jobs available. Fr. Ryan presented Conway House report, and said that despite the large number of people on record, many did not stay long as there were no jobs.

Buildings

Fr. Ryan reported that the Medway Street Project was making good progress and should be completed on time. Developments at Conway House were also making good progress, and work should start in January.

CLUB REPORT

Miss Kenny reported that the Club had made a total of £1,281:78 during July. Arrangements were in progress to have a Cheli on Sunday evenings after Bingo.

NEXT MEETING

As there was no other business to discuss the meeting concludee, and will meet again on Sept. 11th.

Muller Ouelly
16/9/1980

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 9TH. SEPTEMBER 1980

PRESENT MR. M. MORONEY CHAIRMAN
REV. W. CAGNEY DIRECTOR/HON. TREASURER
MR. P. KEEGAN HON. ACCOUNTANT
MR. G. O'FLYNN HON. SECRETARY

MR. D. EGAN, MR. C. KANE, MISS M. KENNY, MR. J. MURPHY, MR. D. QUINN

IN ATTENDANCE

REV. J. BUTLER, REV. F. RYAN.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MR. T. DUNNE, REV. J. FULHAM.

2 WELFARE REPORTS

IRISH CENTRE

First interviews 62 male, 32 female, 7 families, 4 estranged spouses, 3 psychiatric cases, 5 marital problems, 4 single mothers, 5 ex-offenders, 5 drink problems.
66 sought accommodation 53 were placed
31 sought work 26 were placed
7 sought repatriation 6 received it
126 sought counselling 126 received it
44 hostel visits were made.
10 home visits were made
Total interviews 170.

Miss S. Crickley leaves the Centre on 10th. September to attend a one year University course.

Appreciation was expressed of her services to the Welfare Dept. and as a token it was agreed to give her £100. It was regretted that the financial situation prevented a larger present.

A new Social Worker, Malachy Kinnerrney, has been appointed for a six month probationary period and he will commence at the end of the month.

HORNSEY LANE GARDENS

Sisters Francis and Beatrice have left after three years of dedicated service. It was agreed to show appreciation and it was left to Fr. Ryan to ascertain what would be acceptable to the Sisters.

Sr. Edna and Sr. Catherine, the Sisters of Mercy from Tuam have arrived and have taken over in Hornsey Lane Gardens where they will stay until it closes.

CONWAY HOUSE

There were a number of vacancies during the Summer because the job situation was poor.
The Chef was off work for quite some time and is now claiming for wrongful dismissal. The matter is being dealt with. A casual Chef is now employed.

The development of the hostel is at the tendering stage and it is anticipated that work will commence on 24th. January 1981.

CLUB REPORT

Takings for the month were as follows :-
Bingo (after one jackpot)
Cover Charges
Raffles
O.A.P. Raffles

£247.20
888.30
497.55
47.45

£1,680.50

4 MINUTES

The minutes of the August meeting were read and adopted on a proposition by Mr. P. Keegan seconded by Miss M. Kenny.

5 MATTERS ARISING

Mr. C. Kane had sent an apology for inability to attend the August meeting but it had not been recorded.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

All letter from our Solicitors detailed information required by the Solicitors for the Brewers to enable them to complete the transactions. The information required regarding :-

- (1) fire escape approval
- (2) insurance

has been supplied by Fr. Cagney.

(3) Mr. D. Egan proposed and Mr. C. Kane seconded the following resolutions which were unanimously agreed.

"The Committee of Management authorizes the Trustees

- (1) to borrow the sum of £333,000 from the Bank of Ireland at a rate of interest
- (2) to borrow the sum of £44,000 from Courage Brewing Ltd Ltd. at 5% per annum
- (3) to borrow the sum of £44,000 from Whitbread London Ltd. at a rate of interest at 5% per annum
- (4) to borrow the sum of £50,000 from Charrington & Co. at a rate of interest of 11% per annum"

7 ADJOINING PROPERTY

Points raised by Williams & Hughes in connection with maintenance and services have all been looked after.

Fr. Butler hoped the Chapel would not be moved from its present position.

8 MEDWAY STREET

Left over until the next meeting.

9 FINANCE

Mr. P. Keegan presented accounts for 6 months to 30th June and it was agreed to discuss them at the next meeting. Irish Centre Hostels loaned £5,400 to the Irish Centre to enable it to pay fund-raising bills which had accrued.

Cardinal O'Riada acknowledged Fr. Cagney's application for a public appeal in Ireland and requested further information regarding the previous appeal.

Mr. J. R. Maher of the Dept. of Labour, Dublin advised that the way is now clear for payment of the £300,000 grant. Fr. Cagney will negotiate the best method of payment to reduce losses on exchange. A meeting with the Bank and Murphy's was suggested.

10 FUND RAISING

Fr. Cagney and Fr. Sheridan had a meeting with the fund-raisers this morning.

Fr. Cagney is very perturbed over progress to date. Because of lack of support several of the planned fund-raising events were in danger of being cancelled. A long discussion ensued and it was agreed that closer contact must be kept over fund-raisers activities and expenses. Weekly meetings with them were essential. Fr. Cagney has arranged a meeting with them on Tuesday 16th. September at 9.30.a.m.. Pending this meeting bills for fees and expenses for August are held up.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. D. Egan said it was essential to discuss the London Irish Festival.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Cahirman felt that meetings once a month were not sufficient to deal with all the business at the present time. It was agreed to meet again at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 16th. September.

It was also agreed that each meeting should decide the agenda for the succeeding meeting

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16-9-1980

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 16TH. SEPTEMBER 1980

PRESENT

MR. M. MORONEY
MR. T. DUNNE
REV. W. CAGNEY
MR. P. KEEGAN
MR. G. O'FLYNN
REV. J. FULHAM, MR. M. BRUNTON, MR. D. EGAN, MR. C. KANE,
MR. J. MURPHY, MR. D. QUINN.

CHAIRMAN
VICE-CHAIRMAN
DIRECTOR/HON. TREASURER
HON. ACCOUNTANT
HON. SECRETARY

IN ATTENDANCE REV. F. RYAN.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

REV. A. WOODS, MR. T. DEVINE, MISS M. KENNY,
Mr. M. Brunton had endeavoured to telephone his apologies
for the previous meeting but was unable to get through.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on a proposal
by Mr. C. Kane, seconded by Mr. M. Brunton subject to the insertion
of the rate of interest i.e. base rate + 1½% for the loan
from the Bank of Ireland.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Staffing of the reception desk with particular reference
to answering the telephone is very important. Those working
in reception must be very alert and properly briefed. A
directory of services should be available also the names and
telephone numbers of important people.

The Chairman agreed to draw up a roster of volunteers
(2 for each evening) to man the reception in the evenings.

It would be impossible for a priest to be available at all
times and it would be difficult to arrange fixed times
for them to be available. 95% of the calls for the priests
could be dealt with by Mrs. D'Arcy or the Social Workers.

Letters of resignation had been received from Mr. D. J.
O'Riordan, Fr. Sheridan, and Mr. John Marron (Manager).

Fr. Cagney will have discussions with Mr. O'Riordan and Mr.
Marron in the hope of getting them to withdraw their
resignations.

The Chairman will write to Fr. Sheridan to express appreciation
for all his work at the Irish Centre.

Mr. D. Egan said that there should be control of correspondence
by members of the Irish Centre writing in the name of the
Irish Centre.

The pricing of menus for functions will be investigated
by Mr. D. Quinn and Mr. P. Keegan. Mr. C. Kane offered the
assistance of some of his staff who are experienced in catering.

The presentation to Miss S. Crickley went off very well
and she was grateful for the presentation.

Fr. Ryan wrote to the Sisters who have left Hornsey Lane
Gardens expressing thanks for their services and offering to
them vouchers for a visit to Lourdes. They have accepted
the offer and Fr. Cagney will make the necessary arrangements.

The position on other ventures is as follows:-

1 GALA NIGHT GROSVENOR HOUSE

Everything ready to go ahead. Ten personalities had been invited by the Ambassador, 4 said no, 6 did not answer.

2 ART EXHIBITION - IRELAND HOUSE

This is all set up.

3 NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Negotiations now taking place with the Sunday Telegraph.

4 PYE TELECOMMUNICATIONS

No reply

5 BOOK OF KELLS

No reply from Trinity College Dublin.

6 ADAMS FOODS

They are hopeful of providing a substantial donation.

7 IRISH LIFE

No decision yet.

8 B. & L. LINE

They are not going ahead with their offer.

The fund raisers are pressing for payment of their account.

Mr.P.Keegan proposed and Mr. T.Dunne seconded that we consult our Solicitors on this matter and also the question of termination of the contract.

Fr. Cagney will deal with this and also see the Ambassador.

6 PROMOTION

Put on the agenda for the next meeting.

7 PLANNING

Fr. Cagney felt that work on No.50 Camden Sq., (Welfare Dept.) could be done and so qualify for the Irish Government Grant. The Architects are ready to go out to tender. The estimate of cost is £80,000 (plus probably £10,000)

Mr.C.Kane proposed

1 that we meet J.Murphy (Contractors) ltd.

2 that we get the grant paid to the Bank of Ireland in Ireland.

It was agreed that Fr.Cagney,Mr.P.Keegan, Mr.D.Quinn and Mr.C.Kane have a meeting with J.Murphy (Contractors) Ltd.

Expressions of sympathy with Miss Mary Kenny on the recent death of her brother (R.I.P.) was passed.

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FINANCE

Mr. P. Keegan presented the balance sheet and accounts for the half-year to 30th. June 1980.

The results were disappointing with reductions in income from hostel accommodation and bars profit. Gross profit was 32.5% as against 43.1% for the corresponding period last year. The rate should be at least 48% with gross profit of £54,000.

Profit on functions was 12% as against 3% last year.

Mr. D. Quinn submitted his conclusions on the accounts with recommendations for:-

a a more thorough and comprehensive system of controls, checks and records of all income and expenditure.

b the setting of financial targets.

c monthly reports of performance

Copies of Mr. Quinn's report to be given to members.

A long discussion ensued with many suggestions put forward about the management structure required, and the improvement of day to day operations at the Centre. It was generally agreed that the following were essential :-

a General Administrator

b Bar Supervisor

c Catering Supervisor

and the Director should have over-all control but should be clear of all responsibility.

Mr. C. Kane proposed and Mr. T. Dunne seconded the following:-

1 that Mr. P. Keegan and Mr. D. Quinn study the financial report and draw up a system with guide lines for procedure

2 that a sub-committee be formed to look into the matter

Both proposals were agreed and the following agreed to serve on the committee:-

Mr. D. Quinn, Mr. P. Keegan, Mr. C. Kane, Mr. D. Quinn, Mr. W. Dagny.

The sub-committee will meet at Ireland House at 7.p.m. on September 29th.

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FUND RAISING

Mr. T. Dunne reported that the ProAm Golf Tournament had been cancelled because of lack of sponsorship. Ten other ventures were also in jeopardy because of this cancellation. It now looked as if the fund raising programme would show a loss.

8 LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL

Deferred to the next meeting.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday October 7th. 8.p.m.

10 AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING.

The agenda for the above meeting was drawn up.

M. Moroney

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 7TH. 1980
minutes of the meeting of the administrative committee

<u>PRESENT</u>	MR. M. MORONEY	CHAIRMAN
	MR. T. DUNNE	VICE-CHAIRMAN
	REV. W. CAGNEY	DIRECTOR/HON. TREASURER
	MR. G. O'FLYNN	HON. SECRETARY

REV. A. WOODS, REV. J. GORDAN, MR. T. DEVINE, MR. C. KANE,
MISS M. KENNY, MR. J. MURPHY, MR. D. QUINN.

IN ATTENDANCE REV. J. BUTLER

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MR. M. BRUNTON, MR. D. EGAN.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on a proposition by Mr. C. Kane seconded by Fr. Cagney.

3 MATTERS ARISING

As arranged Fr. Cagney had meetings with Messrs. O'Riordan and Marron regarding their resignations. As a result Mr. O'Riordan has withdrawn his resignation but Mr. Marron did not and has now left.

Fr. Cagney had written to the retired Sisters from Hornsey Lane Gardens regarding the trip to Lourdes.

Fr. Cagney compared the six month period to 30th June 1980 as shown in the accounts presented by Mr. Keegan with figures produced by the stocktaker. There were differences and it was agreed that Mr. D. Quinn and Mr. C. Kane would meet with Mr. P. Keegan and the stocktaker in an effort to reconcile the figures. A disquieting feature of the stocktakers report was a stock deficiency of £2,661 over the period 4th. January 1980 — 20th. August 1980.

The insurance cover for the Irish Centre complex (PLUS contents) is £1,114,500 at a premium of £1,557.71. The most recent assessment was made in March. It allows for extra stocks over the Christmas period.

Mr. D. Quinn proposed and Mr. T. Dunne seconded that we ask the Insurance Corporation of Ireland to access the cover required and to submit a quotation. This was agreed.

In reply to a query by Mr. C. Kane, Mr. D. Quinn said that there is no system in existence at the moment for costing and pricing menus. He has arranged a meeting with Mrs. D'Arcy with a view to producing some menu prices. There must be alterations for the various courses but for the time being menus should be fairly simple. Barkers prices will be taken as a guide but our prices must be lower.

A minimum of three months notice of price increases must be given to County Associations and other clients.

Mr. O'Flynn said that if we are to compare ourselves with Markers we must improve the service and the meals. The Sligo Association Annual Dinner which he had attended was a fiasco. Tables were placed too close together with the result that waitresses were working under very severe handicaps. Portions were skimpy in some cases and supplies ran short both in main course and dessert. There was no wine waiter service and no price lists on tables and because of the congestion it was a battle to get to the bar and the dance floor.

As a contrast in the following week he attended a Galway Association Bacon and Cabbage Supper when no fault could be found except that again there was no wine waiter service and no price lists.

The placing of tables allowed reasonable movement for staff and patrons, service was good, the fare was excellent and portions were ample.

He suggested that for comfort 250 was the maximum number of patrons that could be catered for in the dining area. A further 30 (3 tables) could be accommodated on the dance floor.

It is also essential that amplification is provided and in working order before the start of the meal.

A letter was received from J. Murphy (Contractors) Ltd. confirming that they were prepared to negotiate all further development work provided that the monies to be received from the Brewers be paid to them within 14 days.

The legal problems connected with the Brewery loans have all been resolved and payment is unlikely to be delayed further.

It was agreed to accept the offer from Messrs Murphy and to confirm to them that payment would be made as requested.

The Ambassador has advised that immediate application should be made to the Irish Government for payment of the grant. Further delay in applying would be an embarrassment to him.

Fr. Woods proposed and Mr. T. Devine seconded the following motion which was agreed unanimously :-

"That we apply to the Irish Government for immediate payment of the £300,00 grant and that our application will confirm that

- a The phase of our building programme for which this grant is being made (Phase 2) will be commenced within three months at the latest from the date of receipt of the grant.
- b No part of the grant will be utilised for any purpose other than buildings to be devoted to our welfare activities.
- c If the cost of Phase 2 is less than the amount of the grant the balance will be refunded to the Irish Government".

Mr.D.Quinn confirmed that the grant money could be banked in London in Irish currency and that it would earn interest in the normal way. Conversion to sterling could be effected at a suitable time.

The Executive Committee were given authority to deal with any urgent problems which might arise in this respect, before the next meeting.

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REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEE ON NEW STRUCTURE

Mr.C.kane reported that two meetings had taken place. Present were Fr,Cagney, Mr.D.Egan, Mr.D.Quinn, and Mr.Kane.

As a result of their deliberations a structure document was drawn up and copies of it were submitted by Mr. Kane who explained it in detail.

Essential is a clear dividing line between the welfare and catering departments but the basic ideals of the Centre must not be overlooked.

A new Management Sub Committee should be appointed immediately and the necessary staff engaged as soon as possible.

All sub-committee's are to submit written monthly reports to the Administrative Committee.

Mr.J.Murphy proposed and Fr.Cagney seconded that we accept the report and implement all the proposals. This was agreed.

It was also agreed that the following positions should be filled as soon as possible ;--

- a Manager
- b Bar Supervisor
- c Book-keeper

Fr.Woods proposed and Fr.Gordon seconded that advertisements be placed immediately for these positions and this was agreed.

It is important that the Manager and other staff must know what the Irish Centre is all about. The Manager, at least must be Irish,versed in its culture and traditions.

The Catering Management Sub - committee should be appointed at the next meeting.

It is vitally important that the telephone is manned from 9 a.m. to 9.30.p.m. Installation of an Ansafone, was considered.

The Chairman complimented Mr.Kane and his committee on the excellent structure document which they had produced in a very short time and he thanked them most sincerely.

Fr.Woods said it is the type of structure which we require "We cannot survive without it" he said.

FUND RAISING

Mr.T.Dunne reported that all the arrangements had been completed for the Irish Gala Night at the Grosvenor House on October 30th. All that remains to be done is to sell the tickets. Sales to date 150.

The Fund Raisers are seeking settlement of their accounts for salary and expenses and threaten legal action if payment is not made immediately.

Fr. Cagney has consulted our solicitors who advised us not to pay under any circumstances.

Fr.Woods proposed and Mr.C.Kane seconded that we take the advice from our solicitors and withhold payment. This was agreed.

Mr.T.Dunne advised that in the event of litigation he could not allow his name or that of Aer Lingus to be involved.

The Chairman dsaid that the problem is an Irish Centre one and does not involve individuals.

Items 6,7, and 8 were deferred to the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fr.Cagney reported that Jimmy McGee had offered the services of his All Stars. A football match V B.B.C. has been arranged for November 18th. at 6.30.p.m. followed by a concert at the National ballroom at 9.p.m. on the same evening.

Woking Irish Society has arranged a function for them for November 19th.

Mr.C.Kane advocated the introduction of a Horse Race Night on Friday evenings from January to May.

The following agreed to serve on a sub-committee for this purpose ;-

Mr.C.Kane, Miss Mary Kenny, Mr.J.Murphy, Mr.D.Quinn.

CLUB REPORT

Takings for September	
Bingo (after one jackpot)	224.20
Cover charge	619.15
Raffles	407.40
O.A.P.Raffle	49.90
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	£1,300.65

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A special meeting will be held at 8.p.m. on Wednesday 22nd. October with an agreed agenda.

The next monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th. November at 8.p.m.
The agenda will be decided on 22nd. October

Murphy

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 22ND. OCTOBER 1980

PRESENT

MR. M. MORONEY CHAIRMAN
REV. W. CAGNEY DIRECTOR/HON. TREASURER
MR. G. O'FLYNN HON. SECRETARY
MISS M. KENNY?MR. J. MURPHY?MR. D. QUINN.

1

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MR. TDUNNE. MR. D. EGAN, MR. C. KANE.

2

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted, proposed by Mr. J. Murphy, seconded by Fr. Cagney.

3

MATTERS ARISING

INSURANCE COVER

The Insurance Corporation of Ireland visited the Centre and recommended that Fenchurch Insurance should be retained and should be invited to carry out a physical valuation of the premises. Fr. Cagney will arrange it.

Mr. D. Quinn submitted priced menus which appeared to be reasonable.

Fr. Cagney reported that there is difficulty in arranging a sufficient supply of capable waitresses.

Fr. Cagney wrote to J. Murphy (Contractors) Ltd. regarding the remaining work and they have confirmed that they will negotiate the contract for the next stage of the development.

Legal problems regarding the Brewery loans are still not completely resolved.

Application has been made to the Irish Government for payment of the grant. No reply so far.

Advertisements have been placed for the positions of Manager and Assistant Manager and 24 replies have been received.

Advertisements for book-keeper and receptionist/secretary will be published this week.

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FUND RAISING

The latest report from Geoff Dawson Ltd gives the following information :-

GALA NIGHT GROSVENOR HOUSE

Tickets sold so far 258. They expect a total of 500.
The capacity is 1,200

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

They are waiting for a phone call from the Telegraph.
No progress.

Following representations to Trinity College, Dublin, they have been invited to make formal application for the necessary permission.

ART EXHIBITION

Everything is ready, they expect to raise £5,000

Geoff Dawson Ltd. have written to say that they are taking legal action to obtain payment for their fees and expenses.

They also state that they will not "fund" any further appeal expenditure unless they receive a guarantee of immediate settlement of invoices, or alternatively, payment in advance.

Our Solicitor, Messrs C. Anthony Prince & Co. have studied the agreement between Geoff Dawson K Ltd. and the Irish Centre. They say that the wording of the agreement is not sufficiently clear, there is no specific termination clause, the clause re "facility" is ambiguous. They advise that Geoff Dawson Ltd. are not entitled at the moment to any further monies.

The feeling of the meeting was that Geoff Dawson Ltd. had fallen down badly on the fund-raising efforts and promises made had not been fulfilled.

The meeting felt that the contract should be terminated as soon as possible unless there was a dramatic improvement.

5 PROMOTIONS

6 PLANNING

7
Deferred to the next meeting

7 LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL

The Irish Centre is due to nominate 4 members of the Festival Council and 5 members of the Festival Committee.

Mr. J. Murphy agreed to serve on the Festival Committee and he will recruit helpers.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

The Department of Labour, Dublin, advised that the Committee on Emigrant Services is considering the allocation of 1981 grants and suggested that a brief submission on how a grant would be used if awarded.

Fr. Cagney has dealt with this.

Keith Roberts Associates inquired whether the Centre would consider selling the garage in the Mews. A figure of £10,000 was mentioned verbally. It was agreed to seek advice from Mr. Liam Martin.

"Girls Alone" wrote to say that they would be interested in purchasing the property in Hornsey Lane Gardens. They have been invited to make an inspection.

The I.D.A. wrote to say that the recruitment drive which they carried out at the Centre was a great success.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

At the moment the Centre is without a Manager and Assistant / Manager. Fr. Cagney is filling in.

A part-time member of the staff was caught stealing money and was discharged.

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AGENDA

The Agenda for the nexy meeting was decided.

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DATE OF MNEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 11th. 1980.

M. Moore 11/11/1980

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH. 1980.

PRESENT MR. M. MORONEY
REV. W. CAGNEY
MR. G. O'FLYNN

CHAIRMAN
DIRECTOR/HON. TREASURER
HON. / SECRETARY

REV. A. WOODS? MR. D. EGAN? MISS M. KENNY, MR. J. MURPHY? MR. D. QUINN.

IN ATTENDANCE

REV. F. RYAN, MR. D. HOGAN.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MR. T. DUNNE MR. P. KEEGAN REV. J. FULLAM REV. J. GORDAN MR. C. KANE

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted, proposed by Mr. J. Murphy seconded by Rev. W. Cagney.

3 MATTERS ARISING

A phone call from the Department of Finance, Dublin regretted the delay in dealing with our application for payment of the £300,000 grant. Staff changes resulted on the matter being overlooked. A fresh application should now be made. The Department referred to the loss which would result from the currency exchange rates.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

On the advice of Mr. T. Devine application has been made to the London Borough of Camden for an Urban Aid Grant.

Mr. T. Walsh of the Federation of Irish Societies has arranged a sale of high-quality menswear at the Irish Centre on Sunday November 30th. The goods will be supplied by Ideal Menswear of Cork at factory prices i.e. approximately half retail price.

"Alone in London Service" acknowledged their interest in the hostel premises in Hornsey Lane Gardens and are advising Circle 33 Housing Trust of the situation.

The Diocesan Secretary advised that there are two houses available, one at Waltham Cross and one at Highbury. Priests and Diocesan Agencies will be given first refusal.

5 FUND RAISING

GROSVENOR HOUSE GALA NIGHT

A report from the fund-raisers showed a profit of just under £2,000. They complained of a distinct lack of support from the "Irish fraternity at large".

A copy was received from the Irish Dairy Board of a letter to the Fund-Raisers requesting information regarding the use made of dairy products donated by the Board.

~~It was obvious they were not all used during the function.~~

ART EXHIBITION

Everything is in readiness

BOOK OF KELLS

They are still trying to get proposals accepted by Trinity College.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

No more progress

A letter has been received from the Fund-Raisers Solicitors demanding payment within seven days of outstanding accounts. Our Solicitors have advised non payment and are seeking the return of funds over advanced to the Fund-Raisers by the Irish Centre.

Complete dis-satisfaction was expressed with the method of working of the Fund-Raisers and with results to date it was felt that their services should be disposed with as soon as possible. Regard must be had to Legal responsibilities and to possible American contacts already made.

A meeting of the Appeal Committee is to be arranged.

A special meeting of the Administrative Committee will take place on Monday 24th. November at 8.p.m. It will be devoted entirely to the question of funds and fund raising.

Fr.Woods raised the question of the Open H Blocks Committee's use of the Irish Centre as its headquarters. He felt that this is an embarrassment to our Trustees, to the Government and might deter well-wishers from helping the Centre. He also felt that Fr. Cagney's acceptance of the position of Chairman of the Committee was indiscreet.

Fr.Cagney explained that his connection with the Committee from the beginning, and now, was on humanitarian grounds only. The Committee strongly advised Fr.Cagney to resign as Chairman of the Open H Blocks Committee in order to make it clear the the Irish Centre is neither the headquarters of the Committee nor the initiator of the petitions which they are sponsoring.

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PROMOTIONS

Fr.Woods said an effort must be made to get Irish priests working in London involved with the Centre. Irish priests have a special obligation to their own people and they could help in many ways. He knows several who are whole-heartedly behind the idea. He suggested that they be invited to the Centre and the situation explained to them, possibly over lunch.

It was agreed that the three Diocesan representatives on the Administrative Committee should liaise with Fr.Cagney and Fr.Butler to plan a programme.

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PLANNING

It is hoped that the Irish Government Grant will be available very soon. The Contractors (J. Murphy & Sons Ltd) could start work in two weeks on the next phase of the Development.

The heating system in the McNamara Hall is still not working satisfactorily.

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LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL

The only member of the Administrative Committee willing to serve on the Festival Committee is Mr. J. Murphy. He has recruited several assistants for his sub-committee.

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HORNSEY LANE GARDENS

Fr. Ryan reported that the Hostel is closing down on December 22nd, 1980. The Sisters in charge are going to Ireland for Christmas.

MEDWAY STREET

The premises are due to be handed over in mid-December but Mr. D. Egan has doubts about this. He feels it will be early January 1981.

QUEX RD.

The Housing Corporation have offered a loan of £69,000 for five years at 17% interest for purchase of furniture. This matter will be dealt with by Irish Centre Hostels Ltd. They will also deal with the possible purchase and sale of nos. 12 and 18 Quex Rd.

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FINANCE

No report.

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NEW STAFF

Interviews are being arranged. It is unlikely that senior staff will take up duty before Christmas.

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WELFARE REPORTS

No reports.

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CLUB REPORT MISS MARY KENNY

Takings for the month of October -;

BINGO	245.60	(after one jackpot)
COVER CHARGE	551.00	
RAFFLES	398.09	
O.A.P. RAFFLE	57.42	
	<u>£1,272.11</u>	

There is a shortage of working Committee members. A card drive is being arranged for December 4th.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fr. Cagney confirmed the following fund-raising functions -;

Tuesday 18th. November 7.30.p.m. Willesden Sports Centre
Football match Jimmy Magee All Stars V Indians Selection.

Tuesday 18th. November 9.p.m. National Club Kilburn
Jimmy Magee All Stars Gala Charity Night.

Wednesday 19th. November , Woking Irish Society
Jimmy Magee All Stars V Indians selection football match.
Followed by a concert.

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AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

The Agenda for the next monthly meeting will be as the
previous monthly agenda.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Special meeting Monday 24th. November 8.p.m.
Monthly meeting Tuesday 9th. December 8.p.m.

M. Moroney 9/12/1980

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON MONDAY 24TH. NOVEMBER 1980.

PRESENT MR. M. MORONEY CHAIRMAN
REV. W. CAGNEY DIRECTOR/HON. TREASURER
MR. G. O'FLYNN HON/SECRETARY
REV. A. WOODS, MR. MBRUNTON, MR. T. DEVINE, MR. D. EGAN, MISS M. KENNY,
MR. P. O'BRIEN, MR. D. QUINN.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. E. Dunne, Mr. P. Keegan, Rev. J. Fullam, Rev. J. Gordan, Mr. C. Kane.

The Chairman welcomed all members with special thanks to Mr. P. O'Brien who had come all the way from Portsmouth specially for the meeting and had to return there again that night.

The Chairman reminded members that the purpose of the meeting was to assess the present situation regarding fund raising and to decide what action should be taken in view of the results to date from the present fund raising. He felt that the present fund raisers were a total loss, that they had done the cause a lot of damage and that their services should be dispersed with as soon as possible. The question to be decided was, how and when this should be done. Then we must swing into action ourselves and get 'geared' into fund raising.

Mr. D. Quinn agreed with the Chairman's remarks and said we must put the financial situation into context. As at the 30th. September 1980 we owed £891,407. We have now reached the stage where we are paying interest on overdue interest of £25,459. Interest for the year now amounts to £150,000.

Funds due to accrue to the Centre are :-

Breweries	88,000
Sale of Hornsey Lane Gdns.	75,000 (estimated)
Sale of 12 Murray St.	25,000 (estimated)

Mr. Quinn said that the cost of the next contract must not be allowed to exceed the amount of the Irish Government grant. In reply to a question from the Chairman he said that the interest will not begin to accrue until the grant is actually paid.

No funds have been apid into the fund raising account since 23rd, October i.e. before the Grosvenor House function.

Mr. M. Brunton proposed and Mr. D. Quinn seconded that we instruct our Solicitors to terminate the fund raisers contract as soon as possible, taking into consideration any fund raising events already in the pipe line. Fr. Cagney said that preliminary to taking that action a normal meeting of the fund raisers committee should be held, also the meeting for assessing the years progress.

~~The Chairman said that we must now make plans for fund raising here and in Ireland. The first step should be a publicity campaign. He said that Mr. Brendan McLua of the Irish Post will help in every way possible, as will the Irish Press.~~

We must make people aware of the Irish Centre and what it stands for. We must emphasise the parts being played by the Welfare Department and by the Hostels. The fund raising purpose of the commercial side must also be emphasised.

We must gain the sympathy and goodwill of the ordinary Irish people and of the Irish priests.

It was agreed that the three Diocesan priests on the Administrative Committee would each invite priests from their respective dioceses to visit the Centre for lunch and a meeting, when their help could be sought.

We must promote the facilities which the Centre has to offer and use them seven days and seven nights a week. A brochure must be produced as soon as possible but this will be difficult until the new entrance and Welfare Department is completed.

It was agreed that this work should go ahead as soon as funds are available.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 9th. December 1980.

M. Moriarty
Dec 9th 1980

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 9TH. DECEMBER 1980.

PRESENT MR. M. MORONEY CHAIRMAN
REV. W. CAGNEY DIRECTOR-HON. TREASURER
MR. G. O'FLYNN HON. SECRETARY

REV. J. FULLAM, REV. J. GORDAN, MR. M. BRUNTON, MR. T. DEVINE, MR. D. EGAN,
MISS M. KENNY, MR. L. MARTIN, MR. J. MURPHY.

IN ATTENDANCE

REV. F. RYAN, MR. D. HOGAN.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MR. P. KEEGAN, MR. C. KANE, MR. P. O'BRIEN, MR. DQUINN.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th. November 1980 having been circulated were taken as read and adopted, proposed by Mr. M. Brunton, seconded by Mr. J. Murphy

The minutes of the special meeting held on November 24th. 1980 were read by the Hon. Secretary and adopted, proposed by Mr. D. Egan, seconded by Mr. M. Brunton.

3 MATTERS ARISING

The Grant by the Irish Government has now been paid and is on deposit with the Bank of Ireland.

The sale of menswear took place as arranged. The goods were of good quality and the sale was a success.

The Chairman said that no good ideas had emerged from the special meeting. The find-raisers are a disaster and we are now back to square one.

Mr. T. Devine reported on the meeting which Fr. Cagney and he had with Gordon Council re our application for an Urban Aid Grant. He was delighted with the reception which they had received and is confident that an Annual Grant will be forthcoming. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee will visit the Centre.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Devine for his efforts.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. T. Dunne tendered his resignation from the Administrative Committee because of increased responsibilities at work.

The Chairman expressed appreciation for all Mr. Dunne had done for the Centre. He will write to that effect and will clarify the situation in relation to Mr. Dunne's membership of the fund-raising committee.

Letters were received from Sr. Joan and the Social Workers regarding the position of the Social Workers in relation to the Centre as a whole, and the role of the Administrative Committee in relation to Welfare. They also requested that a special meeting of the Administrative Committee be convened with Welfare as the only item on the Agenda.

Sr. Joan requested that the London Weighting be added to her salary as she no longer has meals at the Centre.

The Chairman and Fr. Cagney will have a preliminary meeting with the Social Workers to discuss their grievances.

A letter was received from Hornton Cavell regarding use of the Centre either by way of lease or on a Management contract.

Another letter from a local resident showed interest in hiring the McNamara Hall every Sunday for a fee of £300 per day.

It was felt that neither proposition could be entertained but Fr. Cagney will have further discussions with both parties.

Fr. Paul Byrne O.M.I., has requested information regarding the position of priests at the Centre. He wants a definition of their role and function. The purpose of the inquiry is to ensure that priests were not being tied up with work which could be done equally well by lay people. Fr. Cagney will supply the necessary information.

Mr. D. Quinn submitted a report of a meeting attended by Mr. T. Brennan, Mr. P. Keegan, Rev. W. Cagney and Mr. Quinn. They estimated that, based on present figures the turnover for 1981 in bar and functions activities would be £400,000 and that profit before interest, bank charges and tax would be £100,000.

They felt that Management information systems will require to be designed and instituted on an on-going basis.

They also made recommendations regarding salary etc. for the Manager.

A letter was received from Mr. MacLoughlin General-Manager - Great Britain of the Bank of Ireland following a meeting with Fr. Cagney on 28th. November.

The letter expressed considerable disappointment and concern that the terms of the Lending Agreement had not been met in two significant areas,-

- (a) Interest due since September had not been paid.
- (b) The Bridging Loan of £87,000 had not been repaid.

It was agreed to pay the outstanding interest of approximately £25,000 by use of £16,000 now on deposit and £9,000 due from the London Irish Festival - proposed by Mr. M. Brunton, seconded by Mr. L. Martin.

The Bridging Loan is due to be repaid from the proceeds of the sale of the Hornsey Lane Gardens properties and of 12 Murray St..

Mr. M. Brunton proposed and Mr. L. Martin seconded that the Hornsey Lane Gardens properties be sold by public auction. It was also agreed to get valuations from two or three auctioneers and to place a reserve on the properties.

It was also agreed to arrange for an extension of the Charity Commissioners of their consent for the Bridging Loan.

Mr. MacLoughlin expressed confidence that the problems being experienced by the Centre will be overcome and that it will be successful in continuing its most worthwhile work.

5 FUND-RAISING

The Fund_raisers have issued a writ to enforce payment of fees and expenses. Our Solicitors have repeated their advice that we should not make any further payments. They also advised that we should not have any further correspondence with them.

The money from the Grosvenor House function has not been paid into the Fund Raising bank account. They have written to say that they have approximately £5,000 on deposit.

The meeting with the ~~Fund Raisers~~ for the review of the years progress must take place soon, preferably with our Solicitor present.

6 ROMOTIONS

Left over.

7 PLANNING

Fr. Cagney reported that he had to attend court in connection with the application for the Music Licence. Ten objectors were represented by a Barrister who complained of noise by Bands and by patrons when leaving.

The licence was granted until 30th. September 1981 on the following conditions."

- (1) The Irish Centre must provide a doorman for all functions.
- (2) A sound monitoring system; must be operated.
- (3) A telephone must be installed near the present cloakroom.

Miss M.Kenny proposed and Rev.J.Fullam seconded that all three requirements be attended to immediately.

Fr. Cagney will take the necessary action and will consult the experts. He also promised the Court that the new entrance will be completed as soon as possible.

Mr.T.Devine proposed and Mr. D.Egan seconded that work should commence on the Welfare Department as soon as possible and that work on No's 51/52 Camden Sq. should follow with whatever funds are then available. This was unanimously agreed.

8 LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL

Now awaiting accounts for 1980 Festival.

9 HOSTELS - FR.RYAN - CONWAY HOUSE.

The number of residents is down - 30% over the year. There is no further progress on the development.

MEDWAY STREET

It will be opened in January, The furniture loan is now urgently required.

Essential work on the chapel will cost £2,000. This will not be paid by the Housing Corporation.

10 FINANCE

No report

11 NEW STAFF

No appointments yet.

12 WELFARE REPORTS

NONE.

13 CLUB -REPORT - MISS M. KENNY

Takings for November

Bingo (after one jackpot)	233.40
Cover Charges	575.00
Raffles	343.09
O.A.P. Raffles	69.86
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	£1,221.35

In addition a profit of £147.50 was realised on the Club Buffet Dance.

Miss Kenny reported that new tables and chairs were urgently required in the Douglas Hyde Lounge. Fr. Cagney will deal with this.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

15 AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

As for the previous meeting.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be 13th. January 1981. at 8.P.M.

The Chairman closed the meeting by extending good wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year.

M. Moroney

13/1/1981

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 1981

PRESENT: Mr. M. Moroney, Chairman
Rev. W. Cagney, Hon. Treasurer
Mr. M. Brunton, Mr. D. Egan,
Miss M. Kenny, Mr. L. Martin,
Mr. J. Murphy and Mr. D. Quinn

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. F. Ryan

1. Apologies for absence: Mr. T. Devine, Fr. J. Gordan, Mr. D. Hogan,
Mr. C. Kane, Mr. G. O'Flynn

Absent: Fr. J. Fullam, Mr. P. Keegan, Mr. P. O'Brien.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 1980, having been circulated, were taken as read and adopted, proposed by Mr. M. Brunton and seconded by Mr. J. Murphy.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Fr. Cagney reported that the Direct Grant from Camden Council could be threatened by expenditure cutbacks. The Centre had applied for £70,000 and we have been assured that the application will be considered sympathetically. The basis for requesting and receiving the grant is that the work of the Centre saves the Council money.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter from solicitors confirming that the Music and Dancing licence for the McNamara Hall has been granted subject to various conditions which are being attended to.

The licence cost £375 and legal costs were £720.40.

- b) Letter from solicitors concerning the transfer of the bar licence to Messrs. Moroney and McDonagh. Mr. McDonagh is the new General Manager.

A resolution proposed by Mr. Brunton and seconded by Miss Kenny was passed unanimously which authorised Messrs. Moroney and McDonagh to apply for and hold the licence for the McNamara Hall in their joint names.

The solicitor required a copy of Mr. McDonagh's contract of employment which is being prepared by Mr. P. Keegan, who did not attend the meeting.

- c) Letter from solicitors advising that the way was now clear for receipt of the Whitbread Brewery Loan which is subject to the Charity Commissioners consent.

- d) Letter from Colin Graham recommending that a maintenance contract be entered into with Central Maintenance Company for the servicing and maintenance of the heating and air conditioning equipment. The cost would be £630 per annum. Mr. Brunton suggested that he and Mr. P. O'Brien meet with Graham and the architects to discuss the maintenance contract and to revert for Committee approval. The suggestion was accepted.
- e) Letter from Irish Department of Labour regarding the Committee on Emigrant Services. In renewing the IRE 10,000 grant the Committee referred to a deterioration in the services provided by the Welfare Department and the withdrawal of a car provided by the Centre to the Welfare Department. The grant enclosed with the letter dated 22 December converted to £7,800.

Fr. Cagney said the criticism was unjustified. Messrs. Brunton and Egan enquired where the criticism etc. originated.

Mr. Brunton urged that the letter be responded to pointing out the unfair criticism and correcting some points on which the Committee appear to have been misled e.g. about the withdrawal of the car.

- f) Letter from Sound Attenuators who have quoted for the installation of sound measuring devices for the three halls.

A device for the McNamara Hall was a condition of the granting of the licence.

The quotes were

- (a) McNamara Hall £416 ex VAT for a device to measure noise and cut off amplifiers when noise reached a certain stage
- (b) Other Halls - a visual device in each which would light up when noise exceeded a predetermined level. The vision only devices were £380 ex VAT each.

Mr. Martin said visual devices were a waste of money. Mr. Murphy said that double glazing had reduced emission of noise from the two small halls.

On Mr. Martin's advice it was agreed to get the device for the McNamara Hall on the basis that the Company produced a GLC consent for the device before installation.

Mr. Martin enquired whether one device could be obtained which could suffice for the three halls.

Fr. Cagney will investigate.

- g) Letter from architects stating they were ready to continue work on the Welfare Development. A note was enclosed of fees due:

For work on McNamara Hall	£ 7,973.54
For work on 51/52 Camden Square	10,120.00
For work on 50 Camden Square	3,254.50

The letter requested a reversion to the old monthly payment system. Fr. Cagney was requested to seek clarification of the letter as it seemed to some Committee members that the architects were looking for the £21,348.04 immediately.

h) Letter from Mr. Chris Kane apologising for his absence and querying the December minutes specifically:

1. The Welfare Department's request for a meeting
2. Correspondence to and from Bank of Ireland
3. The position regarding conditions for obtaining the licence
4. The implementation of the new management structure and the divorce of the Centre's commercial from its welfare activities.

The Chairman requested that the discussion re Welfare be deferred until later in the meeting.

Fr. Cagney requested that discussion on Bank of Ireland correspondence be deferred until later in the meeting.

Fr. Cagney reported that most of the conditions upon which the licence was issued were in hand e.g. see letter re sound monitoring device.

Mr. J. Murphy proposed and Mr. L. Martin seconded that the following serve on the management sub-committee (which will be responsible to the administrative committee for the profitable operation of the commercial activities to acceptable standards):

Fr. Cagney, Mr. C. Kane, Mr. P. Keegan and Mr. D. Quinn.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. D. Egan suggested that Mr. O'Flynn should obtain feedback from the counties on the standards of food and drink etc. and pass comments on to the management sub-committee.

He said the Council of Counties felt ignored by the Centre. The Chairman contended that the Council seemed reluctant to meet the Centre and requested Mr. Egan to tactfully place it in the mind of the Council to request a meeting with the Centre.

It was suggested that the minutes of each meeting should issue more promptly than heretofore and that the proposal should be implemented whereby the minutes/agenda were accompanied by copies of relevant reports.

i) Fr. Cagney read a letter from the General Manager, Bank of Ireland expressing disappointment that the Committee had not decided to place Murray Street on the market.

Fr. Cagney reported that Hornsey Lane had been placed with auctioneers who had requested a reserve price. The Committee did not feel qualified to suggest one although sums of £90/100,000 were suggested.

Mr. Brunton proposed that the property be placed with more auctioneers and various committee members suggested the following: Drive and Morris, Ham Enterprises, Hilliers, Wilmots. Fr. Cagney will contact the various firms.

It was wondered whether the Centre could renege on its promise to sell Murray Street.

It was suggested that Fr. Cagney approach the Bank on the basis of being allowed to keep Murray Street if sufficient was raised from the sale of Hornsey Lane Gardens to clear the bridging loan and accrued interest. No case was made as to why Murray Street should be retained and Mr. Quinn, speaking off the record felt that the Bank would hardly agree to the retention of Murray Street if interest was not up to date. September interest had not been met in full and there was fresh six months interest to go on in March.

The Bank of Ireland letter reiterated the Bank's right to approve all capital expenditure prior to any commitments being entered into by the Centre.

- j) Fr. Cagney read a letter from a Bishop McCormack from Mullingar who wrote on behalf of the National Episcopal Commission conveying a decision to decline the Centre's application for a National Appeal in Ireland.

The Bishops felt that the Irish Government grant was a belated response to an earlier National appeal.

The Chairman, Mr. Moroney, pointed out that the Centre had only received £10,000 from the appeal. Fr. Cagney suggested that individual Bishops and parish priests could still give permission to hold collections.

- k) Letter from Bank of Ireland, Holloway advising that the Irish Government grant had converted into £246,750 which was on deposit at Base (now 14% p.a.).

FUND-RAISING

No report. Fr. Cagney reported that he was sending all correspondence from the fund raisers to our solicitors and that there was dialogue between both sets of solicitors.

Our solicitor felt the contract was weak but that the mind of the drafters was clear. He hoped the matter would not go to court and suggested that the contract be terminated so that the fund raisers could not claim fees from January on. This was agreed to and Fr. Cagney will instruct the solicitor accordingly.

The Art Exhibition and sale duly took place in Ireland House in mid-December. The artist is to give Fr. Cagney a report but it appears the Exhibition was moderately successful. The fund raisers have of course any money raised.

Mr. Liam Martin apologised for missing the November fund raising meeting and suggested the following:

He felt the cause should be reduced to simple terms so that our aim could be transmitted to the widest body of people.

If the objective is to raise £1M then one hundred people contacting 100 people contributing £100 each would raise the necessary sum. The operation requires to be spearheaded by a person possessed of positive qualities. He would have to find 50 people in London and 50 elsewhere. Each of these 100 would have to find over, say, 2 years 100 people who would give £100 by way of:

- a) Covenant, or
- b) Contribution, or
- c) On an instalment basis.

A suitable promotional package would require to be devised.

Functions etc. would of course be held in parallel but functions would never raise the necessary sum.

The central strategy was the ripple effect.

Every Irish person in London should play his/her part.

Mr. D. Egan said we should be looking at

- a) the clergy in London
- b) the organised Irish
- c) the unaffiliated Irish
- d) the business community.

Fr. Cagney said we must seek the assistance of the Irish societies.

Messrs. Quinn and Egan felt it was essential to package the message so that our cause is presented clearly and attractively.

Mr. Martin said we should be selling the idea of what the Centre could be - that some positive action was required - that disaster was not far away.

The Chairman suggested a special fund raising meeting and the Committee unanimously felt that Mr. Martin's idea was a good one, one that everyone could relate to.

The Chairman conveyed to Mr. Martin the Committee's gratitude.

Mr. Brunton mentioned the possibility of having a draw in conjunction with the appeal.

It was decided to hold a special fund raising meeting at which Mr. Martin's idea will be expanded on e.g. a list of groups could be built up. A society could be asked to raise £10,000.

NOTICES OF FORTHCOMING DATES

Hostels A.G.M.	6.30 p.m. 10 March 1981
St. Patrick's Day	17 March 1981
Mayor's Banquet	Tuesday, April 14th 1981
Irish Centre A.G.M.	Thursday 21st May 1981.

WELFARE

The letter from Sr. Joan calling for a meeting was then discussed. The Chairman say Sr. Joan and agreed to a full meeting to discuss purely welfare business. Sr. Joan had asked for

- a) an early meeting
- b) that she needed 2 weeks notice
- c) that Miss Bronagh McSharry was to take minutes.

The Chairman felt that the Welfare Department was unhappy and that it saw itself as being downgraded.

However the Department is employed by the Centre.

It was agreed that Fr. Cagney and Mr. T. Devine should meet the Department following which meeting our Committee's representatives would draw up the agenda.

Mr. Egan felt that Sr. Joan was out of order in circulating the original letter.

Fr. Cagney said that he did not interfere with the Welfare Department but that the Department had taken it upon themselves to be spokesman for the Centre (he instanced a recent Federation meeting).

The Welfare Department did not wish to be subordinate to the Administrative Committee. Fr. Cagney saw Sr. Joan's letter as a challenge to the Committee.

It was essential that the Committee should convene the meeting and that the Committee should decide upon the agenda through Fr. Cagney and Mr. Devine.

Fr. Cagney suggested that the workloan of the Department seemed low for 3 people and queried the amount of extra mural work and whether the Centre should pay for it.

The suggestion that Miss McSharry take minutes was firmly rejected.

NEXT MEETING

It was decided that the next Administrative Committee Meeting be held on Tuesday 10 February and would have the following agenda:

6.30 - 8.00	Welfare
8.00 - 10.30	Fund Raising
10.30 - 11.00	Other Business.

There would be an interim fund raising meeting which would present a working paper for discussion at the next Administrative Committee Meeting.

FEDERATION

Mr. Egan proposed that the Committee nominate a representative to a forthcoming Federation Meeting. The Chairman said he would attend on behalf of the Committee.

FUNCTIONS BOOKING SYSTEM

Mr. Egan who is Chairman of the Offaly Mens' Association complained bitterly that, having confirmed a date for a function in the McNamara Hall for his Association he discovered that the Hall had been reserved for the Mayo Mens' Association who had made the booking several months fater Mr. Egan. There was no excuse, he said, fo rthe mistake which is highly embarrassing for him personally and indeed for the Centre.

Fr. Cagney was requested to ensure that all bookings are confirmed and that a fool proof booking system is installed without delay.

In addition Mr. Egan asked that the Centre give a commitment to the Council of Counties regarding the non-reoccurrence of double bookings.

CLUB REPORT (For December 1980)

Bingo	£252.90
Prize	100.00
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	£152.90
Raffle	387.01
QAPR	41.23
Cover Charges	714.20
Membership	150.25
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	<u>£1,445.59</u>

END OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11.00 p.m.

Mr. Moroney 10/2/1981

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND SOCIAL WORKERS MEETING

HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 10TH. FEBRUARY 1981

PRESENT

MR. M. MORONEY, MR. T. DEVINE, MR. C. KANE, MR. M. BRUNTON, MR. J. MURPHY,
MISS M. KENNY, SR. JOAN, MISS M. O'BRIEN, MR. M. KINNERNEY.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MR. P. KEEGAN, MR. G. O'FLYNN, MR. D. QUINN, FR. A. WOODS, FR. J. GORDAN.

2A ROLE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE V WELFARE

There emerged from a discussion on the above two points namely, lack of communication and a confusion as to the meaning of the word "Welfare" in the Irish Centre context.

What seemed like indifference on the part of the Administration in reality was not the case. It has full trust and confidence in the work of the Social Workers. There was a preoccupation by the Administration in getting the new welfare department ready as it was appreciated that the present physical conditions in which the welfare work was been carried on was totally inadequate. As an immediate step Cllr. T. Devine and Fr. Cagney will arrange a continuing liaison with the welfare workers. Matters e.g. budget, communication, place of welfare within the structure of the Irish Centre should engage immediate attention.

Also the feasibility of forming a welfare sub-committee by co-opting various expertises was deemed a useful step.

B ROLE OF THE DIRECTOR

His role was seen as in all respects of the Irish Centre, as the representative of the Administrative Committee to convey and liaise between the department and the Administrative Committee.

C ROLE OF THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Three Social Workers, employees of the Irish Centre, to carry out the welfare work of the Centre. The letter from the Irish Government, Dept. of Labour was read announcing the IR £10,000 grant towards aiding the Welfare Department to carry out its work. It was noted that the letter expressed concern on certain deficiencies e.g. car and lack of improved facilities. Some improvements had taken place e.g. the interview room. It was thought very little improvement could take place at least structurally. A letter was read from the Architects intimating that work could begin on the new department before the end of March. The better use of the blue estate car should be discussed at next meetings.

D In discussing the Policy Paper, which was very well received, most points seemed to be covered in previous discussions. All points should be further treated at sub-committee level and it was arranged that the first meeting take place on Monday 16th. February at 11 a.m. with Cllr. Devine, Fr. Cagney and Social Workers. The first and immediate matter was an improvement on the question of communication and consultation. An Annual draft budget should be worked out to cover running expenses and perhaps capital expenditure.

Also suggested was a study to be made on the present welfare work in relation to the Constitution of the Irish Centre.

The use of the kitchen by non kitchen staff, the difficulty getting food for welfare clients was finally discussed and an immediate solution was to be sought. The Administrative Committee looks forward to regular communication through its representatives and assured the Welfare Workers of their appreciation and continued co-operation.

Due to pressure of time the meeting closed and a refinement of matters discussed would be worked on at sub-committee level.

The meeting closed at 8.45.p.m.

M. Moroney 10/2/1981

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 10TH. FEBRUARY 1981

PRESENT

MR. M. MORONEY CHAIRMAN
REV. W. CAGNEY HON. TREASURER
MR. T. DEVINE MR. C. KANE, MR. M. BRUNTON,
MR. J. MURPHY, MISS M. KENNY, MR. L. MARTIN.
REV. J. FULLAM.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MR. P. KEEGAN, MR. G. O'FLYNN, FR. A. WOODS, FR. J. GORDAN, MR. D. QUINN.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the January meeting having been circulated were taken as read.

3 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Keith Roberts Architects - follows meeting with Fr. Cagney as advised by previous Administrative meeting. Decision taken as proposed by Mr. J. Murphy, seconded by Mr. L. Martin - "That £7,973.50, being monies owing to Keith Roberts for McNamara Hall be paid immeniately. That subsequent monies owing to Keith Roberts for work on Nos 50, 51, 52, which according to a Statement of 7th. January 1981 was £13,374.50, be paid on a monthly basis for the sum of £1,000 per month". This decision was unanimous.

That a letter (Colin Graham, Electrical Engineers ref. 414/MM/LM) recommending Maintenance Contract for heating and ventilation of the McNamara Hall be accepted and that the Manager be responsible for monotoring it - this contract would cost £630 excluding vat. per annum.

It was proposed to accept the contract by Fr. Cagney and seconded by Mr. L. Martin.

Following a query by the Bank of Ireland re. signatories on cheques, that a study be made by the Management Committee.

A report by the London Irish Festival Council and recpetion with gratitude of £7,000 from the 1980 Festival proceeds.

Correspondence from Auctioneers re. 31 Hornsey Lane Gardens and 12 Murray St. It was proposed that we accept £108,000, written offer (letter from Scott Ford & Co. ref. GHF/AB/3rd. February) for 29/31 Hornsey Lane Gardens subject to a proper contract.

The above was proposed by Mr. M. Brunton and seconded by Mr. L. Martin.

Intrim accommodation needs especially for administrative purposes be fully assessed and defer decision to sell 12 Murray St. until this assessment is made.

This was proposed by Mr. L. Martin and seconded by Mr. M. Brunton.

A letter, February 3rd. was received confirming the transfer of the licence of the McNamara hall from Mr. J. Marron to Mr. M. Moroney and Mr. P. McDonagh.

BUSINESS

The welfare report (January 81) was accepted. It was remarked that numbers are low in line with previous months.

Production of the 1981 Welfare Report will cost £200 for 600 copies. The Committee unanimously accepted this cost and recommends progress subject to approval of the Report by the Administrative Committee.

The use of the kitchen by non-kitchen staff. It was unanimously approved that no meals be taken in the kitchen, that the Green room be made available as a dining room and that facilities for the provision of food for welfare clients be made with the Manager outside of the kitchen.

Social Committee report was given by Miss M. Kenny. (January)

Bingo	274.60
(Less Jackpot)	<u>100.00</u>
	174.60
Cover Charge	494.40
Raffles	389.30
O.A.P.	33.13
Membership	<u>213.80</u>
	£1,305.23

4 FUND RAISING

1 It was greatly regretted that for such an important matter, the time for discussion was very limited. This was due to the heavy load for business which it was found necessary to discuss. Another time must be set aside for a thorough examination of means of raising funds to carry out the very necessary development of the Centre and a sub-committee will meet to draw up a working paper for discussion and action.

The Principle as outlined by Mr.L.Martin was , that one hundred would donate one hundred pounds each and each would get another hundred people to donate £100 who in turn would each get another 100 people to donate £100.

Thus $100 \times 100 \times 100 = £1,000,000$

To make this scheme a success, it was suggested by Mr.L.Martin, a full-time dedicated Irish Centre person would be necessary to pilot the scheme. Certain areas and classifications of peoples and organizations would need to be defined e.g. clergy, laity, organizations, county associations, catinians, kinghts etc..

It was suggested by Mr.M.Moroney as a short term and immediate programme to overcome the present critical situation and to get the very necessary Camden Sq. entrance remodelled was a drive to get 300 companies or organizations to give a donation of £1,000 each.

Mr.C.Kane saw merit in fund-raising functions e.g. Golf Tournaments.

Fr. Fullam saw problems at parish level due to high levies placed on them to meet Archdiocesan debt.

Mr.L.Martin said an overall plan and target was essential and each project shown to be part of an overall plan.

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Fr. Cagney brought the meeting up to date on the legal situation regarding the Fund Raising Company. It was imperative that the members of the Committee who met with the Fund Raisiers on August 12th. 1980 get together as a matter of urgency to refresh their minds on the discussion that took place at that meeting.

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A brief discussion was led by Mr.L.Martin on the feasibility of an interim entrance to the McNamera Hall from Camden Sq. It was thought advisable for Mr.Martin to meet with Mr.P.O'Brien and Mr.M.Brunton with a view to discussing with the job architects on an alternative plan. This should take place as soon as the tender for No. 50 is known.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday MArch 10th. 1981 at 8.30.p.m.

M.M. Ovey 10/2/1981

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 10TH. MARCH 1981

PRESENT

Rev. W. J. Cagney, Director/Hon. Treasurer
Mr. P. Keegan Hon. Accountant
Mr. G. O'Flynn Hon. Secretary
Rev. A. Woods, Rev. J. Gordan, Rev. J. Fullam, Mr. M. Brunton, Mr. D. Egan,
Mr. C. Kane, Miss Mary Kenny, Mr. L. Martin, Mr. J. Murphy, Mr. D. Quinn.

IN ATTENDANCE

Rev. F. Ryan.

In the absence of the Chairman who is in hospital Mr. D. Quinn proposed and Mr. P. Keegan seconded that Fr. Gordan take the chair. This was unanimously agreed.

On behalf of the members Fr. Gordan expressed good wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Moroney. He will celebrate holy mass for that intention and will send a "get well" card on behalf of the Committee.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. M. Moroney, Mr. T. Devine.

2 MINUTES

The minutes having been circulated were taken as read and adopted on a proposal by Mr. J. Murphy seconded by Mr. M. Brunton.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Mr. D. Quinn queried whether the £7,000 received from the London Irish Festival had been used to pay off some of the interest due. Fr. Cagney will ensure that this is done.

The assessment of accommodation needs for administrative purposes was the subject of an earlier meeting to-day and a report will be made. It was felt that No. 12 Murray St. would be required for staff accommodation.

Mr. Quinn reminded the meeting that the Bank of Ireland had been promised that this property would be sold and the proceeds used to reduce the debt to the bank. Mr. Quinn also pointed out that further development work must be approved by the bank.

Fr. Cagney will explain to the bank why we would like to retain 12 Murray St. He will also give details of the proposed development.

The Charity Commissioners have agreed to the sale of the properties at Hornsey Lane Gardens but they want to know details of the negotiations to ensure that the best price was obtained. Our solicitors in conjunction with the auctioneers are supplying this information.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

The Housing Corporation wrote confirming their meeting with Irish Centre Hostels Ltd. and confirmed their request for details of plans for expansion.

Report submitted to the previous meeting was missed from the minutes.

The sub-committee consisting of Fr. Cagney, Mr. C.Kane, Mr. P. Keegan and Mr. D.Quinn met three times since the last report. The Manager was in attendance for part of those meetings.

ACTION TAKEN

New signs have been erected.
Discussions re. accounting system with Beatty & Co.
New stocktaker hired.
Assistant Manager (Mr. Forte) and Bar Steward (Mr. Moore) have been engaged.
Feedback form introduced.
Discussions with Barkers re. purchase/donation of surplus furniture.
Intercom system ordered and now installed.
Two new metered gaming machines installed.
Level of cash floats reduced.
New menus prepared.
Kentokil called in to deal with pest problem.

EVENTS

Chef (Jimmy) has resigned.
Adverse comments received re. new management.
Space Invaders machine ordered.

POINTS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE CLUB

Over-use/inappropriate use of the McNamara hall.
Relocation of Sunday dances.
Charging for rooms.
Cost of Bands.
Darts Tournament.
Football films.

In reply to a suggestion by Fr. Woods that leaflets be sent to parishes inviting visits to and the use of the Centre, Mr. Quinn said that the staff were paid to do this and will be briefed on this point.

Mr. Kane said that the Centre must be right first before people are brought in. The present entrance is a handicap.

Fr. Cagney reported that consequent on the kitchen being a "no go area" the Manager had requested that the Green room be prepared as a dining room for the staff. The Manager has requested a fridge and cooker for use there. This request should go to the Management Committee. It cannot be agreed because the builders will shortly take over the Green room.

Mr. Murphy undertook to have the open sewer attended to. A new manhole is necessary.

The Manager feels that a full time chef is not required. He is now using one part time.

The members are Fr. Cagney and Mr. T.Devine.

In reply to a query from Fr. Cagney regarding a meeting held at St.Louise's Hostel, Medway St. on Sunday MArch 8th., Mr.O'Flynn explained that he had been instructed by the Chairman to get as many members as possible of the Administrative Committee together to discuss grievances being voiced by the Social Workers. As a matter of convenience because of the 'openday' at St.Louis'es the meeting was arranged for there. This was not a meeting of the Administrative Committee. There was bno chairman and no minutes were taken.

Points made were that the Centre could be in trouble because -;

- 1) Deceased Trustees had not been replaced.
- 2) Accounts had not been filed with the Charity Commissioners since 1976.

Mr.P.Keegan was confident that there was no worry on either score because the matters in question had been attended to as the occasion arose. A list of recommendations was received from Mr. T.Devine and the following decisions made -;

- 1) Not possible because of the Constitution.
- 2) Agreed.
- 3) Not possible because of the Constitution,
- 4) Agreed.
- 5) To be discussed with the Management Sub-Committee.
- 6) The Easter Congress is an Emigrant Congress not a Welfare Congress. Fr. Ryan will represent the Irish Centre and Sr. Joan will represent the Welfare Sub-Committee..
- 7) To be referred to the Welfare Sub-Committee.
- 8) Impossible now. Fr. Woods will make a report for the mnext meeting.
- 9) A seperate bank account cannot be opened. A study will be made and a report issued in due course.
- 10) Fr. Cagney will have discussions with Mr. Prince.

A further recommendation was received from Mr. Devine regarding the continued employment of Mr. Kinnerney. The conditions made for withdrawel by him of his notice of termination of employment were not acceptable to the Administrative Committee.

Fr. Cagney referred to the formation of the Welfare Sub-Committee which is only an advisory body and is to report to the Administrative Committee. So far three meetings have been held and only administration has been discussed. No discussions on Welfare problems so far.

A request to increase the float to £150 was received and this was agreed. This was proposed by Mr. C.Kane and seconded by Mr.L.Martin.

Mr. C. Kane proposed and Mr. M. Brunton seconded that Sr. Joan and Fr. Butler be co-opted to the Welfare Sub-Committee and that the Welfare Workers be invited to attend as considered necessary.

Mr. C. Kane proposed and Mr. J. Murphy seconded that the terms of reference of the Welfare Sub-Committee be included in the minutes. The terms of reference are not available yet.

7 REPORT FROM SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE (MISS M. KENNY)

Takings for February -;

Bingo	260.80
less jackpot	100.00
	<u>160.80.</u>
Cover Charge	415.20
Raffles	334.71
O.A.P. Raffle	34.12
Membership	72.70
	<u>£1,017.53</u>

8 DEVELOPMENT REPORT (MR. L. MARTIN)

The building costs for 50, 51, and 52 Camden Sq., are estimated at £350,000 plus. Funds now available £250,000, of this £30,000 must be reserved for fees, leaving £220,000 available for construction work. Priority must be given for No. 50 which will cost at least £113,000 leaving £107,000 for work on No's 51/2.

It is hoped that work will commence in 6 weeks with a contract period of six months.

The non fabric of the building is deteriorating very badly.

A letter from J. Murphy & Sons (Contractors) Ltd. outlined additional conditions to be included in the contract. This letter will be studied by our Solicitor and a further meeting with Messrs. Murphy will be arranged.

9 FUND-RAISING

Our Solicitor advised that an affidavit was required by the 14th. April in connection with the action being taken by Geoff Dawson Ltd. Fr. Cagney and Mr. Keegan will deal with this.

Mr. D. Quinn reported that a profit of £474.70 was made on the 'race meeting' held on February 20th. In addition bar takings were £300, with a further £80 for food.

The next 'meeting' will be held in the Autumn

10 PLANNING

No report

11 LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL

We still have to appoint one member to the Festival Committee.

12 FINANCE

No report

13 NEW STAFF

Dealt with under No 5.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

15 AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

As for this meeting

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday April 10th. at 8.p.m.

W. J. Peepers M.P.
in loco Chairman

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 7th. APRIL 1981

<u>PRESENT</u>	REV. W. CAGNEY	DIRECTOR/HON TREASURER
	MR. P. KEEGAN	HON. ACCOUNTANT
	MR. G. O'FLYNN	HON. SECRETARY

MR. T. DEVINE, MISS M. KENNY, ME. J. MURPHY, MR. D. QUINN.

IN ATTENDANCE

REV. J. BUTLER, REV. F. RYAN, MR. L. ROBERT.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MR. M. MORONEY, MR. D. EGAN, MR. C. KANE.

In the absence of the Chairman, it was agreed that Fr. Cagney preside, proposed by Mr. G. O'Flynn seconded by Mr. J. Murphy.

Fr. Cagney introduced Mr. L. Robert of Messrs C. Anthony Prince & Co., Solicitors whom he had invited to the meeting, to explain the Constitution and the position of the Welfare Dept.

Mr. Robert outlined the ^{the} history sine the formation of the Council for the Irish Centre in 1955. In 1956 doubts arose as to whether it was an exclusively charitable body and it was decided to appoint separate Trustees for the Charity Trust Deed in addition to the general Trustees.

The present Constitution is dated 6th. December 1961. It lists separate Trustees and it specifies separate accounts for the London Irish Centre Charity and the Council for the Irish Centre. This has not been done. Consolidated accounts have been submitted for 20 years and accepted quite happily by the Inland Revenue, Charity Commissioners and the Irish Government.

If the Charity Commissioners received a complaint they could instruct us to keep separate accounts but a Welfare account could be incorporated in the consolidated accounts.

Questions regarding the accounts can be resolved by altering the Constitution. It would now be advisable to amend the Constitution to allow the rules to be altered at any Extraordinary General Meeting.

Mr. Robert would like a meeting with Mr. Brennan of our Accountants.

It was difficult to define the position of the Trustees in relation to the Administrative Committee. The Trustees for the Irish Centre Charity and the Administrative Committee have some overlapping responsibilities.

Sub-Committees can only be advisory except for specific duties decided by the Administrative Committee. They can co-opt subject to the approval of the Administrative Committee. Mr. Robert will make a report in writing with recommendations.

On behalf of the Administrative Committee Fr. Cagney expressed sincere thanks to Mr. Robert for attending the meeting and for explaining the situation so clearly.

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MINUTES

Fr. Cagney regretted that some members had not received their copies of the Minutes which he was assured had been posted in good time.

As members had an opportunity before the commencement of the meeting to study the minutes it was agreed that they be taken as read and were adopted on a proposition by Mr. J. Murphy seconded by Mr. D. Quinn.

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MATTERS ARISING

The sale of the Hornsey Lane Gdns. properties had been agreed at £108,000 but on the advice of the Charity Commissioners notices of intending sale were published in local papers and displayed on site for two weeks. In the event of no increased offer being received the present offer of £108,000 to be accepted.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Taken under appropriate headings.

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MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT (MR. D. QUINN)

points raised at last meeting were dealt with.

- 1) Price of Bacon & Cabbage held at £3.50 Kennedy Hall and £4 McNamara Hall until 31.12.81. Three months notice of price increases will be given.
- 2) Roast beef will be available on menu
- 3) Meeting with Club Committee fixed for 13th. April
- 4) The rats have gone.

Doubts were expressed on this point.

ACTION

- 1) The book-keeper has proved unsuitable and has been given notice.
- 2) Beatty & Co. have been requested to act as Consulting Accountants.
- 3) Regret no financial information available
- 4) Concerned over rumours which are detrimental to the Irish Centre.

6 WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT (MR. T. DEVINE)

Minutes of meetings held on 16th, 23rd, and 30th March were presented and action as follows.

- 1) Noted
- 2) Noted
- 3) Welfare sub-committee will prepare a job description Fr. Butler will be invited to join the avenue of communication with a view to forming a Welfare Sub-Committee.
- 4) Mr. D. Quinn proposed and Mr. T. Devine seconded that a replacement for Mr. Kinnerney be appointed. Advertisements will be placed.

- 5) Report awaited.
- 6) Solicitors report re. separate accounts awaited.
- 7) Management sub-committee to deal.
- 8) Salary review being implemented by Mr. P. Keegan.
- 9) The Administrative Committee rejected the insinuation that too much of its time is spent on trivial matters.

A request from the social workers for copies of the portion of the minutes dealing with welfare was refused.

WELFARE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1981

There were 61 new applicants (41 male and 20 females) one family 5 estranged spouses, 1 psychiatric case, 5 marital problems 4 single mothers, 8 drink problems 35 sought accommodation 52 were placed, 14 sought work 6 were placed, 8 sought repatriation 5 were repatriated, 113 received counselling 88 visits were made.

CONWAY HOUSE MARCH FR. RYAN

41 new entrants were received. Only 3 had money. £1,500 received in respect of rents, of this £500 was received from Social Services.

ST. LOUISES HOSTEL MEDWAY ST.

The hostel is going well and the number of residents is increasing. Most residents have no money.

7 SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT MISS M. KENNY

TAKINGS FOR MARCH

BINGO	303.10
LESS 2 JACKPOTS	200.00
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	103.10
COVER CHARGE	518.50
RAFFLES	512.95
O.A.P. RAFFLES	56.27
MEMBERSHIP	31.25
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	£1,222.07

8 DIRECTORS REPORT

Fr. Cagney referred to the recent A.G.M. of the Irish Centre Hostels Ltd. It appears there was not a quorum present and Mr. T. Dunne was elected Chairman even though he is not a member of the Administrative Committee.

The Housing Corporation suggested an expansion of the membership of the Hostel sub-committee. Irish Centre Hostels will study the suggestion.

9 FUND - RAISING

The hearing of the action by Geoff Dawson Ltd takes place on 14th. April. The affidavit has been done by Mr. P. Keegan.

The London Borough of Camden have agreed to pay £32,500 towards the running costs. It is hoped that this will be an annual grant.

Mr. T. Devine was complimented on his magnificent presentation of our application which otherwise would certainly have not been successful.

The last obstacle has now been overcome with regard to the loans from the Breweries and the balance should be received shortly.

It was agreed that details of receipts (and how spent) is supplied each month.

10 PLANNING

Negotiations are proceeding to enable work as per last months minutes to commence on 26th. April 1981.

11 LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL.

A meeting of the Festival Council is due and will be arranged in a few days.

12 FINANCE

NO REPORT

13 NEW STAFF

Because of the termination of the employment of the book-keeper Mrs. D'Arcy will be dealing with the accounts. Mr. Devine has recommended a retired couple for the reception and other part time work.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Federation of Irish Societies Annual Congress takes place at Portsmouth at 2.p.m. on 23rd. May. We are entitled to send two delegates.

The Mayors Banquet takes place on April 14th.

15 AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

AS APRIL

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 5TH. MAY AT ST. LOUISES HOSTEL MEDWAY STREET AT 5.30.P.M.

A special meeting to prepare for the A.G.M. will be held at the Irish Centre on 12th. May at 8.p.m.

A.G.M. 21ST. MAY AT THE IRISH CENTRE 8.30.P.M.

ed J. Capryll
in loco p. Devine

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE IRISH CENTRE
HELD AT THE ST. LOUISE HOSTEL, MEDWAY ST., ON TUESDAY 5th. MAY 1981

PRESENT

REV. W. CAGNEY
MR. P. KEEGAN
MR. G. O'FLYNN

DIRECTOR/HON. TREASURER
HON. ACCOUNTANT
HON. SECRETARY

REV. A. WOODS, REV. J. GORDAN, MR. D. EGAN, MISS M. KENNY, MR. L. MARTIN,
MR. D. QUINN.

IN ATTENDANCE

REV. F. RYAN, MR. F. CAULFIELD.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MR. M. MORONEY, MR. M. BRUNTON, MR. T. DEVINE, MR. C. KANE, MR. J. MURPHY

In the absence of the Chairman, it was agreed that Fr. Cagney preside, proposed by Mr. G. O'Flynn, seconded by Mr. D. Egan.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the April meeting having been circulated were taken as read and adopted on a proposal by Miss M. Kenny, seconded by Fr. Woods.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Further offers have been received via the Charity Commissioners for the Hornsey Lane Gardens properties and the negotiations are proceeding. The highest offer received to date is £118,000.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

The London Borough of Camden confirmed that our application for grant aid for 1981/82 has been approved in the sum of £32,500. This grant is to be used to defray general running costs on the basis that a similar amount would be released from the running costs account to capital development account.

It is hoped that this grant will soon be paid. Mr. D. Quinn suggested that it be used to pay interest due to 30th. June.

Mr. D. Quinn proposed and Mr. P. Keegan seconded that a welfare account be opened. It will be discussed later how it should be used.

5 MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

A Points raised at previous Administrative Committee meetings were dealt with.

1 Menu prices good until 31st. December 1981, all things being equal

2 Seven days notice of numbers for functions is desirable, and final figures 24 hours in advance. Shortfalls in booked numbers should be charged for, but compromise may sometimes be necessary

Minimum number for McNamara Hall is 150

Minimum number for the J.F.K. & Douglas Hyde 75 each

3 Drink price lists should be on tables and wine service will be available during meals

4 Compulsory service charge for drinks served to tables will not be repeated.

- 5 The Manager does not agree that too many waitresses are employed
- 6 Price of staff meals is 50% of that charged to the public
- 7 The Sub-Committee felt that the Mayor's Banquet was a disappointment. The food was not up to standard, wine lists on the tables showed that the cheapest wine was served to the guests, the microphones were not working properly
- A problem was created by the non acknowledgement of invitations.
- B Two meetings have been held since the last Administrative Committee meeting. They were mainly concerned with discussing accounting systems with Beatty & Co. who are starting accounts from 1st. April.
- C A meeting took place with the representatives of the Social Committee. It was inconclusive and further meetings will be held.

Mr. P. Keegan said that the Annual Accounts to 31st. December 1980 and also the interim accounts for the quarter to 31st. March 1981 will be ready next week

Mr. Brennan of Messrs Burton Brennan & co. Auditors has advised that he has retired and consequently it will be necessary to appoint new Auditors. Mr. D. Quinn proposed that Messrs. Beatty & Co. be invited to act as Auditors to the Irish Centre. This was agreed and the necessary change over will be arranged.

6 WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT (FR. CAGNEY)

No meeting last week because of the absence of staff. Discussions still have not advanced beyond administration. No discussion yet on welfare.

An advertisement has been placed for a welfare worker. Miss O'Brien has tendered her resignation as from 3.7.81. As there are now two vacancies Fr. Ryan proposed that we take emergency action to secure replacements. This was agreed. It was also agreed that Sr. Joan be offered extra pay in the event of her having to work longer hours because of staff shortage. This point will be dealt with at the June meeting.

Fr. Woods in giving a definition of a welfare worker at the Irish Centre made the point that all the operations of the Centre were welfare work in the broad sense. Welfare in the narrower definition is also catered for. Employees are not entitled to be members of the Welfare Sub-Committee and can only attend meetings when invited and only for that period of the meeting for which their presence is requested.

Fr. Cagney agreed with Fr. Woods's definition and said that that was also the view of our solicitor.

Fr. Ryan said that the Contract of Employment must contain a precise job description. Mr. L. Martin said we must determine the parameter of the job to prevent others deciding their own parameter.

Fr. Woods and Fr. Ryan will get together to prepare a more detailed document.

In reply to a question Fr. Cagney said there is still unrest in the Welfare Department despite the efforts of the Sub-Committee to resolve the problems. He would be hesitant to employ a new Welfare worker because of the atmosphere at present.

Mr. Owen O'Neill of the Department of Labour, Dublin and Messrs Corr and Weston from the Irish Embassy visited the Irish Centre today and were briefed on the situation by Fr. Cagney.

The Ambassador has agreed in principle that an Embassy officer should be a member of the Welfare Sub-Committee. He requested information on the role the Sub-Committee would play, its powers and its position within the framework of the Irish Centre.

7 SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (MISS M.KENNY)

Takings for April 1981-;

Bingo	317.00
Cover Charges	620.60
Raffles	330.08
O.A.P.Raffles	48.77
Membership	15.00
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	£1,331.45

In reply to a query by Miss Kenny it was felt that 14 should be the minimum age at which children should be allowed to enter the bars.

8 DIRECTORS REPORT

Messrs C.Anthony Prince & Co. wrote to confirm points made by Mr. Roberts when he addressed the March meeting on the Constitution of the Irish Centre. He repeated his advice that the Accounts henceforth are dealt with in accordance with the Constitution and he is having discussions with Messrs. Burton Brennan & Co, on the best means of doing this in the best interests of the Irish Centre.

As some members felt that Leading Counsels opinion should be sought on the advice being given by Messrs Prince & Co., it was agreed that Fr. Cagney will consult with Messrs Prince and report to our next meeting on 12th. May. It was also felt that if Counsel is to be consulted on this point they should also be asked to study the whole situation.

9 FUND RAISING

Letters from Messrs Prince & Co. advised that we have a good defence against the action being taken by the Fund Raisers, Geff Dawson Ltd. They also suggest that we charge them with gross negligence and breaches of contract.

Mr.D.Quinn proposed and Fr. Gordan seconded that we accept our Solicitors advice to defend the action and to counter claim for gross negligence.

Contracts have now been signed in connection with the loans from the Brewers and the balances should be received shortly.

10 PLANNING

A delegation from the Irish Government visited the Irish Centre today and were concerned at the lack of progress on phase two of the Development. Fr. Cagney explained to them the causes for the delay.

A firm price is expected from Messrs J.Murphy & Sons this week.

It will be necessary to retain 12 Murray St. for staff accommodation while work on phase two is being carried out.

It was proposed by Mr.L.Martin and seconded by Mr.D.Quinn that the account (£1717.80) due to the engineers be paid.

11 LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL

The Committee has been formed and planning is going well.

12 FINANCE

NO REPORT

13 NEW STAFF

A new receptionist started work today.

No book keeper yet.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

15 AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

To prepare for the A.G.M.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday May 12th. 1981 at 8.p.m.

W. J. Coagney

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 12TH. MAY 1981.

PRESENT

REV. W. CAGNEY

MR. P. KEEGAN

MR. G. O'FLYNN

REV. A. WOODS,

MR. D. QUINN.

DIRECTOR/HON. TREASURER

HON/ACCOUNTANT

HON./SECRETARY

MR. M. BRUNTON, MR. D. EGAN, MR. C. KANE, MISS M. KENNY,

IN ATTENDANCE

REV. F. RYAN.

1 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

MR. L. MARTIN.

In the absence of the Chairman it was agreed that Fr. Cagney preside, proposed by Mr. G. O'Flynn seconded by Mr. M. Brunton.

The meeting was called to deal specifically with preparations for the A.G.M. but other matters of importance had arisen and it was agreed to deal with them.

2 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mr. M. Brunton, Mr. C. Kane and Mr. G. O'Flynn advised that they would not be available for appointment or election to the Administrative Committee for the coming year.

Mr. D. Quinn proposed and Mr. C. Kane seconded that the newly appointed Bishop of Brentwood be invited to become a patron of the Irish Centre. This was unanimously agreed.

It was also agreed that Mr. T. Devine be invited to become a vice-President, proposed by Mr. M. Brunton seconded by Mr. P. Keegan.

His Excellency the Cardinal will appoint the senior chaplain, also a priest to represent the Archdiocese of Westminster on the Administrative Committee. The Archbishop of Southwark and the Bishop of Brentwood will also appoint representatives.

It was agreed to recommend to the President, Lord Longford, that he appoint the following to the Administrative Committee -;

Mr. D. Hogan, Mr. P. Keegan, Mr. L. Martin and Mr. D. Quinn.

The Committee felt that the following should be supported -;

Miss M. Kenny, Mr. D. Egan, Mr. T. Dack, Mr. G. Feeney, Mr. J. Murphy, Mr. M. Moroney, Mr. P. O'Brien, and Mr. J. Troy.

As the Chairman, Mr. M. Moroney would be unable to be present, it was agreed that Mr. C. Kane would preside and that he would read the Chairman's address to the meeting.

3 CORRESPONDENCE

A The sale of the Hornsey Lane Gdns properties to Mark Fitzpatrick & Son in the sum of £121,000 has been recommended for acceptance.

B Our Solicitors are strenuously defending the action being taken by Geoff Dawson Ltd.

4 DEVELOPMENT OF THE IRISH CENTRE

A meeting was held earlier to day in connection with Phase 2 of the development. Present were representatives of our Architects, Quantity Surveyors and the Contractors (Messrs. J. Murphy & Sons (Contractors) Ltd.)

The Contractors submitted a quotation in the sum of £295,000 plus VAT and fees for the completion of Phase 2. This would bring the cost to £350,000.

As funds for this amount are not available, efforts were made to make cutbacks in the programme in order to bring the cost within the figure available.

The following cutbacks were suggested -;

(a) NO. 50. CAMDEN SQ.

The Welfare Dept. would be cut back to £126 000. This would be achieved by omitting decorations which could be done later.

(b) NOS. 51/52 CAMDEN SQ.

Cutbacks as follows,

Facade from £18,000 to £3,300

Area outside nos. 51/2 from £19,000 to £10,000

Level 2 reception and cloaks from £30,000 to £15,000.

The proposed cutbacks would reduce the cost to £246,074 inclusive of fees and vat but the contract period would be nine months.

It was agreed that we accept the revised proposals as presented on 12th. May 1981 and that Mr. Brunton be authorised to make the necessary arrangements with our Architects, Quantity Surveyors and the Contractors.

5 MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

A report from the Management Sub-Committee revealed an alarming state of affairs which could not be allowed to continue.

Instructions given to the Management are not being carried out, there is no system of accounts, stock is missing, casual staff too high, very low returns from gaming machines, bills are not fully itemised, register of bookings not checked. The stocktakers report a deficit of £1,500 in 25 days. There was a trading loss of £10,841 in 25 days. Goods inwards are not being checked. There is no stocktaking of food.

It was agreed that Fr. Cagney instruct the Manager in writing to carry out instructions which had been given to him. He must implement the systems that have been devised, he must control stocks at source, make lists of all casual staff and advise in advance numbers required. Proper procedures and systems must be initiated immediately.

It was agreed that Fr. Cagney be authorised to make checks on all casual labour and to vet all accounts.

W. J. Cagney

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY JUNE 9TH, 1981

PRESENT

Fr. Cagney, Mr. Declan Quinn, Mr. P. Keegan, Mr. L. Martin, Mr. J. Troy, Mr. T. Dack, Mr. J. Murphy, Mr. G. Feeney, Miss Mary Kenny, Fr. John Gordan, Mr. D. Egan.

It was unanimously agreed that Fr. Cagney would chair the meeting. He then introduced the new members round the table.

The first item on the agenda was the election of officers. Fr. Cagney gave the latest information on the out-going Chairman, Mr. M. Moroney and explained that although he was willing to go forward again he would prefer to have a new man elected. Fr. Cagney sought nominations from the more experienced members, but unfortunately, none were able to allow their names to go forward. The same impasse applied to the position of Vice Chairman. In an endeavour to solve this problem, Mr. Donie Egan, very kindly volunteered to go forward as Vice Chairman with Mr. M. Moroney as Chairman. The position to be reviewed in September. Mr. T. Dack accepted the position as Hon Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Vice Chairman and up-to-date points were given by Fr. Cagney regarding cut backs on some of the contractual work on the buildings. £249,000 would be expended on the building. £126,000 on number 50 Camden Sq., and £56,071 with £9,000 contingency on numbers 51 and 52.

Brewery contributions ; - of the £50,000 promised from Charringtons £25,000 is paid. Of Whitbreads £44,000 - £34,000 is on the way and Courages £44,000 is complete. Mr. Liam Martin proposed that should the £25,000 not arrive by Friday next 12th. June, some formula should be arrived at to get the contract signed before 29th. June. This was seconded by Mr; G. Feeney.

Management report; Mr. Declan Quinn said that the accountants have produced accounts for April and May. In April there was a loss of £10,841 and in May the loss was £1,761. Financial reports will now be produced monthly. The Sub-Committee feels that we are not making correct profits and are asking the question - are all monies going into the bank. Casual labour and waitresses are possibly costing too much. Bank interest should be payable from working profits. The income from gaming machines is also falling. It is suggested that Associations should pay 50% of the cost of a function on the night with a 2 months post dated cheque for the balance.

It was agreed that Mr. M. Brunton and Mr. P. O'Brien continue on the building and development committee with Mr. Liam Martin as consultant.

HOSTELS Mr. Liam Martin will continue with Conway House when operations resume there.

FUND RAISING It was generally agreed that Fund Raising is in a bad state. Fr. Cagney urged that all members should concern themselves with this very urgent matter. Mr. Declan Quinn proposed that the Administrative Committee should meet to discuss Fund-Raising - seconded by Mr. Liam Martin. Agreed date Tuesday June 30th.

YOUTH It was agreed that someone should be nominated who would liaise with the Federation. Mr. Declan Quinn proposed Fr. Butler should be invited to Fund *raising.*

CLUB REPORT

BINGO (LESS JACKPOT)	336.60
RAFFLES	481.48
COVER CHARGE	801.60
O.A.P. RAFFLES	55.67
MEMBERSHIP	16.80

TOTAL	£1,692.15

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 10.45P.M.

Daniel J Egan

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 30.6.81.

PRESENT

Mr. D. Egan, Mr. L. Martin, Mr. J. Troy, Fr. Butler, Miss M. Kenny,
Mr. D. Hogan, Mr. D. Quinn, Mr. P. Keegan, Mr. Caulfield, Mr. T. Dack,
Rev. W. J. Cagney, Rev. Cannon Woods, Mr. G. Feeney

IN ATTENDANCE

Rev. Fr. F. Ryan.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. M. Moroney, Fr. J. Gordon.

- 2 a In the unavoidable absence of Mr. M. Moroney, Mr. D. Egan took the chair. He apologised for the late commencement due to a previous meeting discussing contracts with Messrs. Murphy & Co.

He explained that this meeting was called solely to discuss Fund Raising. At the moment, we are not meeting our interest commitments and are having an uphill struggle. The employment of professional Fund Raisers has been a failure and leaves no cause for pride. We must identify the role which each committee member can play.

- b Mr. D. Quinn said that one of our more effective ways of making money was to reduce our debt and thereby reduce our interest commitments. The sale of Hornsey Lane property is realising £121,000. Contracts are being signed. No. 12 Murray St. is being retained until after the re-development of the main premises in Murray St. The garages in the News could realise £25,000 to £32,000 leasehold. Interest on the Irish Government loan could be added to that loan or used to defray some of our expenses.
- c A resolution proposed by Mr. L. Martin and seconded by Mr. G. Feeney was passed unanimously which said that all interest earned by the Government Loan should be added to that loan.

Mr. L. Martin asked for a valuation of no. 12 Murray St. and Fr. Cagney gave the figure of £35,000 for the top premises and £30,000 for the bottom. Mr. Martin will undertake out-line planning. Mr. Martin asked for a statement of our Bank Loans at present. Mr. D. Quinn gave the following figures ;-

at 12th. June	£357,418	plus 3 months interest
Bridging Loan	94,000	
Murphy's	290,000	

giving a total of about £750,000

Mr. Martin proposed a resolution which was seconded by Mr. G. Feeney which sought to increase the membership of the Management Committee by a further two members whose sole purpose would be to exploit the utilization of the Irish Centre. This was passed unanimously. Cannon Woods suggested that the new members should be versed in the extended use of the halls. Mr. D. Hogan said that the new members should be picked by the Management Sub-Committee.

- d Fr. Cagney in quoting an annual budget of £250,000 pleaded for greater economy and urged the cutting out of all waste. Mr. L. Martin suggested giving the Management Committee 3 months in which to come up with ideas on improved working. The idea being to make the Irish Centre self sufficient. Mr. D. Egan asked if the Management Sub-Committee is capable of doing its work. Mr. D. Quinn felt that it is not.

e Mr. G. Feeney proposed that we should have a co-ordinator to look after all aspects of our Fund-Raising. This was seconded by Mr. D. Quinn. Cannon Woods asked if Fr. Cagney would be willing to undertake this work. But Fr. Cagney regretfully declined because of his present commitments. However, he will help in any way possible.

f Mr. Donie Egan listed the following as being areas from where help might be expected:-

- 1 The Church and lots of young Irish priests who could be brought in.
- 2 The organised Irish.
- 3 The Business community.
- 4 Fund-Raising events.
- 5 Ireland.
- 6 The State authorities.

Fr. Butler said that we should publicise our debt. Break it down - at the moment, it is £285 per day. That sounds much easier than talking in millions.

Mr. D. Quinn said that we should have an accurate statement of our debt at every meeting.

Mr. G. Feeney again urged that Fr. Cagney be co-ordinator of the Fund. Cannon Woods appealed for back-up for the co-ordinator.

Mr. D. Hogan said we must make the Irish Centre appeal to the man in the street. Too few people, he said were aware of the Centre and its functioning.

Cannon Woods said the work of the Centre must get more publicity especially through priests. He also advised saying a prayer to St. Oliver Plunkett, and urged that we re-introduced the practise of opening our meetings with a prayer.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 11.00p.m.

Daniel J Egan

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING RE FUND-RAISING, IRISH CENTRE 9.00 P.M. 7.7.81.

PRESENT Fr. Cagney, D. Egan, D. Hogan, M. Kenny, L. Martin, D. Quinn.

The meeting was a follow-up to the fuller fund-raising meeting on June 30th.

Liam Martin outlined the following campaign plan -;

Take 5 geographical areas, the Centre itself, London, the rest of Great Britain, Ireland, Overseas (especially the United States). In each of these areas the following would be approached; Church, Business, organised Irish and Irish State sponsored bodies.

A Director would have charge of each geographical area and the Directors would report to a campaign co-ordinator.

The 'normal' fund-raising efforts should be applied in each area; events, covenants, raffles, walks etc. Particular emphasis is to be placed on covenants.

The plan received general approval.

It was felt that fund-raising efforts within the Irish Centre together with trading profits should go to meet interest, separately accounted.

It was essential to advise the public of the amount of debt at regular intervals with the debt being certified by Accountants but it might be dangerous if statements of debt shows that fund-raising proceeds were having no impact on the debt, due to rising interest.

The problems with the welfare department and the former fund-raisers were raised.

It was difficult to know whether these areas represented a threat to a fund-raising campaign.

It was suggested that it could be difficult to make a case on behalf of the Centre, that widespread sympathy for the Centre among the organised Irish, was lacking and allegations of a massive debt having been incurred to build a 'white elephant', had to be countered.

It was agreed that a brochure/manifesto be drafted in which the case would be made - by reference to what the Centre had achieved, its present activities and its future plans, its present debt and financial requirements.

This brochure would form the Irish Centre case and would be used in whole or in part in fund-raising efforts.

Fr. Cagney was requested to supply at all future Administrative Committee meetings details of the debt, interest accrued, changes and reasons for change since the last balance.

The following agreed to commence work on the fund-raising manifesto; D. Egan, D. Hogan and L. Martin. Fund-raising will require to be discussed at the next Administrative Committee Meeting on 14th. July. The question of giving everyone on the Administrative Committee a fund-raising responsibility was discussed but not resolved.

The meeting concluded at 11.15.p.m.

Daniel J. Egan

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 14TH. JULY 1981

PRESENT

Mr. D. Egan, Fr. Cagney, Mr. L. Martin, Miss M. Kenny, Mr. T. Dack, Mr. J. Murphy, Mr. D. Hogan, Mr. G. Feeney, Mr. J. Troy, Cannon Woods.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

F. J. Gordon, Mr. D. Quinn, Mr. P. Keegan.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on June 30th. 1981, having been circulated, were taken as read. Their adoption was proposed by Mr. J. Murphy and seconded by Mr. D. Hogan.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Mr. D. Egan announced that work in connection with Contract E has now started. Mr. G. Feeney asked how much work was being undertaken on this contract. Mr. L. Martin explained that we are getting what was planned. Funds are available to cover this contract.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

A At this point in the meeting, Fr. Cagney introduced Fr. Dillon, Provincial Superior of O.M.I. Fr. Dillon expressed his pleasure at meeting everyone and asked if it were possible to meet the officers of the Executive Committee in the next two or three days. He posed a number of questions on the role of the Chaplains work in the Centre - the nature of the day to day work and with the banks. He mentioned the possibility of reducing the number of priests to one and doing away with the mass in the Centre.

B Cannon Woods agreed that it is difficult to find priests suitable for working in the Centre. It is partly a welfare focus for people in various forms of trouble. It is also a focus for many other Societies and Associations. The masses must continue at the Centre. A priest here is not wasted.

Mr. G. Feeney expressed the opinion that an unbiased leader is required. A lay person is suspected right from the start. Mass at the Centre is essential. Mr. T. Dack felt that it would be a bad step to reduce the number of priests at the Centre. Mr. J. Troy agreed that it is a difficult job for the priests at the Centre, but they give it that special home-from-home feeling.

Fr. Cagney said that the basic problem is shortage of priests. He admitted it is a tough job, but agreed that we could close the Centre if masses were stopped. The Pastoral work is one of the greatest pleasures. It would be like closing down a parish.

Mr. G. Feeney added that the same spirit would not be about the place if the priests were not here. Mr. D. Egan said that perhaps in a few days time we could give more detailed consideration to the points raised by Fr. Dillon.

Cannon Woods expressed his pleasure on hearing the reaction of the lay members of the Committee.

C Fr. Dillon, in winding up the discussion, said the Oblates try to change men about every six years. But, this year, in common with all other clerical societies there is the added problem of reduced members. He thanked the members for their discussion and took his leave of them.

5 MEMBERS SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Mr. D. Egan then turned to discussion on the various roles which must be filled both on the main Committee and in the various sub-committee's

The following are as follows -;

Officers; Management sub-committee, Finance, Fund-Raising, Promotions, and Publicity, Welfare, Social sub-committee, Hostels, Building Development, Cultural area, Liaison with organised Irish, Maintenance, Youth activities.

Putting names with the long list went as follows.:-

Management sub-committee; It is hoped to increase membership. Mr C.Kane will be available when possible. Mr.G.Feeney volunteered his services on this sub-committee.

Finance; Mr.L.Martin with others helping.

Promotions & Publicity. Mr.D.Hogan.

Hostels; Mr.L.Martin

Building Development; Mr.M.Brunton with clarification of the position of Mr.P.O'Brien.

Social sub-committee; Miss M.Kenny.

Maintenance & Painting; Mr. J.Murphy.

Liaison with the church; Cannon Woods.

Liaison with organised community; Mr.G.Feeney.

Liaison with London Irish Festival; Mr.J.Troy.

Welfare; Fr. Cagney with Mr.D.Egan assisting.

- B Mr Liam Martin then presented a very detailed paper on Fund-Raising. He emphasised that it was purely a discussion document. He said that there are still some problems left over from the previous Fund-Raising efforts as well as problems within the welfare dept. We must do some detailed market research. Mr D.Hogan, Mr. J.Troy and Fr. Cagney asked to be involved. Mr.D.Egan praised the work of Mr L.Martin in producing this document. Mr.Martin enquired if there was any knowledge to be handed on from the previous Fund-Raisers. Fr Cagney will provide what ever is available. Cannon Woods advised that we confine fund-raising activities to the Southern areas of the country. To work in America, we need permission.

6 REPORT - MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Discussion followed on the working of the new management staff. Various points were cited of faults in their activities. Fr.Cagney said that no new promotions for the McNamara hall were provided by Mr.McDonagh since his appointment. Grave doubts were expressed for the success of our fund-raising efforts if the internal workings is not up to scratch. Fr.Cagney asked for a directive to the Management sub-committee from the Administrative Committee to the effect that, as we are dis-satisfied with the working of the Management group, the Management sub-committee make their own observations and assessment and follow up with a report.

7 DIRECTORS REPORT

- A Fr. Cagney had received a copy of a letter to Messrs Beatty & Co. from the Bank of Ireland. It advised details of the various Irish Centre accounts as at 3.7.81. The accounts are as follows -;

1	Irish Centre Charity C/A	17,013.85	CR
-	Interest not charged	42.89	
2	Development Appeal Fund C/A	5,626.20	CR
	Interest off-set against Term Loan A/C.		
3	Development Fund C/A	9,863.88	CR
4	Term Loan A/C	357,418.95	DR
	Interest	14,667.00	
5	Loan A/C	94,180.83	DR
	Interest	4,023.51	
6	Charity Deposit	250,212.38	CR
	Interest (not Paid)	6,457.54	

B The debits are as follows -;

Bank of Ireland	470,288.89
Murphy's	288,259.00
Breweries	138,000.00

£896,547.89

Credit : Total 32,546.80

Bars income for June	19,344.84
Other income for June	5,459.45

TOTAL £24,804.29

C Letter from Keith Roberts Associates gave details of costings for contract E on no's 50,51, and 52 Camden Sq.,. The total figure is £266,477.00. Estimated recoverable VAT £24,606.00.

A bill from the same Architects for their July fees came to £2,300. It was proposed by Mr. G. Feeney and seconded by Mr. L. Martin that we pay this bill.

D A letter was received from the Clare Association regarding the problem of Club members expecting to gain admission to private functions. It was agreed that the Manager should reply.

9 FUND RAISING

Discussed under other heading

10 LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL

Mr D. Egan congratulated and thanked Mr. J. Troy for putting on such a successful Festival on July 5th. He expressed regret that the closing stages were marred by some vandals. Mr. Troy, in reply wished there was more time for preparations. The results were very pleasing. Some groups have promised to come again next year.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sale of Hornsey Lane Hostel realised £121,000, less legal fees.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 11.15 p.m.

Daniel J Egan

N.B. See Amendments on Minutes
of Meeting dated Aug 11, '81
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 11TH. AUGUST 1981

PRESENT

Mr. D. Egan, Fr. J. Gordon, Fr. F. Ryan, Fr. J. Butler, Miss M. Kenny, Mr. J. Murphy, Mr. T. Dack, Mr. L. Martin and Mr. J. Troy.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cannon Woods, Fr. Cagney, Mr. P. Keegan, Mr. M. Moroney, Mr. G. Feeney and Mr. D. Hogan.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 14.7.81. having been circulated were taken as read and their adoption was proposed by Fr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. J. Murphy.

Action -; Query the interest due on Irish Centre Charity Deposit A/C - item 6 in letter from VBank of Ireland to Messrs. Beatty & Co. dated 13th. July 1981.

3 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Fenchurch & Co. urging a revision of Building Valuation for insurance purposes.

Letter from Keith Roberts re. loss of water supply at the Irish Centre due to negligence of building contractors.

- Letter from the Leitrim Association listing a number of complaints about their recent function in the McNamara Hall. It was agreed this should receive immediate attention. Fr. Butler said that he had no prior knowledge of the letter and added that Leitrim are now withdrawing their support from him in his fund-raising activities.

- * A letter ^{for} ~~from~~ the Management Sub-Committee was introduced by Fr. Butler. He explained that a number of people who were concerned about the Irish Centre had come together and made a report. The letter was read and it contained many points already covered in the Leitrim letter. Mr. L. Martin expressed his gratitude for the report and urged immediate action by the Management Sub-Committee.

- 4 • Fr. Ryan reported on a recent robbery at the Irish Centre. He said that some employees of the cleaning contractors attached Mr. Forte, the Catering Manager, took the keys off him, locked him up and made off with about £1,500 from the safe. They were traced to Dublin. Fr. Ryan will look after this case.

- 5 It was proposed by Mr. L. Martin, and seconded by Miss M. Kenny that, in the absence of Fr. Cagney, Fr. Butler will look after the day-to-day running of the Centre.

- 6 Fr. Ryan reporting on Conway House said that building would commence on November 13th. At the moment, it is running at 80% occupancy.

7 FUND RAISING

Mr. Liam Martin said he hoped to meet the Management Sub-Committee soon so that we can get our own house in order and start from a position of strength by September 30th.

Fr. Butler is to get the latest information from Prince & Co. on an amicable settlement with the previous fund-raisers.

£121,000 will come from the sale of Hornsey Lane Hostel by August 17th.

- Mr. J. Murphy said that he knows a contact who could sell £25 dinner tickets in aid of the Irish Centre. Dinners to be held on second Tuesday of the month.

8 BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Fr. Butler said he is keeping in contact with the present work and is pleased with the progress.

- Mr. J. Murphy is to look after a roof leak in the Douglas Hyde Lounge.

9 SOCIAL CLUB

Miss Mary Kenny reported that the Kennedy Hall is now being used as a bar. She asked what was to become of the Bingo Sessions. It was unanimously agreed that the Bingo should continue.

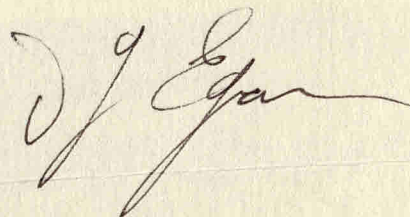
JULY CLUB RECEIPTS

BINGO	311.00
JACKPOT	<u>100.00</u>
	211.00
COVER CHARGES	526.55
RAFFLES	486.56
O.A.P. RAFFLES	23.63
MEMBERSHIP	<u>14.00</u>
	£1,251.74

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fr. Butler paid a tribute to Mr. J. Troy for his hard work for the Festival for 1981.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 11.45p.m.
Next meeting arranged for Tuesday August 18th.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 18.8.81

PRESENT

Mr. D. Egan, Mr. L. Martin, Miss M. Kenny, Mr. J. Troy, Fr. J. Butler, Mr. T. Dack,
Mr. D. Hogan, Mr. J. Murph.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. G. Feeney.

The minutes of the meeting of August 11th were read and their adoption was proposed by Miss M. Kenny seconded by Mr. J. Troy.

MATTERS ARISING

Mr. J. Murphy reported roofleaks in the Douglas Hyde Lounge. He found several cracks towards the front of the building. The cowlings are missing over the fans resulting in rain coming through. There is a lot of debris on the roof and when it is cleared a further inspection will be necessary.

Fr. Butler's position, in the absence of Fr. Cagney, is to be a permanent arrangement.

Mr. D. Egan, explaining the purpose of to-nights meeting, said it was to pursue some management problems. The management sub-committee have met twice in the week. Their main concern was the monthly financial reports and the ensuing losses. The second point of study is the letters of complaint. The minutes of the Management Sub-Committee were read and also the Manager's draft reply to the Leitrim Association. The Manager is making a report for the sub-committee meeting on August 24th.

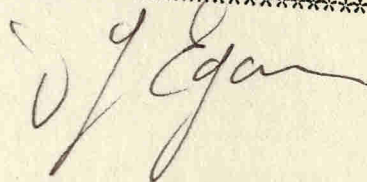
The conclusion of the Management Sub-Committee was that there are no firm grounds for the dismissal of the Manager, but constant monitoring of the situation is warranted, so that, if there are further complaints, early action can be taken. The Manager is also to submit plans to meet the new turnover levels. Our own housekeeping is also to be overhauled. Mr. L. Martin said the Manager is well able to look after himself.- he has an answer to every problem. But he claims that he is not given an opportunity. Mr. L. Martin advised that we should take the next three months period as an experimental time in which the Manager could either prove himself or out.

The Catering Manager has not been on duty during the period August 8th - 15th.

- Mr. D. Egan proposed writing to the Council of Irish Counties Association suggesting a meeting between their Executive and the Administrative Committee.
- Watching briefs by members of the Administrative Committee are to be got under way immediately.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 11.15.p.m..

Next meeting arranged for September 16th.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON SEPTEMBER 1ST, '81

PRESENT

M. D. Egan Fr. Ryan M. T. Dack Miss M. Kenny Fr. Butler Fr. Cagney Mr. J. Murphy
M. G. Feeney Mr. J. Troy M. D. Quinn

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

M. D. Hogan Fr. Fullam Fr. Gordon and Mr. P. Keegan

Mr. D. Egan in opening the meeting explained that this meeting was called specially to study Management. The last Management Sub-Committee meeting was held on Monday last and the Manager's plans were presented. But not what was expected. He said that due to extraordinary circumstances he was presenting his resignation. The conclusion of the Management Sub-Committee was that the resignation should be accepted. A further point mentioned by the Manager was, that, he had no contract of employment. Fr. Cagney added that the bar Manager is also leaving. Mr. J. Troy offered to try and get a temporary head bar man. In view of the uncertainty of Mr. H. Forte, Mr. D. Egan asked if Mrs. D'Arcy could be pressed into service. Fr. Cagney will arrange. Mr. L. Martin said we must appoint someone who is known and whose record is also known. Mr. J. Murphy knows someone who might be interested.

Discussion followed on the problems of management. Mr. L. Martin produced a document which outlined the hierarchy of employees. Mr. G. Feeney made the point that it is impossible to find a manager who can come in and not offend some Committee or other - we are imposing too many restrictions on him. This Centre must be run on a purely commercial basis. Mr. L. Martin agreed and added that when it is seen to be running successfully, then everyone will be only too happy to help out. Mr. D. Quinn saw too many niggling aspects in the place for the success of the commercial points.

Fr. Cagney said that the recent manager seemed to lack the ability to liaise with the existing sub-committee's and practical management just was not done. Staff and voluntary staff should meet regularly so that all matters of common concern could be thrashed out.

Mr. John Murphy said the manager must be given a free hand in consultation with the management sub-committee. Mr. J. Troy drew a parallel between the Centre and an ordinary church club with a steward in charge. Fr. Butler said that we seem to be too ready to usurp the power of the Director too much. He personally lived in a nebulous situation and had no intention of hanging around for another four years. He hoped the management sub-committee will review the position of the supporting priest.

Fr. Ryan said the Centre should be made a place where people would clamour to come in. The role of the priest is important and must continue. There are some traditions which must not be completely lost.

Mr. Donie Egan summarised under three headings:-;

- 1 It is agreed that an annual turn-over of £600,000.
Fr. Butler broke this down to a figure of £2,000 per day.
- 2 It is agreed that a member of the Social Sub-Committee should be on the Management Sub-Committee.
- 3 The Director is the day-to-day representative of the Administrative Committee

Mr.Liam Martin suggests that we should adopt a policy of head hunting to fill the position of manager. This was agreed generally.

The following names were proposed to form an interview panel -;
Mr.L.Martin, Fr.Butler, Mr.J.Murphy, and Mr.T.Dack.

Any other business

- It was agreed that the case concerning the £950 cheque be handed over to the police.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 11.p.m.

D J Egan

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE IRISH
CENTRE ON 16TH. SEPTEMBER 1981

PRESENT

Mr D. Egan Mr D. Quinn. Mr D. Hogan, Mr L. Martin Fr Cagney Mr M. Moroney
and Mr T. Dack

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr P. Keegan and Fr Gordon

In opening the meeting Mr D. Egan gave a very warm welcome back to Mr M. Moroney. In return Mr Moroney thanked everyone for the many cards and good wishes received during his illness.

Mr Egan also expressed the deepest sympathy of the Committee with Fr Cagney on the recent death of his mother.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Fr Cagney and seconded by Mr Moroney.

There was a short discussion on Mr L. Martin's Document on Management. It was agreed it should be discussed fully at ^{Management} Administrative level.

In an effort to expedite matters, Mr. Egan went through Agenda items not needing too much discussion - Federation Knock-Out Report given by Fr. Cagney. He had a very favourable report from Mr Philip Byrne, Federation organiser who thanked the Centre for co-operation.

- There was a discussion on the re-furbishing of the secondary entrance from Murray St. Mr Martin urged that this work should be done now, and with the provision of the new entrance to the McNamara Hall, it will considerably enhance the presentation of the Centre.
- Mr Martin proposed that Fr Cagney be appointed to seek monies to cover the cost amounting to £4 700. Proposal seconded by Mr D. Hogan.

PROMOTIONS AND PUBLICITY

Mr D. Hogan has two people who will come and see the McNamara Hall and give a report on how to sell the place.

- A publicity brochure will, hopefully, be ready by the end of October.

FUND RAISING

- Hopes were expressed that Welfare and litigation problems were in the final phases of solution.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from the G.L.C. solicitors re licence for Music and Dancing. They quoted five objectors. Letter from our solicitors re garage property in Murray Mews.

MANAGER

Mrs. F. D'Arcy says that because of family commitments, she is unable to become involved in the catering management. It was agreed that an advertisement should be put in the "Morning Advertiser" inviting applicants for the job.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 11 p.m.

D. Egan

MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 13.10.81.

PRESENT

Mr. D. Egan, Mr. D. Quinn, Fr. Fullam, Miss M. Kenny, Mr. M. Moroney, Fr. Gordan, Fr. Cagney, Mr. T. Dack and Mr. G. Feeney

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr P. Keegan Mr. P. O'Brien

MINUTES

Mr. M. Moroney proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be taken as read. Seconded by Miss M. Kenny.

MATTERS ARISING

Re. the question of raising £4,700 to refurbish the secondary entrance in Murray St. - the bank requires a review of Irish Centre working. Music and Dance Licence - Our solicitors advice is to continue, since the G.L.C. are working on our application. One point on our side which is outstanding is the provision of an outside telephone. This matter is in the hands of the G.P.O.

An alarming story was told by Fr Cagney re. the cancellation of a wedding reception. It seems that the Manager (Pauric) demanded an unusually large amount as deposit. In the meantime, the manager resigned - the wedding reception was cancelled and when the people called for their money, it was discovered that it had not been paid in. The ex-manager has been contacted by Fr. Cagney and promises to pay back the money.

A meeting of the London Irish Festival Council is agreed for November 4th. This meeting is to discuss arrangements for the 1982 event

Letters of complaint from the Leitrim Association and the Haringay Irish Society were dealt with. The decision was that Messrs D. Egan and M. Moroney would meet representatives from these associations to discuss the problems.

The re-building of the welfare section and the new entrance to the McNamara hall has come up against problems. It seems that when the original building was stripped down, its condition was worse than had been envisaged. It needed more work done on it than had been originally contemplated. The result is that funds are not available to complete the original plans. These plans have to be drastically cut back.

A review of the workings of the Centre has been requested by the Bank of Ireland. It was agreed that the following people would meet the Bank on a date to be arranged by Fr. Cagney - Mr. L. Martin, Mr. P. O'Brien, Mr. M. Moroney, Mr. D. Egan and Mr. G. Feeney or Mr. C. Kane.

Fr. Cagney's impending departure from the Centre - a discussion on the events leading up to this announcement left everybody rather bewildered. It seems that Fr. Cagney was one of the last people to hear the decision. Its effects on our projected Fund-Raising Campaign was uppermost in everyone's mind. The question was put to Fr. Cagney, if he would accept the job of Fund-Raiser, but understandably, he could not give a direct answer.

Mr John O'Shea has been re-appointed as manager. He is undertaking weekly stock-taking until the position is clarified.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There are heating and ventilating problems in the Kennedy and Douglas Hyde Lounges. This is caused by lack of gas pressure due to water in the pipes.

Work on the re-development at Conway House is due to start on November 19th. Final choice of contractor has not yet been made.

SOCIAL CLUB RETURNS

<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
BINGO	382.40	264.80
JACKPOT	100.00	100.00
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	282.40	164.80
COVER CHARGES	583.60	370.80
RAFFLES	346.82	321.29
O. A. P. RAFFLES	48.67	31.20
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	£1,261.49	£888.09

McMoroney 13/11/1989

PRESENT.

Cannon Woods, Mr N. Moroney, Mr D. Egan, Fr Malone, Fr Cagney, Fr Butler, Fr Ryan
Miss Mary Kenny, Mr J. Troy, Mr T. Dack, Mr D. Quinn and Mr G. Feeney

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr D. Hogan and Mr P. Keegan

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read. Proposed by Mr J. Troy
seconded by Miss Mary Kenny

MATTERS ARISING

Fr. Malone reported on a deposit having been paid for a wedding reception. Yet
it was not recorded in our accounts

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Whitbreads in connection with their loan to the Centre. Repayments
to commence in June '82.

A letter from our accountants asking for the headings under which we wish accounts
to be taken

At this point, the Chairman gave a very warm welcome to Fr. Claude Malone as our
new Director, but he also expressed the deep sense of loss felt by everyone
on the departure of Fr. Cagney. He proposed a vote of sincere thanks to Fr. Cagney
for his untiring efforts for the Centre over the past 65 years.

Mr D. Egan read some notes which he had prepared on the role of the Director

" The Director, appointed by and accountable to the Administrative Committee,
has overall authority and responsibility for the day-to-day control of the
activities and affairs of the Centre. The Spiritual, Welfare, Cultural and Social
Activities shall be his direct responsibility. All commercial activities are
the immediate responsibility of the Manager, who reports to the Director.

The Director is a member of the Administrative Committee and shall be an
ex-officio member of all sub-committee's appointed by the Administrative Committee.

The Management sub-committee, appointed by and accountable to the Administrative
Committee, is an advisory body set up to pursue the efficient running of the
Centre's commercial activities."

There was general agreement on the Director's role as expressed. But Cannon
Woods asked for the clarification of the position of the Director vis-a-vis
the Management sub-committee. It was accepted that all sub-committee's are
advisory and any reports from them have to come back to the Administrative
Committee for action.

Cannon Woods then proposed Fr. Claude Malone as Director and Treasurer of the
Irish Centre. Proposal was seconded by Mr D. Quinn and unanimously agreed.
Fr. Malone, in accepting the appointment, asked for the whole hearted support
of everyone and promised his best efforts for the Centre in the years ahead.

Fr. Cagney thanked the present Administrative Committee and all Committee's
with whom he has worked over the past years for their valuable help. He assured
Fr. Malone of his advice and help in the years to come.

There was a short discussion on the role of the Oblates in the Centre. Arising
from the meeting in May with the Provincial, the fear was expressed that, at
some future date, they might withdraw from the Centre.

The question was asked - could we have a guarantee that the appointment would be for a minimum period. The Chairman suggested that, when Fr. Dillon is here again, we could raise the point with him.

FINANCE

A new mandate form from the Bank of Ireland. Mr. D. Egan proposed that the following names be submitted - any two to sign cheques, Mr. M. Moroney, Mr. T. Dack, Fr. Malone, Fr. Butler and Fr. Ryan. Proposal seconded by Cannon Woods.

Cannon Woods proposed that the Irish Centre purchase the Conway House Hostel car. Proposal seconded by Miss Mary Kenny and agreed.

There was a general discussion on Book-Keeping, Secretarial work and cleaning services. But, because of present financial restrictions, it was agreed that it is impossible to put on any more staff.

BUILDING

The fact that the Irish Government Fund does not cover the cost of the entrance to the McNamara Hall caused some problems. Various ideas were put forward for the involvement of the County Associations in Fund-Raising. The suggestion that each County Association might contribute £1,000 was put forward. But it did not get much support.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

It was agreed that the names of Fr. Butler and Fr. Ryan should be added to this committee.

Cannon Woods proposed that we should have a lunch or a dinner for the Irish Priests before Christmas. Proposal seconded by Mr. D. Egan.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OCTOBER.

Bingo	322.60
Less one jackpot	100.00
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	222.60
Cover charges	447.80
Raffles	424.53
O.A.P. Raffle	41.53
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	£1,136.46

CONWAY HOUSE

Fr. Ryan reporting said that demolition work is to commence on 23rd. November. The re-development work will be a 60 week contract. At the moment, there are ten vacancies. Obtaining work is the big problem just now. The weekly charge for the unemployed is now £31.

Medway Street Hostel has a full compliment of girls now and is going well. The architects are attending to some small problems at the moment.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bishop r Mahon of Brentwood to be invited to be a Patron of the Irish Centre. Some honour should be paid to our Retired Accountant, Mr. Brennan of Burton Brennan & Co.

Mr. John Ansborough, one of our original lay people concerned with the founding of the Irish Centre has died. A letter of sympathy should be sent.

The possibility of booking B. & I. tickets at the Centre was mentioned by Mr. G. Feeney. Some commission might come from it.

The Farewell Dinner for Fr. Cagney is arranged for November 19th.

Date of next meeting, Tuesday December

M. Moroney 5/12/1961

M NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON MONDAY 18.1.82.

PRESENT

Fr. Malone, Miss Mary Kenny, Mr. M. Moroney, Mr. G. Feeney, Mr. T. Dack, Fr. Frank Ryan, Fr. Fullam.

APOLOGIES

Cannon Woods, Mr. P. Keegan, Mr. L. Martin, Mr. D. Egan, Mr. J. Troy, Mr. D. Quinn.

Fr. Malone reported that the new welfare block is now almost complete. Members who had already seen the work were very pleased with the result but expressed some concern at the fact that there were no toilet facilities on the upper floors. No one could give a reason why this point had been overlooked, but it was hoped that one could be fitted on the top floor. Fr. Malone expressed grave dis-satisfaction with the Architects. They continue to send in their bills, but he can get absolutely no satisfaction. It was hoped that Mr. L. Martin might be able to give some advice on how to deal with them.

Geoff Dawson - our previous fund-raisers have sent writs to our Trustees with the obvious object of putting us in bad light with our Trustees. Our solicitors are also dealing with a large volume of paper-work on this same subject.

WELFARE

Application has gone into Camden Borough Council for their grant for this year. The hopes we might get about £30,000.

Letter dated 20th. December 1981 has been received from Mr. Devine asking to resign from the position of Vice-President. The request was agreed to.

INSURANCE

Letters relating to Insurance on the premises were discussed. One suggested cover to the value of £1,000,000 whilst Webb & Tapley suggested over £2,800,000. In view of the wide difference in advice, Fr. Malone will seek further views on the subject.

SOCIAL CLUB RETURNS

	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
BINGO	342.00	175.40
LESS JACKPOT	100.00	
	<u>242.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>
RAFFLES	420.08	365.96
COVER CHARGE	481.95	596.50
O.A.P. RAFFLES	59.90	21.90
MEMBERSHIP		6.45
	<u>£1,203.93</u>	<u>£1,166.21</u>
		BAND 100.00
		<u>£1,066.21</u>

M. Moroney
9-2-1982

PRESENT

Fr. Ryan, Fr. Malone, Fr. Butler, Mr. D. Egan, Mr. M. Moroney, Mr. T. Dack, Mr. D. Hogan, Mr. D. Quinn.

APOLOGUES

Cannon Woods, Mr. P. Kegan, Miss M. Kenny, Me. J. Troy, Mr. L. Martin.

MATTERS ARISING

Fr. Malone reports that it is hoped to get planning permission for the development of the garages site. It was decided to give Scott Ford the go-ahead.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fenchurch quote a valuation of £5,000,000 to cover premises, contents and loss of profits for a premium of £8,000. A new safe is suggested.

A letter from our solicitors informs us that they are dealing with an enormous pile of paperwork in connection with our previous fund-raisers.

A notice in respect of noise nuisance has been received in connection with noise from the ventilating fans of the Douglas Hyde and Kennedy halls.

FINANCE

Fr. Malone informed the meeting that our debt now stands at £816,000. He urges that we must pay about £2,500 per week.

All members of the Council of the Irish Centre have been invited to a meeting on Tuesday 23rd. February to discuss fund-raising. Representatives from the County Associations and other Irish Societies are also invited. All parish priests are invited to a meeting on Friday March 12th.

BARS

A deficiency of £666.00 has suddenly shown in the stock-taking. Fr. Malone thinks that this is just a clerical error and will shortly clear itself.

Fr. Malone reported on a recent meeting with Messrs. Murphy. He said he was well received. They asked if they could have a representative on the Administrative Committee. At the request of Fr. Malone, Murphy's quoted for a number of jobs as follows -;

Staff Dining Room	£5,000	Toilet of 2nd. floor	£240	
Entrance Landscaping and Stairs	£4,496	Reception area	£3,200	
			TOTAL	£20,000.

Fr. Malone expressed grateful thanks to Fr. Butler and Mr. M. Doyle for the re-painting of the McNamara Hall.

HOSTELS

Fr. Ryan reported that numbers are down as compared with last year. There are now serious problems with unemployment. The building at Conway House is having some set-backs. Work is about 2 weeks behind schedule. Welfare work is going well. Terms of reference are being discussed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fr. Butler suggests that it might be possible to do the entrance landscaping and the Staff Dining room on a semi-voluntary basis.

Next Meeting Tuesday March 9th. 1982.

M. Moroney 9/3/1982

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE IRISH CENTRE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 9.3.82.

PRESENT

Fr. Malone, Mr. J. Tory, Mr. D. Egan, Fr. Furlan, Mr. M. Moroney, Miss M. Kenny, Mr. P. Keegan, Fr. Butler, Fr. Ryan, Mr. D. Quinn and Mr. T. Dack.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. G. Feeney and Fr. Gordon.

MATTERS ARISING

Fr. Malone informed the meeting that the Fenchurch Insurance quotation includes the Hostels. Although Fenchurch have not yet got the go-ahead we are still covered by them. Their quotation has now reduced from £8,000 to £7,200. Fr. Ryan is still not too happy with this deal.

FUND-RAISERS.

Fr. Malone reported on a meeting which he and Mr. Barron had with Dawsons. It would appear that they are anxious to settle the deal, but they deny receiving payment of £11,400. Mr. Barron is doing a detailed study of our accounts with them.

MAINTENANCE

No action has yet taken place on the problems with the ventilating fans. Fr. Malone reported a bad leak in the roof of the connecting corridor in the McNamara Hall. This has been reported to the Architects.

A discrepancy of £600 has again shown in the bars stocktaking. As a result it has been decided to organise a 2 week stock-take. — ~~Edna~~.

A quotation of £2,350 from J. McCabe Ltd. to provide a staff dining room was accepted on the proposition of Mr. D. Egan, seconded by Mr. P. Keegan. The Leitrim Association very kindly offered £1,000 towards the cost.

The Tommy Maguire School of Music have promised to look after the maintenance of the D.H. Lounge.

A letter from our solicitors urged that we seek Planning Application for the garage sites.

Fr. Malone issued an urgent appeal to all committee members to attend the next fund-raising meeting.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 9.45 p.m.

M. Moroney 22/4/1982

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 22ND APRIL 1982.

THOSE PRESENT : Fr Malone, Mr. M. Moroney, Mr D Egan,
Mr J Troy, Fr Ryan, Mr T Dack.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : Canon Woods, Fr Gordon, Fr Butler,
Mr D Quinn.

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

Matters arising : Fr Malone has had the engineer to
examine the ventilating fans. Repairs to be done soon.
Good progress is reported on the staff dining room. Our
solicitor is applying for Planning Permission for the
Garage site.

CORRESPONDENCE : Mr Dawson has been in contact with
Fr Malone. It is agreed that Fr. Malone is given full
authority to deal with this matter and his decision will
be acceptable.

The Licence for the McNamara hall has been changed to
the names of Mr J O'Shea and Mr M Moroney.

No action has yet been taken on the new Insurance Quotation.

FUND RAISING : Next meeting takes place on 5th May.

LIBEL CASE : Our Solicitors have written to the magazine,
Alternative London, asking for all copies to be withdrawn
with no mention of the Irish Centre in any re-print.

Fr. Malone gave a resume of discussions with Counsel
and Solicitors. It is agreed to settle for £500.00 plus
expenses and a public apology.

Letter of thanks to go to Waterford Association for their
magnificent donation of £10,000.

Webb & Tapley and Keith Roberts are giving their services
free for the new entrance to the McNamara Hall.

Programme time for this job is about two months. Vote
of thanks to Sr Joan for her comprehensive Welfare Report.

Fr Malone was encouraged by the re-actions from the.

Emigrant meeting held recently in Dublin. The Mayor's
Banquet is fixed for 25th May. A new Welfare Worker has
been appointed - Miss Muirren O'Higgins.

There are problems with lifts at Medway so
The lifters contract should soon be reviewed. The lift
at Conway House is going slowly and is now about 6 weeks
behind schedule. There are problems with clients due
lack of money and jobs.

London Irish Festival : Mr Jim Troy gave a short report on
progress with Carriers, Guinness and Herald Taverns and
also on the London Festival Queen contest.

The Irish Centre Car Raffle will go ahead as in previous
years. He urged that the McNamara Hall should be open
in the evening after the Festival with food available.
Festival money amounting to £50,000 has been transferred
to a Fixed Term Investment Account. The interest to come
to the Irish Centre.

FINANCE : A Grant amounting to £32,500 towards running
costs has been received from Camden Council.

A.G.M. : The date has been fixed for 22nd June at 8: pm.
Vote of sympathy with Mr Eamonn Hackett on the death of
his brother Fr. Pat Hackett.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed
at 10:45 pm.

M. Moroney 11/5/1982

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE OF THE IRISH CENTRE HELD ON 11.5.82

Those present: Fr. Malone, Mr. M. Moroney, Mr. D. Quinn,
Mr. D. Egan, Mr. T. Dack and Miss M. Kenny.

Apologies: Mr. L. Martin, Mr. P. Keegan, Mr. J. Troy,
Fr. Butler, Fr. Ryan.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

Matters Arising: Fr. Malone reported that, on inspection by the engineers, a lot of work needs to be done on the ventilating fans. But a great reduction in noise resulted in turning the cowling away from neighbours.

The donation of £1,000 from the Leitrim Association towards dining room expenses has been received.

Insurance on premises is still in the hands of Wenchurch.

Fund Raising: All the people who attended previous Fund Raising meetings are being contacted for the next meeting on 2nd July.

Work on the new entrance to McNamara Hall is to commence on Monday 17th May. It is estimated to take six weeks.

Hostels: Work on Conway House should be completed by Christmas.

The car for the Irish Centre Raffle at Roundwood park has been paid for.

Planning permission for the Garage site has not yet come through. Great interest has been shown in this site.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.30 p.m.

