

LEITRIM ASSOCIATION IN LONDON.

MONTHLY MEETING 23.3.1981.

There was a meeting of the Leitrim Association in London on Monday 23rd March 1981 Present were Mike Winters, Seamus Ryan, Bernie Ryan, Michael Mulvanerty, Tommy Maguire and Fr Butler. Doris Daly sent apologies.

From the minutes the Chairman explained that the Clock had been presented to teh girls hostel in Medway street. A cheque for £100 had been present to the Monaghan family, - it wasnt clear whether John McGarry got a ticket for the dinner on St Patrick's eve. (Fr Butler explained that as a pools collector he would have received on but he would check). There was no football for the raffle on 16th March. The ticketswere sold at 50 p for 5 in strips. The CICA were to give a cheque to the Mon aghan family and the Clare Association would be alerted about the family since he was from Clare.

The CICA dinner dance at Barkers had about 300 in attendance. Mike Winters received the Vaughan Cup. He filled it with champagne. Fr Cagney praised Leitrim, a small county for its efforts for the Irish Centre. Thre was a dance band from Ireland. No County had a table booked - it happened that county people just sat that way. Gerry O'Flynn had the sale of all tickets - they werenot allotted to County agents.

The minutes were then adopted and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. The Dublin Association appealed for support for a fund they had inititated for the victims of the Stardust disaster. After discussion it was agreed to send a cheque for £50.00 towards the fund. It was agreed that it was sometimes difficult to share such a fund.

In his financial statement the **Treasurer** said £258 were taken at the door and the raffle and 13 Guardians were sold making a balance on the night of £168.00. The band cost £90.00

Fr Butler paid tribute to all the Committee who obviously worked so hard for the success of the Gala Ball on 16th March. He paid special tribute to Tommy Maguire and also to Paddy Crean who specially entertained during the evening.

Mrs Maguire bacame a member of the Association. (Membersrhip paid. Fr Butler also paid membership)

The Silver Jubilee Dinner Dance. All former Chairmen to be invited and also all former committee members. Thomas Clancy of Glenfarne of Olympic fame to be invited. There should be a special booklet published. Adverts in the bookle t would pay for the bookle t and perhaps some guests expenses. It was agreed to try a boxtty evening in the Autumn

There would be a dance and social on 8th May to sell the dinner dance on 13th June. Bryan Dolan would provide the music. Admission £1.50 each. Daning to 1:00 am.

The COIC meeting tomorrow night 24th March at 8:30. The FIS meeting next Saturday at 3:00 pm.

Michael Mulvanerty thanked the Leitrim Association in Luton, the Irish Centre in Iiverpool, The Irish Centre in London and the Leitrim Association in London with the Salvation Army for the successful tracing of a man who father had died in Ireland. Next meeting 6th April.