

MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE 11th NOVEMBER, 1986

PRESENT: Tom Mangan, Myra Hannon, Bridie Shaw, Mary Kenny,
Jim Myers, Tommy Dunne, Fr. Thomas Scully, O.M.I.

APOLOGIES: Maria Duggan, Gerry O'Flynn.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was an alteration to the minutes of the previous meeting - the price of the chairs for the McNamara Hall is £8,573.25.

2. WELFARE REPORT

Breege Brandon presented a monthly report from the Community Services Department (see copy attached).

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Father Scully presented his report outlining the very high number of people calling at the Centre looking for help. He filled in on the backgrounds of the new clients, their changing attitudes to work and life in general, and to the serious economic problems in Ireland which has led them to emigrate. He also pointed to the dangers for the person who feels rejection, both at home and here in London. He felt that we would have to work towards new ways of tapping resources.

4. MANAGER'S REPORT

Florrie D'Arcy reported that October was a good month in the Catering Department. The Festival Committee held a very successful Stewards Dinner.

Two new Barmen joined the Irish Centre staff - both appointments were working out well.

A disco held by the Irish Centre Youth ended prematurely when the police had to be called to clear the trouble makers. There were approximately 150 young people in the Kennedy Hall and more than 40 outside trying to get in. Police arrested three for being drunk - even though there was no bar open or drink served on the premises. It was felt that relationships with neighbours will deteriorate if this scene is repeated. It was suggested that there is a meeting between Kathleen Fitzsimons, the parents of the youth and the Irish Centre to discuss the matter more fully.

It was also proposed to send a letter to the Neighbourhood Association apologising for the incident.

5. FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Nominations were put forward for the Festival Committee for 1987.

6. HOSTEL

Everything is working out alright at both hostels

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee members expressed special thanks to Eileen Kehoe, Pat Judge and Jim Culleton for organising such a successful Set Dance Competition.

It was announced that the initial fund raising and planning meeting for 1987 will take place on Sunday, 18th January 1987 at the Irish Centre at 4.00 p.m.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 9th December, 1986 at 8.00 p.m. at the Irish Centre.

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