

Original Secretary

Meeting 23/II/81.

PROPOSED DINNER & DANCE DISCUSSION ONLY.

The printed tickets were to hand thanks to the Rev. Father Butler's printing skills and were distributed to the members by the chairman.

The Menu was again discussed. The cost of providing a traditional Christmas dinner was prohibitive, and furthermore the advertised price of tickets could not now be altered, therefore Menu as advertised.. This Menu was offered at a concession rate to the Association anyway. The printing of the Menus would be undertaken by the Chairman.

The Protocol.

Father Malone (guest) to say grace.

The President Mrs. McGreal to offer the Toast to Ireland: Tenor to sing The Irish N.A.

The Secretary to welcome the Guests.

Ambassador's Deputy to reply.

The Luton Association's Speech (brief)

Response by Our Chairman.

The Toast to Leitrim: Capt., S Fox.

Rev FÁther Butler to reply.

Tom Maguire to play the Leitrim Peoples March.

Proposed, put to the vote, and adopted "that the two guest speakers would get equal billing," however T.D. John Ellis would speak first followed by Co. Chairman Joseph Mary Mooney.

The list of prizes would be printed and reproduced and distributed around the tables.

The guest list was discussed, two persons had not as yet replied and the Secretary was asked to make every effort to contact them ASAP. namely The Church of Ireland Bishop and The Clancy's of Glenfarne Post Office.

The meeting was adjourned till next Monday 30th Movember.

30/II/81.

The Dinner & Dance was the main topic of discussion, and a follow-up of the previous meeting.

THE T.V.

It was learned that ITV proposed making a Video Recording of the "happenings" at the Irish Centre., and wished to include our Dinner & Dance as an example of the functions held there.

Tom Maguire, who had previous experience of that particular TV Co. was in agreement with the Secretary that the TV Crew should be severely curtailed and censored by the Committee and by The Irish Centre as to what they could or could not record. The Secretary was not in favour of allowing the camera crew to roam freely around the place, as in her experience this TV Co was in the habit of portraying her race as drunken, inarticulate, and dishevelled in the past. Discussion was lively, however the Secretary was overruled when she proposed the TV should not be allowed into the Father McNamara Hall., but it was agreed that members of the Committee only would give interviews before the cameras so as to, avoid embarrassing the Patrons, and to avoid any casual illconceived remark that might be made by a patron after a few drinks.

Father Butler reported that The Director Father Malone had exacted an undertaking in writing from the ITV that he would have the final say in vetting the edited tape before transmission., and on this understanding, TV coverage of our Dance was acceptable.

It was also agreed to inform the Guests beforehand and to alert as many Patrons as possible before the event.

"The History" was briefly touched on. Father Butler was very anxious to get the thing published as he had sold advertising space in this proposed publication and it was a source of embarrassment to him with the passing of time and no advertising! Michael Mulvanerty agreed to get some of "The History" down on Tape and Father Butler could then Audiotype it up.

THE CICA AFFILIATION FEES WERE STILL OUTSTANDING .

The Dinner & Dance.

The tickets were selling well. Liaison between all parties was essential over the next week to ensure a trouble free event .

Father Butler was warmly thanked for his P.R. and expertise in advertising the function.

The Top table was discussed and The Chairman would be responsible for the production of place cards ect.

The door would be manned by the male members of the Committee up to and until 8.20 ONLY. The door would be closed and the Cloaks Lady would supervise after that time. Admission by ticket only. Late comers would have to enter by the front of the building.

A head count would be made by Michael Mulvanerty. who kindly consented to be Master of Ceremonies on the night.

OTHER ITEMS .

Mrs. McGreal's 65 Birthday would be recognised by presenting her with a sheaf of Flowers and a Birthday card signed by the committee.

Miss Carmel Mulvanerty would also receive a sheaf of flowers and a cheque for £25.00 representing our Association at the Leitrim wild Rose festival earlier in the year.

This would also give Capt S. Fox an opportunity to partake in the formalities.

The meeting closed.