

LEITRIM ASSOCIATION IN LONDON MEETING - IRISH CENTRE, CAMDEN SQ., NW1.

There was a meeting of the Leitrim Association in London held at the Irish Centre Camden Square, London NW1 on 3rd November 1980. Present were M Mulvannerty, Doris Daly, J McGarry, Nora McGreal, Adrian Fleming, Mike Winters (Chairman) and Fr Butler.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed. Mike Winters said that he had written to Greg Dunne, had asked him to continue as Patron of the London Association and expressed regret that he could not be present at the Dinner Dance. He was also in touch with John Killilea..(Accounting & Financial Plan.)
/re menu. A Mass card was sent to James Fox on the occasion of the death of his mother RIP.

After a discussion on the minutes of the last meeting it was agreed to write to Martin Moroney, Chairman of the Irish Centre, thanking him for coming to the last meeting, offering him support in the future, and wishing him and his committee well in thier future development. He was to be made aware of the sentiments of the Leitrim Association. Of the highest importance was the appointment of a good PRO for the Irish Centre, and he was to put across a better image of the Irish Centre. On a recent function date at the Irish Centre it was reported that the meal was good, the band was good and everyone enjoyed the evening. Two % of the takings to be spent on a good PRO. M Mulvannerty was of the opinion that a copy of the minutes of the meeting should be sent and he asked it to be recorded that he did go along with the idea of a simple letter (without the copy of the minutes).

The Treasurer's report was not available.

The Chairman (Mike Winters) made a report on his attendance at the meeting of the CICA meeting. He had paid the affiliation fee ; he had asked for a further supply of stewards medals for the 1979 festival ; he alerted the committee about a dance in the Natinonal ballroom to raise funds to provide a float at the St Patrick's day parade. Tickets would be £1.00 ; he advised committee that the CICA were looking for county committees to subsidise the St Patrick's Day dinner Dance (to provide better food and to hire a band from Ireland). There was a query from the Committee re the subsidising the CICA Dinner Dance. This question should be brought up at the CICA AGM. A question was asked as to why it could not be held at the Irish Centre.

THE DINNER DANCE. Seamus Fox was to be regarded as a guest. M Mulvannerty agreed to act as guest-master (barker) to introduce the guests. The following was agreed as the sequence of speakers:-
GRACE : (in Irish and English) : Rev J Butler, Chaplain, IC.
"IRELAND": Mrs Nora McGreal, President of the Association.
"LEITRIM ASSOCIATION IN LONDON". Dr McKiernan, Bishop of Kilmore. (response ; M Winters, Chariman of the Assoc.)
"OUR GUESTS". Captain Seamus Fox, Chairman Wild Rose Competition (response : Mrs Doris Daly, Secretary, Assoc.)
GUEST SPEAKER : Fr Butler OMI, Chaplain of the Irish Centre. He should include in his speech a plug for the catering at the Irish Centre.

THE LETITRIM GUARDIAN. It was agreed to pay the bills for the two years supplied. Regret was expressed at Fr. Leydons response to his invitation to the Dinner Dance. It was suggested that the new Guardians be put in Mr Lairds car if they were available.

THE DINNER DANCE TICKETS There was an appeal that they should be divided evenly. They should in indexed to help identify the source of the tickets at the door. Proposed by M Mulvannerty

NEXT MEETING to be held at the Irish Centre on Monday 17th November

17/11/80
M Mulvannerty