

London Irish Centre Administrative Meeting

7th September 1995

Present: D. Egan, Chairperson, Rev. J. Kivlehan OMI, Director.  
Rev. T. Phelan, T. Reilly, M. Kenny, M. Allen, M. Fitzsimons,  
Secretary.

Apologies: B. Shaw, V-C, J. Coote, F. Collins, Fr. P. Carolan,  
OMI.

In attendance: Christine Mohan, Co-Ordinator, Welfare.

Welfare Report: Presented by Christine. Copies circulatee  
including statistical review July/August. Gender Statistics July  
379.

Telephone Statistics:

Welfare: 571 General 315

August 312

Telephone: Welfare: 456 General: 451 Total: 907

Aisling Report: Recognition of contribution by Irish Centre  
noted.

Fundraising calendar September/October included. Chair thanked  
Christine who then left the meeting.

Fr. Jerry: in follow-up noted that this particular Aisling trip  
was not properly acknowledged. Two staff members accompanying the  
trip were paid by LIC x 2 weeks. Considerable preparation, under-  
appreciated by welfare department.

D. Egan: Said Welfare consider it their own energy.

M. Allen: Admin Cttee. not consulted informed only of action.

Fr. Jerry: said there is tension in the office. 1996 should be  
done in consultation, not denying the advantage of such a trip.

D. Egan: suggested an extract from the Admin Minutes should be  
forwarded to Welfare for agreement by Admin Cttee by 31st March.  
This was agreed.

Rev. Phelan: asked what areas clients are from. This is not  
known.

Fr. Jerry: Welfare Advisory Committee members should be put  
together by the Admin Cttee. Request in writing to the Cttee and  
appointments by them.

It was agreed that following the AGM - the advisory cttee should  
be named: item mentioned at the AGM.

Rev. Phelan: stated the "New Age" issue is a serious problem  
referring to recent shows at the LIC.

Fr. Jerry: the Psychie show was a 'one-off' and considered light  
entertainment and not affecting morality.

Regarding the Gay/Lesbian event: M. Allen noted LIC is franchised  
to Saxon Inns in consequence we have no control.

D. Egan: referring to Constitution Clause "The Christian Aspect"  
asked members whether we should create an awareness or ensure  
management is informed.

T. Reilly: said there is a difference between the two events.

Fr. Jerry: we cannot make moral judgments.

D. Egan: I would be uncomfortable moralising we need a balanced  
judgment and member attendance is minimal at this meeting.



M. Allen: we cannot instruct management on Gay/Lesbian issue, there is a legal aspect.

D. Egan: is such franchises are regular, it could cause problems.

Rev. Phelan: continued that an appeal in Ireland thought to be for LIC by parishes was for the London Chaplaincy: considerable donations collected.

Fr Jerry: is aware of this.

Minutes of the previous meeting having been posted to members were adopted on the proposal of M. Allen, seconded by T. Reilly. One correction as noted by Rev. Phelan: his initial is T. not J. Phelan.

Matters Arising: Chairman reported the issue of noise pollution from the building. Objections to Licence Renewal were forthcoming. Measurements had been taken as agreed. The appointed working party as per previous minutes met 8th August 1995 - It was a good meeting - various options were looked at.

Peter Fitzpatrick's contribution very objective. No pre-set vision on his part. He has known the LIC. A further date needs to be considered including Fr. Pat Carolan. The issue is great and needs time.

It was agreed that sufficient notification at the AGM would be that we are looking at the matter - a review is taking place.

Fr. Jerry: Two options

1. Brady/Malleliw plan.

2. Emerging Consensus: in support of P. Fitzpatrick ideas.

T Platt would like to meet the group.

D. Egan: we are heading in the direction of radical conclusions, at the point of admin. structures and building. AGM attendants should be aware of progress - A stark reality facing us.

Fr. Jerry: we are in the process of clarification. Revelation only at AGM we are looking ahead to the future.

## 5. Director's Report

Photocopier: on-going communication. Difficulty since we owe £4,000 + VAT = £5,000. This final offer - Reduction Net by £1,000. Pay or legal action.

T. Reilly: as previously advised, stop payment. Let them take the machine. In excess of £6,000 already paid. A legal representative in session on Saturday. Tony suggested seek his advice. Fr. Jerry to see him. Three months notice had already been given.

Social Committee: re: New Year night. A disagreement between social committee and Ceilidhe group: DH Lounge - Social Committee agreement the right to use the hall on important nights annually.

T. Reilly: it should be a joint effort. A recommendation from the admin. committee.

Famine Remembrance: stands and literature forthcoming.

40th Celebration: Talk by Fr. Paul Byrne OMI 7.30pm.

Buffet: "Tribute to the navvies" Music cost £1,000 allocation for grant not yet responded to.

Maintenance: £370 repairs to cooling system MacNamara Hall. Half accepted by Saxon Inns. Total =£740. Refrigeration our responsibility. Kitchen roof, flat roof leaking due to hot weather affect.

Music classes - Monday, Thursday evenings. Dancing Saturday AM.

Irish Language: Friday night.

Saturday Morning cancelled.

History Course: commencing 11th October 7.30pm £18 per term.

Meeting with AIB reps.

Niall Gallagher/David Petrie - interesting on their behalf, a commitment to be available, if any Irish people needing advice, would be happy to help.

Development of a strategic plan for LIC where one asks for grants - well packaged.

A mission plan needed: AIB will help with drawing up and publishing document.

D. Egan: queried inventory for LIC. Finbar Burke had been involved in preparation with Fr. D. Cormican.

M. Allen: noted that stainless steel items, cofffee pots etc were missing, even prior to Saxon Inns taking over. Checking in and out has fallen down.

Fr. Jerry: there is insurance against loss in Refundable Deposit, now completed. Fr. Jerry to investigate total amount paid. (It was £200 p.m. for 2 years)

Saxon Inns: on-going dispute about 2 weeks. Otherwise more or less on time. August not yet received.

Library Books: R. Scanlon, Hammersmith wants to develop a library. Can they borrow? It was agreed to refuse.

Race night: Caron Gallagher - receiver Grosvenor Rooms, Willesden has volunteered organisation of a race night at LIC proceeds to LIC. It was agreed to advise - LIC engrossed in Ruby Celebrations at this time.

Fr. Jerry: Referred to a parish group who had a buffet at LIC Cost £4 to them - their charge to customers, £10. Several complaints re food content.

Visit of President Robinson, 27th October '95.

Official opening of flats, St. Pancras Way, and Leighton Road, Kentish Town.

Buffet, Irish Centre 11.30 - 12 md.

Welcome by Admin Committee - formal by representatives.

D. Egan queried appointment of trustee prior to President Robinson as Patron.

40th Celebrations: guest list to include Financial Contributors -



Tickets £10.

Publicity - Irish Post doing a full page. Irish World and Camden Journal.

Guest List: Trustees and Former trustees, Ambassador Martin Moroney, L. Martin, L. Morton, N. Gallagher, AIB Past Directors, T. Beattie - Frs. Butler, Scully, Denis, Ryan, Paddy Sheridan, Carolan, Mayor of Camden, Dion Committee, Lawlor Trust, I.T.B. Aer Lingus, I. Feries, I Post, I World.

M. Allen/M. Fitzsimons to assist Fr. Jerry in compilation of list and circulation.

D. Egan referring to AGM and council of the LIC - 60. A letter should be sent to said bodies inquiring whether they are interested.

Fr. Jerry: an EGM should be called to review the situation.

D. Egan a recommendation from the Admin Cttee to the Council for review at AGM - proposed by M. Allen seconded by T. Reilly, agreed.

T. Reilly announced his inability to go forward as AIB representative - insufficient time, but will still assist.

D. Egan extended thanks to Tony and looks forward to on-going communication with AIB.

We write to the Archbishop, Lord Longford, and John Brannigan VP notifying AGM date, 26.9.95.

AOB: Membership of the Admin Cttee may pose a problem. Chairman said the office of chair rotated following the death of T. Dunne RIP. He personally needs time to consider his availability - finding it difficult to meet all criteria.

Presidents nominations suggested.

Fr. Pat Carolan, OMI

A. Finan - Bank of Ireland.

R. Kerr ?

J. Coote, Director?

Meeting Closed 10.55pm.

Date of next meeting: 10.10.95.