MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 5th JUNE, 1984

PRESENT: Fr Claude Malone, O.M.I., Mr Pat Judge, Mr Tommy Dunne,

Miss Mary Kenny, Mr Gerry O'Flynn, Mrs Eileen Kehoe,

Sr. Anne-Marie O'Boyle, Fr. James Fullam, Mr Daniel Kelly,

Mr Tom Mangan. Forder.

APOLOGIES: J Kennedy

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Ryan

INTRODUCTION:

Fr Malone introduced the new members of the Committee giving a brief resume of each individual. He advised that the year ahead was a very important one for the Centre, particularly on the financial side. The incoming committee were requested to ratify the new arrangements made with the Bank in relation to the Centres Bank debts.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

CHAIRPERSON: Mr T Dunne
SECRETARY: Mr G O'Flynn
TREASURER: Fr Claude Malone
VICE CHAIRPERSON: Mr S McGarry
MINUTES SECRETARY: Mr D Kelly

The above were proposed, seconded and duly elected.

MINUTES

The minutes of meetingsheld on 8th May, 1984 and 15th May, 1984 were read and adopted.

MEETINGS:

Time It was proposed by Fr Malone and seconded by Mr. S McGarry that a time limit be set on the length of future meetings. A finishing time of 10.00 p.M. was decided upon. However, flexibility is to be the order of the day as and when necessary.

Agenda It was proposed by T Dunne that agendas for forthcoming meetings be forwarded to Committee members prior to the meetings. The proposal was seconded and adopted.

Fr Ryan proposed that the Agenda be restructured so that important matters may be dealt with as early as possible at the meeting. It was his experience that such items were being left to the last minute and as a consequence the meetings tended to drag on too late.

COMMITMENT OF OFFICERS

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It was suggested by P Judge that the Officers become involved on Sub-Committees relating to the Social, Welfare, and Cultural activities of the Centre.

MANAGEMENT

With regard to the minutes of the 15th May, Fr Malone related the sequence of events surrounding the dismissal of Mr. O'Connor. The matter is now being handled by the Centres Solicitors. Correspondence has been received from O'Connor's Solicitors requesting an explanation for his dismissal. It was reported by G O'Flynn and confirmed by M Kenny that Mr O'Connor's Father is canvassing the local Landlords to object to the renewal of the Centres licence. Fr Malone was of the opinion that it was not a cause for concern.

The position of Mrs D'Arcy was also clarified.

The Committee endorsed Fr Malones handling of the situation.

HOLIDAY REPLACEMENT :

Fr Malone advised that during his absence he will be replaced by Fr Tom McCabe who is well known at the Centre and is fully conversant with its day to day operation.

VENUE:

It was suggested by G O'Flynn that future meetings be held in the Lounge as the office was too small to accommodate the number of Officers attending meetings.

P Judge referred to a previous decision which had been taken that the venue be alternated between the Centre and the various Hostels to enable the Officers to familiarise themselves with the Hostels and their staff.

QUORUM

At the meeting of 8th May it was decided that the number of a Quorum be set by the passing of a Bye Law by the new Committee. It was proposed by M Kenny and seconded by P Judge that the Quorum for the Committee be set at seven. The proposal was duly carried.

FR GILMORE

Fr Gilmore was unable to accept the Presidents nomination to sit on the Administrative Committee. A replacement was not nominated and the position remains vacant. Should a suitable individual become available the Committee may make the necessary nomination.

NEXT MEETING :

It was proposed to hold the next meeting on 26th June, 1984 and on 2nd Tuesday of each month thereafter.