

MINUTES OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING 92/22WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1992PRESENT: G. FAULKNER, D. O'GRADY, A. SHANAHAN, J. BALDWIN

Minutes of meeting 92/21 accepted.

1.0 MISSION:

- 1.0.1 State School Apostolate - an appeal was included in the last Provincial Circular.
- 1.0.2 C.B.C. Fremantle - C.B.C.'s claim for compensation for the costs of a lay Acting Principal was considered. It was agreed that acceding to this request doesn't seem justifiable. C.B.C. to be urged to continue reviewing their overall budget position.
 - any re-appointment of Board members to await a complete review of appointments under the new Constitution. Tony to draft a letter to go to all Boards except C.B.C. Adelaide asking them to submit by the start of 1993 a proposed rotation of membership under the terms of the new Constitution. Des will reply to C.B.C. Adelaide's recently submitted proposal.
 - Tony reported on Brian Lawrence's conditional acceptance of the position as Board Chairman. Tony to liaise further with Alan Wedd regarding the possibility of Brian as Chairman and Ian Handcock as Deputy.
- 1.0.4 Board Membership - Memo 424 considered (cf. also 1.0.2 above re terms of appointment). Des to write to Rostrevor re Ken Milne's re-appointment for one further term (3 years). Des to write also to St. Paul's Board about the restructuring of their membership.
- 1.0.3 Geraldton - Gerry spoke to Memo 422.
- 1.0.5 Focus School - St. Paul's have enquired about levels of Province funding for the Focus School in 1993, as already agreed. Council gave its approval for this agreed funding.
- 1.0.6 Review of Sandro Sandri - Alan Wedd has suggested a formative review for Sandro in 1993. John will liaise with Sandro and Alan about this.

1.1 FINANCE:

- 1.1.1 Edmund Rice Camps S.A. - it was proposed that the \$2,000 needed for the 1993 camps come from the funds already accumulated in S.A. Future funding needs will be considered in our review of allocation of funds for activities like these camps.
- 1.1.2 Archdiocese financial situation - Gerry reported on a recent meeting at which the archdiocese's critical situation was outlined.
- 1.1.3 Clontarf spare land - letter from John Whittle of 23/10/92 tabled. A proposal to Council is awaited.
- 1.1.4 'Westcourt' vehicles - any further action to await a review of how things work out with Matt Molloy in the house.
- 1.1.5 C.B.C. Adelaide - cf. letter from Board of 14/9/92. John to draft a reply reiterating that 50% of the property only will be available for school use.

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1.2 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL:1.2.1 End of year dates:

- * Friday 18/12/92 - morning meeting with Brothers in Aboriginal ministry
- * Des: 12/12/92 - 13/1/93 - in Adelaide for group reunion, retreat and holiday.
- * Gerry: in Albany till early January, and after January 10. 5/1/93 - 10/1/93 - in Adelaide and Sydney.
- * Tony: 20/12/92 - 2/1/93 - in Adelaide
2/1/93 - 17/1/93 - in Sydney
18/1/93 - 23/1/93 - Edmund Rice Camp
- * John: Christmas - 6/1/93 - at home
6/1/93 - 11/1/93 - in Sydney
After 11/1/93 - Albany.

1.2.2 History of "The Scheme" - treatment of sexual abuse material:

Discussion of criteria for the treatment of sexual abuse material in Barry Coldrey's history. The following will be the subject of discussion with Barry at a meeting on 6/11/92:

- the sexual abuse material needs to be set in the wider context of "abuse" in general (allegations of physical abuse, exploitation in work, etc.).
- it should be set within the context of the institutional life of the times and the prevailing conditions therein.
- the factors involved in the difficult task of assessing allegations made about those now dead, and about events long past, need to be set out.
- there should be some overall assessment of what the evidence adds up to - i.e. what was the extent of the phenomenon of abuse? its meaning?
- related to this should be some assessment of whether the abuse is to be seen as "individual" (perpetrated by individuals acting alone), or as in any way "corporate" or "systematic" (involving collusion amongst offenders, the silent complicity of those in positions of responsibility, etc.).
- related to this last point is the question of what was done by those who came to know of any abuse, especially responses of the Brothers' executive.
- there should be no naming of those still living among those accused of abuse, and as little use of the names of those now dead as possible.
- the English group of child migrants should not be too obviously "singled out" in the treatment.

1.2.3 - deferred till next meeting. Des to prepare.

1.2.4 Trust Funds - Phillips Fox's reply to our enquiry about trust funds was tabled and discussed with Don Allen. Trust funds for the Edmund Rice scholarship and for support of NDA'S Edmund Rice Centre seem not to have the advantages we had hoped for. Don will contact St. Patrick's Province for further details of their way of allocating funds for various purposes.

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1.4 PERSONNEL:

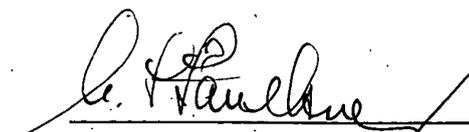
- 1.4.1 B. Ward - agreed to invite Barry to apply for the teaching position in Broome (0.5), supplemented by youth ministry in the town. If he doesn't get the job, he will be posted to Geraldton. Gerry to write to Barry.
- 1.4.2 P. Jones - Gerry reported on his last meeting with Peter. Agreed to assign Peter to Tardun. Gerry to communicate with the relevant parties.
- 1.4.3 L. Flanagan - agreed to defer sending a letter of recommendation to P.M.I. until we talk with Luke on his return next week. Gerry to write to P.M.I. to this effect.

1.5 FORMATION:

- 1.5.1 Final Profession Preparation - see Memo 423. The revised plan was agreed to, whether as form A or form B. Tony to liaise with Bernard White and Kevin Moore. Tony will convene a further teleconference with Des and Kevin Messer.

1.6 MISCELLANEOUS:

- 1.6.1 Child Care Controversy - see Memos 413 and 414. Gerry spoke to these Memos and about a meeting with Peter McGowan of Phillips Fox regarding our approach to VOICES.
- 1.6.2 Summer holidays -
- just one holiday nomination form to go out
 - Tony to draft a letter and form to be checked at the next Council meeting
 - the letter should refer to the possible need for Brothers to volunteer to be available for assisting aged men at some holiday venues.
- 1.6.3 Hug/Riley visit - there was a brief discussion of the costs and benefits of the visit.
- 1.6.4 Centenary 1994 - Memo 425 discussed and comments noted for the Central Committee.



 Chairman



 Secretary