

## REPORT OF BUSINESS SESSION OF ANNUAL GATHERING

October 8, 2011, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Eighteen members of Anamcharadas attended the Annual Gathering in Gonzaga College, Dublin. Apologies were received from twelve members.

**Hosts of the Gathering:** Anamcharadas Training Group of 2010.

**Facilitator of Business Session:** Anne Kavanagh SSL

**Opening Prayer and welcome:** Pádraigin Clancy led the group in a period of contemplative time and reflection.

### REVIEW OF THE YEAR:

#### Training Programme

Eighteen people will begin the new programme in October 2011. The quality of the applicants is excellent and there is a good diversity in the group. The team of eight consists of

Teachers	Interns
Brian Glennon, Mags Mooney, Myles O'Reilly and Eileen Whelan	Martin Doyle, Cora Lambert, Marie Nee and Monica Shannon.

Team members present expressed appreciation for their own preparation so far and ask for continuing prayers for the new group. The programme will be covered in eight weekends over two years.

#### Financial Report

- ❖ Anne Marie Horan presented the financial report which was accepted by all. This was published in the last newsletter, according to practice.
- ❖ At the AG in 2010, it was decided that the Training Programme finances need to be kept and reported on separately but on the same financial report. With the introduction of Charity legislation, all accounts need to be audited. This has not yet been done. Anne Marie will contact Mags Mooney, the Treasurer of the Training Programme and they will attend to this matter in the next financial report.
- ❖ The balance in the Anamcharadas Account as of August 31, 2011 was €576398. The group discussed possible ways of dispersing some of the money to other causes. Several suggestions were made, including transferring an amount to the Training Programme or to Charity, purchasing the book Jesus for each member, requiring no Annual Gathering fee in 2012. The group finally decided to postpone any decision on this issue until next year. There is not enough information available on the costs of the Training Programme or on other expenses which may arise during the year.

#### Anamcharadas in the West

The new group for the West was unable to meet in 2010-2011. They will make another attempt in the coming year.

## **Communication**

- ❖ Discussion about the purpose of the newsletter and website gave rise to several clarifications and decisions. Members were reminded that the newsletter is an internal document for Anamcharadas while the website is a tool for publicity and marketing of Anamcharadas to the wider world.
- ❖ Members who are unable to get the newsletter by email have the option to request a hard copy by mail. This is not the preferred option because of the time and cost involved.
- ❖ The role of the consultants for the newsletter was clarified and a group will continue for the coming year. When Paddy Pender sends out the draft of the newsletter, these people will reply to Paddy by a given date in terms of design and content. The newsletter will then be finalised and sent to members who have paid their membership fee.
- ❖ Paddy is requested to send notification of the details of the Annual Gathering to all on the email list, whether fees are paid or not, in an effort to give people a choice about attending.
- ❖ The group decided to create a small sub-committee to review the website. Professional advice will be sought if this is not too expensive.

## **Review of Other Decisions made for 2010- 2011**

- ❖ The major activity of the current year was the preparation for the Training Programme for 2011. It was suggested that a Conference would be planned for in the third year of a cycle- two years for Training Programme followed by an open conference.
- ❖ Efforts to contact young people focussed on the website and other technology and this will be considered by the website committee.
- ❖ Last year Myles suggested that there be meetings in the Dublin area with a meaningful Eucharistic experience. The first of these will be held on Oct. 23 at Gonzaga College at 5:30pm. This is open to all, whether in Anamcharadas or not. Communication will be by word of mouth from those present at the Annual Gathering.

## **DECISIONS FOR 2011-2012**

1. The need for developing a policy on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults was discussed. Myles will convene a meeting of AIRC very soon to deal with the issue.
2. As new members join Anamcharadas, they need to be reminded occasionally on the story of Anamcharadas, its policies and procedures. Greg will ask Paddy to send out the following documents to all members: History of Anamcharadas and Anamcharadas documents.
3. The Training Group of 2010 were invited to share their experience of organising the 2011 Annual Gathering. This experience was frustrating for several and some learnings emerged. There is need now to ensure that the group who undertake to organise the Annual Gathering are briefed on their responsibilities. New Training Groups need to be in attendance at a regular AG for at least a year before taking on the responsibility. The former method of assigning the AG to a geographical group will not work in the future. The group itself needs to have clarity about naming its coordinator. It was decided that members of the current Training Team would organise the 2012 Annual Gathering. Anne Marie Horan will put together a template, containing a "To Do" list, in conjunction with Anne Kavanagh and Paddy Pender for the use of any group

organising a gathering. The location and speaker are the choice of the organising Committee. Any suggestions from others are to be sent to the Committee as soon as possible.

## **ROLES FOR 2010-2011**

### **Convener of AIRC**

Myles O'Reilly

### **Communication**

☞ *Newsletter*

Paddy Pender

☞ *Consultants for Newsletter*

Anne Sharratt, Maureen O'Donoghue, Padraigin Clancy, Mary Brady

☞ *Website Sub-Committee*

Paddy Pender, Myles O'Reilly, Florence Conroy, Padraic Hurley

Others outside Anamcharadas will be asked to help.

☞ *Telephone Contacts*

Clare Gill

### **Treasurer**

Ann Marie Horan

### **Anamcharadas in the West**

Ann Marie Horan, Paidraigin Clancy and Marie Nee

### **2012 Annual Gathering**

Brian Glennon, Eileen Whelan and Myles O'Reilly

### **Date of 2012 Gathering**

**29 September 2012**