

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON SEPTEMBER 9th, 1986

PRESENT: T. Dunne, Fr. C. Malone, O.M.I., M. Kenny,
Myra Hannon, T. Mangan, J. Myers, Fr. B. Gilmore,
C. O'Connell, Fr. J. Gordon, B. Shaw.

APOLOGIES: G. O'Flynn, Fr. Fulham, F. Swan, Fr. Ryan.

The Chairman welcomed members of the Committee and extended a special welcome to Mrs. Myra Hannon.

MINUTE SECRETARY

As the minute secretary was absent Fr. Gilmore was appointed minute secretary for this meeting.

MINUTES

On a proposal by Miss M. Kenny the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted, seconded by Tom Mangan.

MATTERS ARISING

1. A letter had been received from Mr. David Ambrose in relation to the Constitution Committee offering his help if required.
2. There was no response to date from the Irish Centre Solicitors in relation to the Constitution.
3. The Administrator/Accountant, Paddy Keegan, has prepared six monthly accounts to be presented to the Committee. A Sub-Committee meeting was arranged for October 7th at 7.00 p.m.
4. A recent valuation of the Irish Centre has been completed in connection with Commercial Finance Services Limited.
5. A grant application for next year for Camden Council has been received and will be processed by Paddy Keegan.
6. The Chairman and Director met with the DION Committee at the Embassy on Saturday, 30th August, 1986. Having presented a picture of the current pressures on staff due to the vase increase in numbers, and the welfare budget for the present year was presented and a request made for a grant of £50,000.

HOSTEL REPORT

A new Social Worker, Eithne O'Flynn is in position at Conway House to enable unemployed to seek work. The Irish Centre have made an application to DION for addition funding for this position. Both Hostels are full.

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Hostel Report Contd.

Bro. Charles Gallagher, O.M.I. has left the Hostel and a letter of appreciation to be sent to Bro. Charles.

A Leisure Project for the hostel is being studied at present.

WELFARE

Numbers of people coming to the Centre has continued to increase. Advice is being sought from other agencies regarding how best to structure facilities. This will entail hiring more staff and require further finances. This point was underlined at the DION Committee Meeting.

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Approximately £2,000 has been spent on educational equipment to help provide skills for young people. The Teachers salary comes from I.L.E.A.

IRISH POST LETTER

The Chairman had written a letter to the Irish Post in response to recent correspondence. The Letter was read to the Committee and copies circulated.

DIRECTORS REPORT

1. Day Care Centre for Elderly/Youth and Emergency Accommodation Work to begin in January

Camden has allocated £120,000 for materials. A.N.C.O. has agreed to do the building under a training scheme. The Irish Centre will supply a site foreman. Murphy's have been approached concerning a proposal. The Architects Lewis and Hickey are giving their services free and will oversee the project. Murphy's have been asked to clear the site. The plans were presented for examination.

2. Covenants

The Allied Irish Bank have been approached to make a deposited covenant to finance the shortfall of the project. Congratulations were offered to the Chairman and Director for their work in this regard.

3. Luncheon Club

An approach has been made to Camden Council in conjunction with the I.B.R.G. (Camden) to develop this project. So far negotiations have been successful. Meeting will take place on September 17th at 2.00 p.m. when it is hoped to complete the details.

4. An initial approach has been made to Guinnesses regarding funding for some Irish Centre Welfare projects.

Directors Report contd.

5. CAR RAFFLE

The 3rd Car Raffle took place at the McNamara Hall on September 7th.

6. Fr. Malone announced that he is being replaced at the Irish Centre as Chaplain by the Oblate Fathers. The change over will take place at the end of September. The Oblate Fathers have elected Fr. Tom Scully, O.M.I. to replace Fr. Malone as Chaplain. Fr. Malone thanked the Committee for their support over the years. A vote of appreciation was rendered to Fr. Malone for his work at the Centre.

Jim Myers paid tribute to Fr. Malone for his work especially on behalf of Comhaltas. Tom Mangan also expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Festival Committee. The Chairman summed up the thanks by expressing his appreciation for the successful work over the years and by extending his best wishes in the future to the Director.

7. Fr. John O'Donoghue for the Diocese of Southwark has been nominated as the representative to replace Fr. Smith.

MANAGEMENT

The Manager reported an incident in relation to the barring of a member. For the sake of clarification the following guidelines were proposed as a procedure.

- a. The Manager has a right to bar any person for breach of the rules or unreasonable behaviour. This can be done on the spot.
- b. A report will be made to the Management of the Centre regarding the incident.
- c. The suspension of membership to be confirmed in writing.
- d. The Social Club Committee are to invite the person to a hearing to discuss the complaint in accordance with Club rules.

The Manager further reported that there was trouble in the Douglas Hyde Lounge because of members turning on and off lights. A resolution was made to change the switches so that they are key operated. The Management Committee assured the Manager of their full support in this regard.

NEXT MEETING

October 14th, 1986 at 8.00 p.m.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
THE IRISH CENTRE ON 5th OCTOBER 1986

PRESENT: T. Dunne, Fr. S. Fullam, Fr. B. Gilmore, Fr. J. O'Donoghue
Miss M. Duggan, Miss M. Kenny, Mrs M. Hannon, Mrs B. Shaw
T. Mangan, J. Myers, C. O'Connell, G. O'Flynn

In attendance: Fr. F. Ryan, Fr. T. Scully, P. Keegan

The Chairman, in opening the meeting welcomed everybody, especially the new members. He explained the necessity for the special meeting was to appoint without delay a new Director and Treasurer to replace Fr. Malone who has been transferred.

He read a letter from the Oblate Order recommending Fr. Tom Scully as Chaplain and a further letter from Cardinal Hume confirming the appointment. He welcomed Father Scully and hoped that he would be very happy at the Centre.

Miss M. Kenny proposed and Mr T. Mangan seconded a motion that Fr. Scully be appointed Director and Treasurer. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Mr T. Mangan congratulated Fr. Scully and assured him that all members would do their utmost to make his awesome task as easy as possible.

In returning thanks Fr. Scully said that this was the third time he was asked to come here. He now promised total dedication and committment to the tasks ahead which he felt would increase rather than decrease.

He was grateful for the assurance of support from members. He apologised for the inconvenience caused to members by this meeting but he would be unable to attend the regular monthly meeting on October 14th as he had a previous committment to lead a Pilgrimage to Fatima.

Because of the change of Director/Treasurer a change in the Bank Mandate was necessary and Mr J. Myers proposed that Fr. T. Scully replace Fr. Malone as one of the persons authorised to sign cheques. This was seconded by Mr T. Mangan and unanimously agreed.

Date of Next Meeting

14 October 1986 at 8.00p.m.

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