

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 20th DECEMBER 1984

PRESENT: T. Dunne, S. McGarry, Fr. C. Malone, O.M.I., Miss M. Kenny, J. Davis,
T. Mangan, M. Moroney, G. O'Flynn.

APOLOGIES: Fr. J. Gordon, Mrs. E. Kehoe, P. Judge.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on a proposal by S. McGarry, seconded by T. Mangan, subject to alteration as follows:-

GRANTS

1. G.L.C. (a) Computers grant approved in principle.
- (b) Outreach Worker - grant applied for.
- (c) Worker for Elderly - grant applied for.

MATTERS ARISING?

The Council for Irish Counties Association has donated £100.00 as a prize in the Christmas Draw at which S. Troy has agreed to present the prize.

Miss K. Fitzsimons has not had time to reply to Fr. Malone's letter. She will reply and would like to attend a meeting of the Administrative Committee to discuss the Youth programme. It was agreed to invite her to the next meeting.

We did not yet avail of the G.A.A. Centenary Exhibition which will be available until 2nd March.

T. Dunne said that Bord Failte had been offered a painting to hang in their offices. They cannot use it and have offered it to the Irish Centre. It was agreed to look at the painting.

M. Moroney suggested that photographs of all past Directors should be on display in the Centre.

T. Mangan reported that the leaking tank would be repaired when the weather was suitable. The fault is a leaking gasket.

Congratulations were extended to the Federation of Irish Societies on the successful launching of "The Link". S. McGarry acknowledged and appealed for contributions.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- (a) BREWERIES: A letter has been received from Whitbreads. The Brewers have had a meeting and have agreed a package which they will put to us. A meeting with them has been fixed for 18th January. We will be represented by Fr. Malone, Paddy Keegan and Tony Beatty.

S. McGarry said that the Federation of Irish Societies has negotiated an agreement with the Breweries for use of Clubs but it was felt that it might not be suitable for the Centre.

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(b) BANK OF IRELAND: The 1984 commitment to the Bank of Ireland is due at the end of the year. The money (£58,000) has been lodged in the Bank and will be paid over on the due date.

Thanks was expressed to T. Mangan for further donations which he had collected from business acquaintances.

(c) GRANT APPLICATIONS: The G.L.C. are not satisfied with our Constitution and want an amendment to it. This cannot be done and our solicitors are dealing with the matter. They will also challenge the G.L.C. on the delay regarding grants.

Application has been made for an Urban Aid Grant to be used to provide a Day Care Centre for the Elderly. Other grant applications are as outlined under 'Minutes'.

It is understood that 'Dion' has decided the allocation of the Irish Government grant but the distribution has not been announced.

YOUTH

A letter from a Drama Group has been passed to Miss K. Fitzsimons who will deal with it.

MANAGEMENT

The stocktaking reports have been good and the bank balance is healthy. Everything is going well.

A long discussion took place regarding management and staff. Some members reported concern regarding the bar service at functions in the McNamara Hall. It seemed that at times staff were not pulling their weight or were very new to the job. It was stated that some of the instructions given to the Manager in a memo on 1-11-84 were not being carried out. Reservations were expressed regarding an incident in the Club premises on the occasion of a member of staffs birthday.

Mrs. D'Arcy's present contract of employment expires at the end of the month. Fr. Malone would like to offer her the position on a permanent basis. Some of the members were not entirely happy with the proposal. The matter was discussed at length.

Some felt that the Administrative Committee should have been consulted before the matter was discussed with Mrs. D'Arcy. In reply Fr. Malone felt that as Director/Treasurer he was entitled, in consultation with the Chairman, to discuss the matter with her.

Finally, it was agreed that a contract of employment as Manager be negotiated with Mrs. D'Arcy.

LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL WORKING COMMITTEE

On a proposal by T. Mangan seconded by Miss M. Kenny, it was agreed to nominate Mrs. B. Shaw as the fourth member to represent the Centre on the Committee.

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Subject to correction and addition

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