

LESBIANS AND GAY MEN SUPPORT THE MINERS !!!

Minutes of the meeting 31st March 85 at the Fallen Angel

Attendance: there were 23 London comrades present and in addition nine guests from Dulais mining community, two comrades from Manchester LGSM and a comrade from Dublin Lesbian and Gay Collective.

Chair:

Collections for 24-31st March

Bell ?	24.42
Bell, Sun	21.22
Bell, Thurs	11.71
F.A. Mon	5.06
TOTAL	62.41

Collections for week 31st Mar-7th Apr

Bell, Sun - Andy M, Roy J
F.A., Sun - Kevin A, Tom S
F.A., Mon - Gethin, Mike J
F.A., Wed - Bruce, Roy
F.A., Thurs - Mike P, Tim L
Bell, Thurs Martin, Roddy
Bell, Fri - Robert, Kevin A

Matters Arising

Toby's Court Case Toby was fined £130 plus £50 costs, he was charged with threatening behaviour. A benefit reading of 'Shoot' by Nigel Young, performed at the Lesbian and Gay Centre after the LGSM Conference raised £70 towards Toby's fine.

Treasurers Report A cheque for £500 was handed over to our guests from Dulais. Sian James received the cheque and thanked the lesbian and gay community for the support that we had consistently given them over the period of the strike. She told the meeting that the women had thoroughly enjoyed their weekend in London with us and that these mutual visits had done much to break down ignorance and prejudice and establish a new understanding and trust.

Video Presentation Jeff Cole presented our guests from Dulais with a video of some of the activities of LGSM over the past months and the MDC womens video.

Bike Ride Four comrades were cycling to Dulais over Easter weekend and other members were urged to raise sponsorship for this journey.

Dulais Visit at Easter A list was circulated asking people to register for another LGSM visit to Dulais

Italy Jimi Sommerville and Richard Coles are performing a benefit gig for the miners in Ferrara, N. Italy. Several comrades expressed an interest in going to Italy as guests of Italian supporters around the date of the gig (18th Apr). Please contact Steven Browning (co-ordinator) (w) 633 8705 (h) 326 0439

LGSM Conference A vote of thanks was extended to the organisers for making the conference such a well attended success. Colin Richardson to submit a Press Release to 'Capital Gay'

LGSM Commemorative Badges The estimate for the production of enamel badges in four colours with gilt relief writing was: Die charge £65, 1,000 badges at 42p/each (£420) + vat @ 15% (£72.75) = £557.75. Jonathon had negotiated with W.Reeves & Co., (Birmingham) and they had agreed on 50% down and the balance to be paid within 30 days. It would take them 6-8 weeks to produce them. Manchester LGSM comrades believed that their group would be prepared to advance the cash for the production of the badges. The meeting agreed to this. It was anticipated that the badges would be ready for Gay Pride week '85 and that Mike should produce of publicity flyer for them.

Jailed Miners Badges Bruce reported that he had a supply of these badges from Hackney M.S.G. and the meeting agreed to purchase them at an approx. cost of £40.

Video Meeting 11th April at 7pm at Converse Pictures, Brixton

Fund-Raising Sunday Lunch Mike Phillips (h) 833 1698 would provide a meal for comrades as a fund-raising venture. Please 'phone to book a place.

Next Meeting Sunday 14th !!! 6pm Fallen Angel "The Future of LGSM" would be on the agenda.

Chair Tom Swann

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