

MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY, 11TH JUNE, 1991

Present:

J. Myers, Vice Chair; Fr. D. Cormican; T. Mangan; S. Mc Cormack; M. Kenny;
C. O'Connell; M. Allen; J. Kirby

In Attendance:

M. O'Boyle; P. Murphy

Apologies:

M. Fitzsimons; M. Mc Cormack; T. Dunne; D. Curley

Minutes of previous meeting:

Circulated, taken as read, adopted on the proposition of M. Kenny, seconded by C. O'Connell.

Matters Arising:

None

Welfare Report:

Paul Murphy stated that the numbers are down slightly, so far no major influx of students for summer jobs. May employment figures down, accommodation and food enquiries have increased - main problems seem to stem from recession. Paul stated that by the end of 1991 about two million will be unemployed. Problems presented to staff rates two per interview. Federation Congress in Watford was attended by Paul who felt that a day-long conference was too long for one person. Irish Centre should consider sending two delegates to future events. In reply to a question Fr. Cormican stated that there is a good relationship between the Irish Centre and the Federation whose Headquarters are at the Centre. The Chairman thanked Paul for his report.

Finance Report:

Fr. Cormican stated that computerisation of accounts were going ahead at present. Training being given by Hunt & Co.. Jim Reynolds working on Welfare Accounts with assistance from Paddy Keegan. It is proposed to have these ready for DION.

P. Keegan officially retired on 31st May, 1991 - available for advice always. Farewell buffet in his honour on Wednesday, 26th June, 1991. Invitations have been sent out. Farewell gift in recognition of his long service to the Irish Centre has been ordered. This will be a family gift of a silver tray and tea service. Function at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Bord Failte same evening hosting a farewell for Margaret Mellor.

Hostels Report:

Both Hostels working well. Girls full - employment 100%. Conway House experiencing a tidying up process. Some controversy with Action Group for Irish Youth showing concern with new management. Fr. Carolan recently purchased a site in Highgate Road, awaiting planning approval from Camden. £940,000 received from Housing Corporation. It is proposed to build flats on site at a cost in excess of £1 million. Negotiations going ahead for grant from E.C. Huge step forward for Irish Centre Hostels.

Directors Report:

Fr. Cormican reported that Sunday lunches are doing well. This is an asset very badly needed at present as attendance at other functions have dropped sharply, mainly due to recession but in part due to some bad experiences last year.

Social Club A.G.M. reasonably well attended. First Committee meeting held - Chair reappointed unopposed. Sheila Nabney appointed Secretary. Fr. Cormican wished the Committee well and expressed a hope for co-operation. Festival Car Draw takes place on Sunday, 7th July, 1991 at Roundwood Park Festival. Bridie Murphy has mailed tickets all over Ireland - we owe her a debt of gratitude. Bord Failte sponsored the mailing costs. Car will be purchased from Killarney Motors. Tickets being sold at Churches and G.A.A. Games.

New cleaning contractors working well. Fr. Cormican pleased with performance.

Arrangements for London Irish Festival going well. Finsbury Park Fleadh last year donated

£20,000 to Migrant Training, this years donation is going to Inisfree Housing Association.

Social Club Report:

Mary Kenny reported all going well. The Chairman stated that he felt T. Mangan will prove to be a great asset to the Club.

Michael O'Boyle of the London Irish Society stated that a presentation will be made to the London Irish Centre on 19th June, 1991 from the proceeds of the Annual Ball in September last year. Designated the Centre again this year to be the recipient. The Chairman expressed sincere thanks to Michael on behalf of the Administrative Committee.


Tom Mangan stated that at a recent Galway Function in the Mc Namara Hall wrong change was supposedly given to a customer who stated he had handed over a £20 note. On checking the till at the end of the evening this was not so.

Regarding the barring of Mrs. Monk from the Centre it was decided that the Social Club must write to her as previously agreed.

No other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Date of Next Meeting:

9th July, 1991

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