

Irish Centre Administrative Committee Meeting 10/04/90

1a) Present: Rev T Scully, OMI, Tommy Dunne, Mary Allen, E McCormack, Anton Coyle, Jim Myers, Peggy Finucane, M Kenny, Paul Murphy, Tom Mangan, Maura Fitzsimons.

1b) Apologies: M O'Mahony, Una Cooper, P Keegan.

Prior to minutes discussion, the Chairman notified the date of the next AGM, 23rd May 1990 not 24th May.

2) Minutes of March meeting were circulated, taken as read, adopted on the proposal of Mary Allen seconded by Tom Mangan.

3) Matters arising - None.

4) Finance Report: Quarterly report Jan/March 1990 circulated, showing comparative averages for 1989/88- complete annual totals of said years..

Fr Scully reported that the McNamara Hall licence is due for renewal in June. A summons has already been issued - 60 days notice to reduce noise levels from local authority. Environmental Health Officers have visited, work to be carried out in conjunction with the Council. Acoustics expert has advised. Exit - McNamara Hall (side) sound going up to nearby flats set at 95 decibels - 34 decibels maximum can be tolerated. A door can be produced but is not acceptable to fire officers. Alternative is to build a lobby within the hall, full width of passageway. This is expensive, architect advises planning permission from British Rail and local residents should be sought. Situation in hand but difficult. Richard Beaumont coming on 17th to take readings of decibels. *Comp. for bar store - vibrating, Requires* re-siting and an acoustic case around it. Eddie McCormack questioned why the problem has surfaced - Chairman stated that we had always been in breach of legislation. Previous warnings had been given, Kennedy hall will also need a lobby within facing dance floor. Cost not known. Anton Coyle asked whether function bookings in McNamara hall were vetted. He had noticed young people outside drinking at 12m.n. Fr Cormican replied that the booking was made in the name of a school, agreeing that it was important to exercise care. Forthcoming school function - St Aloysius - controlled as parents are involved.

Eddie McCormack asked for clarification on St Patrick's night problems which had caused concern.

The Chairman replying stated that the power point is controlled by a noise control box, at a cost of £1000 on the demands of the local authority, *Sieger* Shack refused to plug into this system as requested and were abusive sadly.

He continued that this incident involving the Manager's subsequent action was regrettable - on St Patrick's night. Related problems had been dealt with by Management.

A note in Finance A/C indicated that the Social Club owed £390. Anton Coyle replied that he had submitted details to Treasurer, and would follow up as P Keegan was not present.

Band register is being signed and stored in its usual place - Anton to follow up, he holds duplicates for outstanding £390.

Fr Cormican noted that % figures are not very helpful. Actual figures should appear. Averages and comparison only in line. Are takings correct, is stock taking correct. Fr Scully said that £250 surplus - A regular company do stock taking and include % stocks.

5) Welfare report: Copies circulated by Paul Murphy. Busier in March this year. Female inquiries low. Nicky's resignation - reason - CQSW course. Application needed - June 2nd more needed due to A/L 3weeks.

Paul interviewing seminaries in Ireland. Request for increased A/Leave Day in lieu for Saturday work at present. Chairman recommended one day's extra leave - 22 days annually total agreed.

Paul queried Outreach work - can be done. If not affecting work or base - agreed.

Irish conference workshops 21st April - Paul Hill invited speaker unable to attend. Paul Murphy speaking on behalf of Irish Centre, Tom Mangan asked whether Irish Centre should show some appreciation to Nicky Murray. The Chairman stated that a letter of thanks would be sent for his commitment to the Irish Centre. Introducing a gift from the Irish Centre would be creating a precedent. Paul Murphy felt that some token should be given. Chairman said his colleagues would collect. His LWD will be Friday 11th MAY in small bar for farewell.

6) Hostels Report: Hostel report, Press conference, London Irish News, a good write up. Irish Independent just a few lines indicating an adverse impression. Fr Ryans report honest. Official opening 23rd May.

Fr Ryan has set up a recreation hall and created interest. Groups working, cleaning, landscaping etc. Money earned going into a special fund for Day's outings.

7.1) Insurance claim: £60,000 on the building, £11,000 for stocks. Loss of business value being assessed. Original assessors very tough, second assessment being arranged.

7.2) Cleaning contract: New cleaners have commenced responsibility for all cleaning. Toilets etc.

7.3) Loan agreement: Loan fixed by Oblate Community at 11½% ^{all other loans} paid off. One loan covering. Contract signed. Loan given to Trustees. Investigating complication registration of land. When the land was sold it was built on 44-50, still belongs to Irish Centre. ^{according to land} registry. A large plot at rear of garages. Solicitors now working for Oblates to ensure security in deeds. Title deeds etc. to be procured mortgaged to the Oblates ^{equity} loan. Mr Cosgrove - new solicitor investigating has up to date land registry ^{filing}

7.4) Knock out 17th June 1990: Guinness field now not available. ONE reserved at Slough. A convent field needed adjacent to London. Coram Fields Holborn suggested. Would have to be reserved for Irish Centre. Federation of Irish Societies doing promotion, publicity etc.

7.5) Hostel Formal opening: 23rd May 1990 - 3pm. His Eminence Cardinal Hume and Cardinal O'Fiaich attending together with Government representatives. Business, Press, ^{and} Local Authorities. Irish Centre report will be ready. Considered a good PR opportunity.

7.6) Bar prices increase: Effective from 6/4/90. Fr Cormican reported beer prices only increased. No increase in wines, spirits etc. Increase approved.

8.) AGM: 23rd May 1990

9) Any other business: None.

10) Date of next meeting: 8th May 1990. 8pm.

*corrections noted and agreed.
by members.*

*J. D. ...
Chairman
8.5.1990*