

THE LEITRIM ASSOCIATION IN LONDON.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1981.

The Annual General Meeting of the Leitrim Association took place at the Irish Centre, Camden Square, London NW1 on Sunday 1st March at 3:00 pm. Present were Doris Daly, Seamus Ryan, Michael Mulvanerty, Bernadette Ryan, Michael Winters (Chairman), Nora McGreal, John McGarry, Jim Murphy, Cathal Mulvannerty, Mrs Mulvanerty and Fr Butler.

Jim Fox sent a message to the meeting which was then read out. He first apologised for his absence. He sent his compliments to the Officers of the Association. He referred to Fr Butler and his work for the Association. He complimented Michael Mulvanerty for his long service, and also Nora McGreal, her late husband (RIP) Frank and Mary Lanes. He singled out the fact that the current year was the Silver Jubilee year of the Association and gave a list of all the deceased members of the Association since the beginning. He pressed for great courage for the future with an ability to adapt to changing times. He urged that 1st generation Irish should command the attention of the Association and he appealed for great support for the Committee of the Association. He thanked all concerned for their work and devotion during the past year.

The minutes of the previous were read, approved and signed. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks for the minutes. The minutes were adopted - proposed M Mulvanerty and seconded Jim Murphy.

Fr Butler read the Secretary's report for the year.

In the absence of a treasurer the Chairman gave a statement of affairs. 158 attended the Dinner Dance (nett profit - £193.77) 156 attended the Bacon & Cabbage on 18th September (nett profit £241.00); Festival takings £560.00 (nett profit £193.46). There was a credit balance of £906.12 over the year. The Chairman was asked to pay festival in equal amounts to the Irish Centre Welfare fund and the CICA Welfare fund. It was agreed to apply for a grant of £150 for Jimmy Monaghan from the CICA and that the Leitrim Association should give £100 immediately. It was suggested that Leitrim and Clare should organise a benefit dance for Mr Monaghan. It was suggested that all members of the Association should be given an up to date account of the AGM and the financial statement.

In his address the Chairman noted that there were more in attendance at the AGM than last year. He agreed that monthly meetings should be no more than an hour or 1½ hours. He appealed to all to keep up numbers at all costs. He expressed his thanks to all the Association particularly the Committee - to Doris Daly (sec) to the Lady President - to Fr Butler for the tickets, photocopying. He thanked all for good attendance at the meetings, for good attendance at the door and suggested that 'doormen' should try and switch around a bit and enjoy themselves. He thanked everyone for helping out.

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The Life Presidents elected as follows : Jim Fox, Tommy Maguire and Michael Mulvanerty.

The Executive Committee to comprise all members present plus Peggy and William McGarty.

The PRO was to be Fr Butler (Proposed M Mulvanerty seconded Nora McGreal)

The Patrons elected were Dr Daly Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, Dr McKiernan, Bishop of Kilmore, Mr and Mrs Gregory Dunne, Mrs and Mrs Raymond Laird, Mr and Mrs Joseph Mooney, Seamus Fox, Mr and Mrs Adrian Fleming, Mr and Mrs Eamonn Sheridan, Mr and Mrs Frank Murphy.

The Liaison Officer in Ireland to be Mr Frank Murphy.

The following motion was then passed - 'That the Leitrim Association in London make a special effort during the coming year to form a youth Committee'. To this end a special advert should be put in the Irish Post.

A sum of £12.00 was voted towards the St Patrick's day parade.

The meeting concluded with tea and sandwiches in the Greenroom and all members attended the 5:30 pm Mass in the McNamara hall for deceased members.

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