

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 12TH APRIL 1988

PRESENT:

Mr T Mangan, Mr Anton Coyle, Mr Jim Myers, Mr Frank Swan, Miss M Kenny, Mr T Dunne. In attendance Rev D Cormican OMI.

Since we did not have a quorum no meeting could be held. Members present discussed the items on the proposed agenda and notes were taken.

APOLOGIES:

Rev T Scully OMI, Mr G O'Flynn, Mary Allen.

MATTERS ARISING

None

FINANCE *Finance*

Discussed new format of presenting Financial Report under three headings. Trading account, Administrative Account, Welfare Account. Charitable Trustees to be appointed to avoid Trading account being liable to Income Tax.

Receipts for the Counties Lounge have improved considerably for first three months, based on returns since lounge re-opened on March 17th. Total cost of Day Care Centre not finalised yet - awaiting costs of professional fees.

DAY CARE CENTRE

Opening 25th April. Chairs arriving 16th May. Over 30 applicants. Mary Kenny will collect luncheon money and arrange volunteers. Hopefully some finance will come from Camden to subsidise the Luncheon Club. Official opening 25th May 1988 at 4.00pm. Mayor's Reception 12th May.

COUNTIES LOUNGE

Committee congratulated everyone involved in refurbishing the Lounge. County crests have arrived and will be fitted as soon as possible. Smoke extractors not adequate. this to be discussed with architect.

SOCIAL CLUB REPORT

Repairs to Douglas Hyde required.

- burns behind bar
- carpet tiles to fit new seating.
- toilets. Hand dryer in ladies to be replaced, urinals in gents need attention.
- coat rack
- notice boards need to be re-fitted
- beer crates, stools etc being dumped on landing outside Douglas Hyde.

Most of these matters have been brought up at previous Administrative meetings; yet nothing done. Many of these problems are matters for Management not Administration.

Executive Committee had asked Manager to present price increases in bars for approval. The increases on most drinks are too high. Special prices for children on Sunday mornings not being implemented. Suggestion to have a dance on Xmas Eve - to be discussed further. Social Committee at its April meeting, decided to phase out live music on Sunday mornings. This was not agreed by Administrative Committee - to be brought back to Social Committee for review. It is hoped to organise volunteers to decorate Douglas Hyde. Profits for March from Social Club £301.00.

SUB-COMMITTEES

The following sub-committee appointments were made:-

(a) Executive

Rev. T Scully OMI, T Dunne, T Mangan, G O'Flynn.

(b) Camden Council

Each member to attend one meeting of the Ethnic Minorities Committee.

(c) Finance

T Dunne, Fr T Scully OMI, F Swan.

(d) Maintenance

T Mangan, C O'Connell

(e) Bar/Catering

No report

WELFARE REPORT

Mr P Murphy presented his report. Figures for March slightly down on February. A monitoring system for DHSS problems has been initiated, thus helping to present a clearer statement in the coming months. Dr Woods Minister for Social Welfare wishes to be kept informed about the effects of the new Social Security Act on emigrants. He took samples of bus tickets, luncheon vouchers etc to consider the possibility of re-imbursing the Centre for this expenditure.

Disappointed that the notice boards have not been erected. New record cards have been drafted.

HOSTELS REPORT

No report but we are informed that both hostels are full all the time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report

MANAGEMENT REPORT

There was no report because Mrs D'Arcy was busily engaged in functions.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

AGM All members present accepted to go forward for coming year. Edith Marron to be approached to sit on Administrative Committee. Four names to be presented to Lord Longford. Members expressed sincere thanks to Tommy Dunne for his leadership and work during the past year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 10TH MAY 1988 @ 8.00pm AT THE IRISH CENTRE