

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY MAY 9TH 1989

1. PRESENT

Rev T Scully, T Dunne, T Mangan, M Kenny, C O'Connell, J Myers, A Coyle, M Allen.

APOLOGIES: U Cooper, M Fitzsimmons, E McCormack.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The meeting was opened by Fr T Scully who stated that as this was our first meeting since the A.G.M. it was his job to take the Chair for the election of officers. The following were elected for the year 1989.

T Dunne - Chairman

T Mangan - Vice Chairman

M Allen and M Fitzsimmons as Joint Secretary as M Allen stated that due to other commitments she would find it difficult to take on full responsibility. Subject to agreement from M Fitzsimmons this was acceptable. Fr Scully was elected Treasurer.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read and were adopted on the proposition of T Mangan, seconded by J Myers.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None.

5. WELFARE REPORT

Paul Murphy reported statistics slightly up this month and hopefully this trend will continue. There were 322 interviews in April '89 as compared with 289 in April '88.

New staff are settling in and familiarising themselves with the work.

Sixteen and seventeen year olds are finding accommodation difficult to obtain. Conway House and Benburb Base are not in a position to take them. Centrepoint will only have them for 14 days at a time. This age group with no friends or relatives here are likely to end up in squats.

With regards to changes in Housing Benefits most boroughs have done little or nothing to cater for this change. Migrant Training Scheme should soon be under way. The advertisements have gone into the papers and at least 200 people are required. It is also hoped to have evening classes in the Irish Centre. The Chairman thanked Paul for his report.

6. HOSTELS REPORT

Fr Scully stated that both hostels are full. Fr Ryan had opened his new hostel for the elderly and already had some patrons installed. An official opening will take place later in the year. Debts are accumulating from the boys hostel. The long stay patrons in the girls hostel are being encouraged to find other permanent accommodation.

7. DIRECTORS REPORT

Fr T Scully thanked all who had attended the recent A.G.M. He stated that Tom Connors and Josephine Vaughan were embarking on an important project the aim of which is to try and convince young people of the importance of further education. It is intended to develop the 3 rooms opposite the chapel for classrooms. Migrant Training Scheme will hopefully provide computers, evening class Tutors. Considerable interest has been shown from FAS and Kings Cross College, Mr Wall from Middlesex Polytechnic has been most helpful. Two new social workers are settling in very well.

Fr Scully wished to thank Mr O'Dwyer, new Manager, for having generated a considerable amount of new business. His Sunday lunches are proving to be very popular.

Support is needed for the Festival Car Raffle for which 100,000 tickets have been ordered. No news as yet from the Episcopal Committee.

Projects under review include ventilation in Douglas Hyde Lounge and Kennedy Hall. Refurbishments of Kennedy Hall toilets to include new toilet roll dispensers. Douglas Hyde Lounge to be redecorated. With regard to fund raising meetings it was agreed to hold the first in October. The Mayor's Banquet will be held on May 11th. Gerry O'Flynn is returning to Ireland in June and it was agreed to make him a presentation at a function to be arranged in recognition of his untiring work through the years for the Irish Centre. T Mangan stated that he wished to compliment Fr Scully on his excellent report at the A.G.M.

8. ELECTION OF SUB COMMITTEES

- 8.1) Executive. The Officers
- 8.2) Finance. Fr Scully, T Dunne, E McCormack, M O'Mahoney.
- 8.3) Bars & Catering. J Myers, T Dunne, Exec.
- 8.4) Maintenance. T Mangan, C O'Connell,
- 8.5) Development & Fundraising. T Dunne, Fr Scully, Una Cooper, P Fitzsimmons and co-options.

9. SOCIAL CLUB.

The election of officers was next item on the agenda. Chairman, Anton Coyle proposed by J Myers, seconded by C O'Connell (elected) Secretary, Sheila Navney. Proposed by Tom Mangan, seconded by Chris O'Connell (elected) Fr Scully elected Treasurer. Five committees members elected by the Admin as follows: Peggy Finnucane, M Kenny, Marg O'Brien, P O'Brien, Una Kennedy.

Anton Coyle asked if the piano in the Douglas Hyde could be disposed of. One of the patrons had his shirt burned by a cigarette whilst dancing. He feels it the responsibility of the Irish Centre to replace the garment. No liability is accepted. Anton also had complaints about early closing of bars. This will be dealt with. Staff dress give rise for concern. Neater attire should be the order of the day. Complaints re use of lemons. Tills should be removed at a later time when so many people are not around. Can baskets be arranged to pick up glasses.

10. A discussion re monthly meetings followed agreed to stay with same date but to hold Exec at 7.00pm

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business relevant the meeting closed at 10.30pm.

12. NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 13TH JUNE 1989 @ 8.00PM

AT THE IRISH CENTRE

J. [Signature] 13.6.89