

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 21st MARCH, 1985

PRESENT: T. Dunne, Rev. C. Malone, O.M.I., Miss M. Kenny, J. Davis,  
P. Judge, J. Kennedy, G. O'Flynn.

APOLOGIES: S. McGafray, Rev. J. Fulham, Mrs. E. Kehoe, A. Coyle, P. Keegan,  
T. Mangan, M. Moroney.

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It was noted that only sufficient members to form a quorum <sup>were present.</sup> This may be due to the change of date.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on a proposal by Miss M. Kenny, seconded by J. Davis subject to the following amendments:- the word "staff" to be omitted from the reference to the party <sup>at</sup> which the strip-show took place.

Mr. J. Kennedy regretted that he had been unable to help as much as he would have liked since joining the Committee but his other commitments had increased considerably. He hopes to be able to do better in the future.

MATTERS ARISING

None.

HOSTELS AND WELFARE

Both Hostels are full and in great demand. The Annual General Meeting of the Irish Centre Hostels Ltd will take place at the Irish Centre on 1st April. An appeal was made for new shareholders who would attend meetings. This is important from the point of view of impressing the Housing Corporation.

The Welfare Department is very busy with homeless families with small children presenting a big problem. Young teenagers are also a problem.

The Youth Employment Bureau in Dublin has sponsored a survey which is being carried out by the Action Group for Irish Youth. The survey will be ready in May.

The Minister for the Gaeltacht, Mr. P. O'Toole, did a tour of inspection of the Irish Centre.

His Excellency The Irish Ambassador, Mr. Noel Dorr, made an official visit to Conway House and is also due to visit St. Louise's Hostel.

DIRECTORS REPORT

a. BREWERIES

Negotiations regarding settlement of the debts due to the Breweries are still progressing. Any arrangement for settlement must meet with the approval of the Bank of Ireland.



b. CAMDEN GRANT

GRANTS

Camden Community Relations Committee have approved a grant to the Irish Centre in the sum of £35,480.00.

c. MANAGEMENT

A Manager has not yet been appointed. Mrs. D'Arcy is studying the proposed form of contract on which she has some queries. The Executive Committee will shortly have a meeting with her.

d. YOUTH

Miss K. Fitzsimons has received a letter from Camden Borough Council alleging that there are no youth activities in the Centre and that no meeting room is available for them there. Fr. Malone agreed to give her a letter that both statements are not true.

Two members of the Irish Centre Youth Group are going to Rome to join the Holy Week International Youth celebrations. On a proposal by Fr. Malone it was agreed to pay a grant of £100.00 to each delegate to help towards their expenses. He urged that we must show that we are interested in our youth movement. He is still hopeful of getting the Urban Aid grant for refurbishment of the unused section of the ground floor for use as a Youth Centre and Day Care Centre for the elderly.

e. LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL

The Festival Working Committee has been appointed and is busily engaged in making the necessary preparations. The election of the Secretary of the Working Committee appears to be irregular and will be referred to the Chairman of the GPC.

The GPC has been looking at costs and income to date in the hope of reducing the former and increasing the latter. The Trustees have been requested to review the investment of funds to ensure the maximum return therefrom.

FUND RAISING

Fr. Malone reported on the meeting held on 28th February. He was disappointed with the attendance. He would have liked to have seen more of the Admin. Committee members there. He outlined the targets to be aimed at in order to meet debt repayments on the due dates. Suggestions were made about contacting the constituent bodies of the Irish Centre as well as Irish firms and organisations. Details of all suggestions are to be sent to all organisations and their help sought.

The next fund raising meeting will be held on Sunday, 21st April at 3.30 p.m.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Complaints were made regarding the condition of the toilets and of the non use of notice boards in the foyer.

It was agreed to hold the AGM on Thursday, 9th May. Arrangements are to be made for the AGM of the Irish Centre Club.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 15th April, 1985. 8.00 p.m.

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