

REPORT:
MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 7TH DECEMBER 1992.

PRESENT: Fr. Cormican, M. Allen, Donie Egan, M. Sills, T. McAssey, Jim Reynolds and Una Cooper.

APOLOGIES: E. McCormack, B. Shaw, D. Curley, Jim Kirby, T. Dunne and Mons. Stack.

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Carolan.
Fr. Cormican chaired the meeting.

There being an absence of a representative from the Tenants Association, Fr. Cormican reported that there was a lot of ill feeling about the parking of taxi's along Murray Street. He promised his support to June Swan who was writing a letter of complaint to Camden.

Minutes of previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read.

MATTERS ARISING:

It was stated that E. McCormack had made it known that he could not accept the minutes as there was no mention of the discussion which involved Paul Murphy. It was agreed that an amendment which should read as follows:- Those short listed should be handed to Administrative Committee. Fr. Cormican said that we have an advisory committee whose function is to take responsibility of Welfare Department. Mary Allen said that we had agreed to leave the sole responsibility to the welfare committee. Donie Egan said fund raising was relevant to statutory requirements. Fr. Cormican said that they had placed an advertisement in the Guardian newspaper final date for application 11th December 1992. E. McCormack said that it was not agreed that the 11th December should be the closing date.

Donie Egan said that the whole thrust of Fr. Paul Byrne's speech sparked off by letter, we know, but anyone reading the minutes could find it meekly. In view of recent developments including anonymous letter conveying threats of violence and blackmail against Fr. Cormican.

FINANCE REPORT:
Acceptance of minutes proposed by D. Egan seconded by M. Sills.

Bookings good but small and Hall Hire very good.

WELFARE REPORT:

Appointment of Co-Ordinator was advertised in the Irish Post, to date there have been twelve enquiries. Received eight replies. Closing date 11th December. Interview panel to consist of Raymond Heavey Chairman Advisory Committee, Teresa Ganley, Welfare Advisory Committee and Fr. Cormican who decided to ask Paul Murphy to sit on panel which he accepted.

Fr. Cormican commented on the team spirit which exists at the Irish Centre and of how seriously they took their positions in the Welfare Department. They had organised a dance at the Galtymore at which they raised £1,400 some of the money will help to provide hampers for many people over the Christmas.

David Burke has now left the Welfare Department, this situation now leaves only two full time Social Workers and a temporary receptionist while Maureen is on Maternity leave.

PANEL INTERVIEW:

Donie Egan said that a decision taken at the November meeting, that the candidates who were short listed be brought to meet the Administrative Committee. This could not be altered at this meeting. It was agreed that a panel to meet candidates should be appointed. It was then proposed that E. McCormack and Una Cooper should attend the interview in the first instance and Raymond Heavey and Fr. Cormican should be in on the final interview.

HOSTEL'S REPORT:

Fr. Carolan asked if there was a need for Hostel reports. Donie Egan said Fr. Carolan's report did not preclude members and went on to speak of the 1980 situation which occurred and as a result Irish Centre Hostels became detached from the Irish Centre.

Conway House was also given away. The Irish Centre never received a refund. Donie said he was very concerned that the Hostels might loose touch with the Irish Centre.

Fr. Carolan stated St. Louis was full but not with Irish students. In Conway House normal reductions in numbers coming up to Christmas, Kentish Town project very impressive and the Irish Centre Hostels new project at York Way going ahead, it will be aimed at the 18-25 years old working in low paid jobs.

FINANCE REPORT:

This was circulated by Jim Reynolds and questions answered. Bookings good but small and Hall Hire very good.

Father Cormican was asked about take over by Saxon Inns. He stated the draft had been handed over to John Connell who was quite happy with it and there was no hiccup and they hope to come to the Centre in January.

Donie Egan asked for a copy of the draft Fr. replied he would let him have one as soon as possible.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

A vote of sympathy was passed to Paddy O'Brien on the death of his sister, Mary Murphy R.I.P. Fr. Cormican acknowledged a card received from Joan and Tommy Dunne.

The question of Michael Michael hiring of the McNamara Hall was discussed. It was felt by the Administrative Committee that the £1,200 paid by him for the hire was quite inadequate. On a proposal of Mary Allen that this should be raised to £2,500 and a deposit of £2,000 on hiring. This to commence on 1st January 1993. This motion was proposed by M. Allen and seconded by T. McAssey. Carried.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

They asked permission of Administrative Committee to raise price of membership also to raise entrance fee. This was agreed, Membership £3.00 per year. Entrance fee £2.00 for members, non member £2.50. Proposed by T. McAssey and seconded by M. Sills, carried.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 11.15p.m. next meeting 12th January, 1993.