

LEITRIM ASSOCIATION IN LONDON MONTHLY MEETING.

16TH FEBRUARY 1981.

There was a meeting of the Leitrim Association in London held at the Irish Centre, Camden Square, London NW1 on Monday 16th February 1981. Present were Tommy Maguire, Mike Winters (Chairman), Jim Fox, Doris Daly (Sec) John McGarry, Nora McGreal and Fr Butler.

The minutes were read, approved and signed.

The immediate discussion then surrounded THE LEITRIM PEOPLE a new march composed by Tommy Maguire for the Leitrim Association, and an attitude of determination among the Committee to become more involved in fund-raising. The special dinner on 16th March for voluntary workers was also mentioned.

Memos for the St Patrick's eve Gala Ball : there is to be a special book for visitors : Bar to open at 6:00 pm. : (All the Committee to be there at 6:00 pm) : Make sure to bring along the Vaughan Cup : try and get it presented on the 16th March : The President (Mrs McGreal) to receive the Charity Walk cup for Leitrim : a supply of Shamrocks to be available for the dance : at least 600 sprays to be bought : three tables to be laid out in the form of a shamrock : buy a clock for the St Louise's hostel : there were to be white table-cloths with a green shamrock on each table (decoratin) : the Leitrim banner to be placed behind the stage : a table to be available for the shamrock. : the band (Shandy) to play 8:30 pm to 1:30 am : the fee agreed at £90:00. : an extension to be got up to 1:00 am. : Tommy Maguire to play during the interval : his new march to be well publicised : the men folk of the Committee to organise the door rota and to pull in help from outside the Committee.

The Silver Jubilee dinner was then discussed. The first meeting of the Association took place in May or June in 1956. Fr Patrick Ryan from Ballinaglera and Michael Mulvanerty were present. A short history of the early days was to be found in a booklet issued for the 21st anniversary.

It was agreed to hold the AGM on Sunday 1st March with Mass for deceased members (3:00 pm - the time). People were to be asked to fill Committee places. The grand Gala Ball to be on 16th March in the McNamara hall and the appreciation dinner to be in the Kennedy hall. A big effort was to be made to get Leitrim made products on to the stall this year at the Festival. Mr Laird should be given a 14 days notice of the festival as he would help get others involved from the County. Membership of the Association to be emphasised (the cost as usual to be £1.00). There should be an advert in the Irish Post for the 7th March and in the Kennedy column for 14th March.

Tickets would be distributed for all pools' agents for the dinner and also the Committee members. Gala Ball tickets to be sent to sponsors from previous functions.

Special invitations to be sent to Michael and Mrs Hogan, Seamus and Mrs Troy and Mary Allen and Bill.

The next meeting to be on 23rd March to discuss the Silver Jubilee dinner.

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Further discussion on the preparation for the Gala Ball.: Agnes Cafferkey would be asked to help out : one person would be asked to look after the Leitrim Guardians : there would be a football for auction : 50p to be charged for five tickets in strips at the raffle : the house microphone to be available : the raffle to be held at 11:15 pm : the auction to be at 12:05 am.: the new march THE LEITRIM PEOPLE to be played for the parade of the shamrock at 12:00 midnight : the presentaton of a cheque for £1500 was to be after auction ; the raffle to be very quick. Tommy Maguire cheque of £300 to be made in conjunction with the Leitrim Association cheque.:

There was an application for a grant for Jimmy Monahan from the CICA. This was agreed.

The Leitrim Association was to present a clock to the new St Louise's hostel : the clock to be available for the AGM and the whole committee to visit St Louise's after the AGM. A Mass card to be sent for Mrs Bell who died recently RIP.

St Patrick's day parade to be on Sunday 15th March from Horseguards parade and ending at Westminster Cathedral with Mass. The people to be ready to move off by 1:00 pm. and 2:00 pm for Mass at the Cathedral.

Profits from the London Irish Festival were £19,945. The bar had a surplus of £1,000 and the ice cream a profit of £2,000.

The Silver Jubilee dinner was then discussed. The first meeting of the Association took place in May or June in 1952. The Patrick Wm farm ballinacorney and Michael O'Sullivan were present. A short history of the early days was to be found in a booklet issued for the 25th anniversary.

It was agreed to hold the AGM on Sunday 1st March with 100 for deceased members (5:00 pm - 7:00 pm). People were to be asked to fill Committee places. The Grand Gala Ball to be on 10th March in the Bohemian Hall and the presentation dinner to be in the Kennedy Hall. A big effort was to be made to get Leitrim goods producers on to the stall this year at the festival. By hand should be given a 14 days notice of the festival as he would help get orders in from the County. Members of the Association to be approached (the cost as usual to be £1.00). There should be an advert in the Irish Post for the 7th March and in the Kennedy column for 14th March.

Tickets would be distributed for all pool events for the dinner and also the Committee members. Ball tickets to be sent to sponsors from previous functions.

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