

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE
ON TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 1984

Present: D Egan, Fr Malone, M Kenny, M Moroney, T Dunne, D Quinn, F Aherne
Sr Anne Marie, P Judge

In Attendance: D Ambrose

Apologies: D Daly, J Troy

A vote of sympathy was expressed to D Quinn on the recent death of his father.

Minutes Previous Meeting

On proposal by T Dunne, seconded by M Kenny the Minutes were adopted.

The Minutes of the special meeting held on 12 January 1984 were read. That meeting authorised the approval and formal acceptance of the Deed of Compromise with Murphys.

The use of space in 51/52 will remain under active consideration.

Matters Arising

As instructed at 10 January meeting the Chairman wrote to Mrs Daly. He also wrote to Fr Butler to advise of the Centre's grant of IR£1,000.

On proposal by T Dunne, seconded by M Moroney it was decided to send Get Well messages from the Committee to Jim Troy - who is just out of hospital after a serious illness - and Brendan MacLua who is ill.

Management

Mr O'Connor has taken up his appointment. Fr Malone is happy with his performance to date. Mr O'Connor will be forwarding a monthly written report to the Committee starting next month. He will be on leave in March.

Directors' Report

The Centre's Insurance Brokers have been changed again. New brokers are brokers to the Oblates.

D Ambrose recommended that the Centre insures with the Catholic National Mutual Insurance Company Ltd - a Company owned by the Catholic Church.

The GLC Conference held recently at the Centre set up four commissions - welfare, political, women, cultural, to deal with the affairs of the Irish ethnic minority in London.

Basically the commission will filter and assess grant applications to the GLC.

The organisers were so impressed with the facilities at the Centre that further conferences were booked.

The Centre has been invited to nominate one person to sit on the welfare commission

It was decided to nominate Fr Malone and that the Head of the Welfare Department deputises for him if necessary.

It was decided also to seek a seat on the cultural commission.

The grant application has been submitted to the GLC for the day care centre for an amount of £94,000.

Fr Malone had intended to seek the Committee's approval to change the Centre's architects but it is difficult because of the ethics involved.

/ Liam Martin - an ex Committee member - has arranged to have drawings done to
support the application to the GLC.

It has been suggested that the provision of facilities for the youth could be grant-aided and this is being progressed.

Mrs D Daly sent a letter (received during the meeting) regarding the January 10th meeting and the remarks about her on Page 2 of the January 10 Minutes. The letter was read out.

Following discussion, and on a proposal by T Dunne, seconded by P Judge, the Committee instructed the Chairman to write acknowledging that the letter was received and read at the meeting, noting Mrs Daly's denial of the accuracy of the matters minuted and concluding that she accepts that the reported allegation in regard to the embezzlement of funds is without foundation.

It was agreed to set up a management sub committee comprising of T Dunne, Fr Malone, D Quinn and M Moroney.

The hostels were not touched on.

It was decided that the Festival Committee needed to meet soon.

It was decided not to charge the Festival for storing ^{FESTIVAL} ~~accessory~~ connected items in the Centre's garages.

The Irish Centre will propose that a joint Festival meeting be held on Monday 27 Feb at 8.30 p.m. at the Centre.

Forum

All members of the Committee should attend the Forum Meeting on 19 February.

It was decided

- / (a) to answer all questions proposed at the previous Forum and to concentrate on fund-raising
- / (b) review ^{membership} for the Council - distribute existing Council

The thanks of the Committee were expressed to T Dunne for thinking up the helpenny appeal.

There being no other business the meeting ended.

Next meeting Tuesday 13 March at 8.00 p.m. at The Centre.

