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**HEART OF AMERICA
PLANNING COMMITTEE
61st WELSH NATIONAL
GYMANFA GANU
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MEMO TO PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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From Jack Nesbitt
(816) 356-1272

Subject: Meeting on May 4, 1991

Our committee will hold its second meeting on May 4, 1991, at the home of Ivan Waite, 705 East 36th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Bring a dish for a pot luck supper (out-of-town folks are our guests). We'll eat at 5:30 p.m. and begin to discuss the 1992 WNGG around 6:30 p.m.

Hywel Thomas will join us in this planning session. We can benefit from his knowledge. I would like to see some basic subcommittees formed to begin to research some essential areas: (Welsh) Choir Selection; Finance; Sunday Worship Service; Music Sessions (Sunday as well as practice sessions); etc.

The Hyatt Regency Hotel in Crown Center will be the site of the 1992 WNGG. They gave us a rate of \$69 plus tax per room. Assuming we hit the usual attendance figures, meeting rooms will be available at no charge. Details on May 4.

Hywel Thomas is doing a Welsh Folk Dance Workshop that same afternoon (12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.). Contact Ann McFerrin if you would like to dance (or watch) at (816) 444-6637.

The St. David's Welsh Society of Greater Kansas City will have its second annual cymanfa ganu on Sunday, May 5, with Hywel Thomas conducting. It begins at 2:30 p.m. and should conclude around 4:00 p.m. A Welsh Tea follows.

August 29-September 1 are the dates for the 1991 WNGG.

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THE HEART OF AMERICA PLANNING COMMITTEE
FOR THE 61ST WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU

Met on May 4, 1991 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Waite for a pot luck dinner and a planning session.

Jack Nesbitt presided and began the meeting with a recap of what has been accomplished to date. He announced that The Hiatt Regency Hotel has been officially designated as the location for the 1992 Gymanfa Ganu. The contract has been reviewed by a committee and signed by Jack so that reservations are assured. The prices for sleeping rooms are \$69.00 plus local taxes. This is the lowest for area hotels. The lobby, with the piano, will be available every evening for the informal gathering and singing. The stage in the ballroom was set up along one wall which will benefit the singers in the audience.

It was noted by a committee member that the Hiatt did not have good signs to give directions to the various meeting rooms. This will need to be remedied.

The Hiatt will rename the Pub to Red Dragon Inn for the five days, and they will import Welsh beverages.

Dr. Eric Gwynne-Thomas asked how many small rooms will be available for small group meetings for people who would choose this as an alternative. Jack said that every square foot of meeting space has been promised to us.

Many of our planning committee members need to travel a good distance to attend our meetings. Ivan Waite made a motion that three of the complementary hotel rooms be made available to the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu officers. The motion was seconded by Kieth David. This Motion was passed by vote of the Planning Committee.

The format for daily scheduling is being worked out.

These possibilities were mentioned

Friday-Saturday Tours

Friday-Formal banquet

Saturday-Visiting Choir

Sunday-Bilingual worship service with the possible use of the nearby Catholic Church.

Two singing sessions in the afternoon, fol-

lowed by tea in honor of the Choir.

In addition an outline of the basic format of the A Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu was presented to serve as a guide for forming subcommittees necessary to begin planning for the 61st WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU. Eight members of the planning committee have attended a WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU.

Since we do not have funds to work with at this time, Jack Nesbitt suggested that we keep track of our expenses. Some of us could preregister ourselves to provide some funds with which to begin operating.

Dr. Eric Gwynne-Thomas asked if anyone had ever made a tape to be sold at the close of the Gymanfa Ganu. This was discussed and past experiences from other committee members was discussed. Jack suggested that we see how many of these tapes have sold from other years.

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Buddy Evans asked if any of the past tapes could be used by TV stations to advertise for the 1992 Gymanfa Ganu. The National will do a mailing in Jan. or Feb. and in June promoting the Gymanfa Ganu. We will be charged for the mailings.

Ivan Waite gave information on becoming incorporated and registered with the state of Missouri and the IRS. This would be necessary if we are to get donations from corporations.

Scot Powell gave information on becoming incorporated as an educational status which can be tax exempt.

Judith Brougham suggested that we incorporate St. David's Welsh Society. (Nebraska is incorporated, Lyon Co is not.)

Ivan Waite presented a draft of proposed Constitution and By-laws for Mid America Welsh Gymanfa Ganu

David Watson moved that Ivan Waite and Scot Powell work up a set of bylaws and work toward incorporation. Buddy Evans seconded this motion which was passed by the planning committee. They need tentative approval from the committee by June 1, 1991.

Hywel Thomas suggested that we consider bringing a Smaller Welsh choir and a Welsh brass band to play for the Gymanfa Ganu. A Brass Band from Wales would be a great attraction. This was reinforced by Marge Bevan and Mrs. Davies who told of using brass bands to accompany a choir.

Jack Nesbitt asks committee members to select subcommittees on which they would prefer to work.

Grace Lewelling
Recording Secretary

HEART OF AMERICA PLANNING COMMITTEE 61ST GYMANFA GANU MEETING
MAY 4, 1991
VOLUNTEERS FOR CORE SUB COMMITTEES

MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT

NOSEN LAWEN: PAULA EVANS, ADA MAE LEWIS, DAVID WATSON,
MORGAN BEVAN, HYWEL THOMAS

BANQUET: ELAINE JAMES, CARL LEWELLING, GRACE LEWELLING

CHOR CONCERT, WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY GG SESSIONS:
ANN MCFERRIN, BILL BEACHEY, BILL FISCHER,
HYWEL THOMAS

CHILDRENS' ACTIVITIES: GAYLE BAKER

HARPISTS IN HYATT TERRACE ROOM: JUDITH BROUGHAM

DAYTIME ACTIVITIES

TOURS: ELAINE JAMES, GRACE LEWELLING, CARL LEWELLING

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WORKSHOPS: PAULA EVANS, ADA MAE
LEWIS, DAVID WATSON, MORGAN BEVAN, HYWEL
THOMAS

DATA PROCESSING

REGISTRATION/MAME TAGS: DOUG WYATT, IVAN WAITE, CARL
LEWELLING

PUBLIC RELATIONS

BEFORE, DURNING AND AFTER: JACK NESBITT, RAY MORGAN

FINANCE

SPECIAL DONORS/SPONSORS: RAY MORGAN
PROGRAM BOOK/ADS JUDITH BROUGHAM
VENDOR/MARKET PLACE BUDDY EVANS