

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LONDON IRISH CENTRE HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE AT 8.00 p.m. ON TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 1983

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Present:

Fr. Malone, D. Egan, M. Moroney, Fr. Butler, P. Keegan, K. Fitzsimons, T. Dunne, F. Aherne, M. Kenny, D. Quinn, D. Daly

Apologies:

J. Troy

Previous Minutes:

Adopted, Proposed by M. Moroney. Seconded by T. Dunne.

The Fund Raising Meeting was postponed, the brochure had not been handed in from the printers.

There is a correction to the previous Minutes. Where the users of the halls were referred to it was suggested to add the word 'unreliable' to 'subversive.'

A copy of the list of functions booked was circulated.

The draft brochure was discussed but it was not in a form conducive to meaningful discussion.

The brochure is intended to cover every aspect of The Centre.

There was a discussion regarding the distribution of the brochure. 20,000 copies are to be printed initially at a cost of several thousand pounds.

A special meeting to discuss the brochure was suggested.

Doris Daly proposed that a proof copy be produced at a meeting at which distribution could be discussed. The meeting has been set for 8.00 p.m. on 16 February 1983 which, being last Wednesday, members could attend Mass at The Centre at 7.00 p.m.

A Social Club meeting was set for 8.30 on 7 March 1983.

Discussion on the uses of the Kennedy Hall was inconclusive. I.D.(S. Madigan) will discuss decor with Fr. Malone. He has seen the Hall and will revert.

The Centre is still losing money on the Sunday night dance.

The matter is to be brought up at the Social Club meeting.

Martin Moroney suggested that the Council of Irish Counties be asked for help.

CORRESPONDENCE

The sum of £375 was approved to rectify the grease interceptor in the kitchen.

G.B. Security have requested an increase of £14 i.e. 25% per night as required.

G.B.'s service is good but some of the people they send are not up to scratch.

Doris Daly suggested direct labour but G.B.'s services are cheaper in the long run and it is difficult to get the right "direct labour" people.

There was a letter from David Ashton Hill, Architects, enquiring whether or not a damp proof defect in 12 Murray Street was repaired.

It was decided to ask the Architect to inspect and report.

Regarding the Day Centre for the elderly the Architects are being asked to give a drawing to submit with an application for 100% grant from Camden or the GLC.

Fr. Malone had met representatives from Camden who had said that the grant was available.

The price of the Centre will cost £25,000 which would exclude heating.

Fr. Malone was urged to go for the maximum aid.

There are letters from our Solicitors regarding

- (a) the winding up order against Dawson - the fund raiser - we are now dealing with the liquidators
- (b) the Festival as a Charity - the constitution looks good vis a vis the Charity Commissioners and the Inland Revenue.

Dr. L. Morton was nominated as the Irish Centre's Trustee on the Festival Body. There will be two Trustees from The Centre and two from the Counties.

On proposal by D. Quinn seconded by T. Dunne, Mr. Martin Moroney was proposed as The Centre's other Trustee.

- (c) Judgment has been obtained against a Mr. Chapman who booked the McNamara Hall for a boxing night. He owes The Centre £1,200 and the Solicitors are considering what action to take against him. Fr. Butler is to endeavour to find out more about Chapman so that consideration can be given as to whether to go for a Charging Order, a Garnishee or Attachment of Earnings.
- (d) The music and dance licence for The McNamara Hall has been given to 30 September 1983 following which it will be renewed for a twelve month period.

There was a letter read from the Grand Met. Catering Servicing who offer an advisory and trading service.

Feelings around the table were generally negative but it was agreed to have a further look at what Grand Met. had to offer.

D. Daly suggested ILEA etc. be approached to use The Centre's kitchen to do meals-on-wheels.

DIRECTORS REPORT

et The Camden Council Grant will be applied for at the March meeting. An application has been made for £45,000 and £45,000 is expected.

A new Welfare Officer has been appointed, a Sister of Mercy - Sr. ~~Breege~~ ^{Breen} O'Reilly.

Throughput in the Welfare side is increasing.

The stocks position is satisfactory and there was a discussion regarding an independent stocktaker.

FINANCE

Draft Accounts for 1982 were perused.

Fr. Malone said that there were some tentative proposals regarding Murphys debt.

Fr. Butler said that the Counties should be welcomed at The Centre - they will develop business.

He thinks that the bands are not up to scratch. It was agreed that bands should be paid for at the door rather than via a raffle subsidy.

CYCLE RIDE

The priests and firms in Ireland are being circularised.

Contributions are coming in, so far some £3,000.

A letter to each bishop regarding an in-church collection is to be discussed at the bishops meeting in March.

Bishop Daly sent £200 but was not keen on a collection. Bishop Harty, also not keen, sent £400.

> Fr. Butler is going on Wednesday 16 February to Ireland for 3 months.

Leitrim has given £1,000, Clare £400 but nothing from Cavan.

The announcement in the Press regarding the Irish Club in Brent was discussed.

It appears that the GLC is giving £300,000 to purchase property and that there will be a grant of £400,000 from Brent Borough to refurbish it.

Doris Daly announced that there will be a Cultural Evening on 22 February 1983 at 8.00 p.m. when several mayors will be coming together with Mr. Livingstone of the GLC.

Tickets will be printed.

Toilets in the Douglas Hyde are not fixed but the plumber has been booked.:

Toilets - floor tiling?

NEXT MEETING: 8 March 1983 at 8.00 p.m.