

LESBIANS AND GAYS SUPPORT THE MINERS !

Minutes of a meeting at 'Gays the Word' 30th Sept '84 at 6pm

Present: Jeff, Martin, John Q, Huw, Rob, Ray, Clive, Andy, Monty, Mark, Gary, Kevin H, Gethin, Ray A, Reggie, Kevin G, Dave, Robert, Susannah, Kayode, Dave B, Alex, Derek, Mike

Apologies: Bernard, Martin, Brett, Paul, Polly, Johnny

Islington Miners Support Committee. Dave Bowie attended as a representative of I.M.S.C. extending an invitation to L.G.S.M. members to join their visit to South Wales on Saturday 13th. They will be visiting Tower Pit, Cynon Valley nr. Aberdare. A coach will be leaving in the morning, returning the same evening. Trade Union groups, A.N.C., Labour Parties, Central American Solidarity groups and others will be attending. The coach will be £4- (return). Tel: 359 1789 (Miners Office, open 10am-4pm). Mike to collect leaflets from I.M.S.C. at Islington Town Hall.

Collections up to 30th Sept

Bell, Sun	25 ²
Bell, Mon	11-78
Black Cap	?
Kings, Weds -no collection	
Two Brewers	10-51
Bell, Thurs	32-36
Euston & Bell, Fri	26-89 ¹ / ₂
New Dep, Sat - no collection	
Racketts	20-20
Camden, Sun	21-81 ¹ / ₂
Kings Rd, Sat	21-76 ¹ / ₂
Union, Thurs	4-46 ¹ / ₂
New Dep, Weds	2-30 ¹ / ₂
Gays The Word, Sat	44-50
(Food - £7 approx)	
Elephant (tube)	22-75
John Roan School	6-00
Chris Birch	5-00
Total	<u>255-34¹/₂</u>

Collection for week 30th-7th Oct '84

Bell, Sun - Martin K, Ray A, Reggie
 Fridge, Sun - Mark, Mike, Jeff, Gary,
 Kevin H
 Bell, Mon - Mark & Monty
 Two Brewers, Weds - Derek, Monty (Mark)
 Elephant, Tues - Monty, Mike, Mark
 Bell, Thurs - Andrew & Robert
 Euston & Bell, Fri - Alex & Derek
 Vauxhall ? - Dave & Kevin H
 Fallen Angel, Thurs - Gethin, Ray, Reggie
 New Depression, Sat - Mark, Monty, Jeff
 Camden Town, 11am Sun at tube station -
 Robert, Andy, Mark, Kevin G, (Ray)
 Prtobello Rd, Sat 12noon Ladbroke Gve
 tube - Andy, Mark, Mike, Clive
 Entertainer & Bolts, Sat - Ray & Robert

Gays the Word Food & Cash Collection

Saturday 6th Oct - Rota

11 - 2 Robert
 11 --1 Clive, Gethin
 12 - 3 Kevin H
 2 - 4 Alex, Ray, Reggie
 2 - 5 Monty
 4 - 5 Kevin G

Authorisation to collect: Martin is waiting for a reply from Dulais

Bank-bags Treasurers to bring cash-bags from bank to next meeting

Public Meeting Sub-group Report Back: Harworth, Dulais, LGYS/LCGR are now confirmed. T. Benn and D. Skinner have still not replied but Paul C. would try to contact them personally at the L.P. Conference in Blackpool during the coming week. C.L.P.'s and C.P.'s have been /are being contacted for funding Stalls - various organisations are to be contacted to see if they want stalls (the foyer/reception area at Conway Hall is large and would hold ten to fifteen tables, they also have a stack of tables which they will put up if we want them). Security: all members are urged to attend the meeting and be vigilant of the possibility of attacks on people coming to, at or leaving the meeting.

Dulais Valley Sub-group Report Back: The sub-group discussed attitudes and the purpose of the visit. 34 people had shown an interest in the visit. It was felt that hiring a coach and driver would be too expensive as the drivers accomodation, food and wages would be included. Mark reported that Southwark Unemployed Centre would not be able to provide us with their mini-bus that weekend (26-28th Oct). In view of the probelms around transport the sub-group had made a contingency plan for two separate visits. This would also mean that collections could still take place when one half of the group was in Dulais. Mike had made a provisional booking with Hackney Community Transport. They would be able to hire us their 12-seater mini-bus from Friday 26th (pm) till Sunday 28th (pm). In order to qualify we

must affiliate to H.C.T. (£2.50 p.a.) and the driver must take their driving test for insurance purposes. The hire rate is 25p/mile (including petrol). Calculating the round trip at 400 miles this works out at £8.34p/person. Mike to affiliate L.G.S.M. to H.C.T. (Driving test booked Thurs 4th Oct & MJ) Mike to also try to book their mini-bus the following weekend (2-4th Nov) this will necessitate another member also taking their driving-test and driving the second contingent down to Dulais (MJ - this booking has now been provisionally placed, H.C.T. however, cannot guarantee that they will be able to test our driver in-time for the second trip. If possible they will - would any L.G.S.M. member with a licence over twelve months, with no reported accidents within the last three years and who is available 2-4th Nov, please contact Mike a.s.a.p. to arrange a test with H.C.T.) Susannah to try to get National Campaign Against the Police Bill to sponsor the visit, Mike to supply Susannah with hire rates. The sub-group reported that L.G.S.M. members visiting Dulais may be levied in order to pay for transport, if NCAPB can't sponsor. Derek, Ray and Reggie to be added to list of members going to Dulais. Monty to check with British Rail and National Coaches regarding return fares and discount for group booking (RM - reports B.R. too expensive, National Coaches £11.50 return/£13.50 by Rapide, (4/10)) Dave to check T.U. coach hire, Robert to check Bexley Coaches.

Steve Bell Original If we could get the silver disc from Bronski and another prize (a set of books from Brilliance was suggested) we could then offer three prizes and raffle them off in a Public Lottery. Mike reported that in order to do this we would have to register the lottery with a local authority and pay £20 statutory registration fee, we could then collect up to £20,000 proceeds so long as the prizes cost less than £2,000. Rob to contact printers regarding printing raffle tickets. (Bronski have now confirmed that they will donate a silver disk MJ4/10)

Next Meeting: Sunday 7th October, 6pm Gays the Word, 66 Marchmont St WC1

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