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1987 NATIONAL GYMANF GANU COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 1987

Present: Mae Anderson, Kay Thomas, Eleanor Wylie, Jack Davis, Marveen Minish, David Thomas, Mary Mergenthal

Also present were members of Noson Lawen Committee Connie Holt, Holly Windle and Richard Rames

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$6,618.14, with \$7.64 interest earned this last month.

Jack Davis reported on the seminar topics. Howard Williams has arranged the following seminar topics, to run 12 per day:

Prince Madog	Welsh Novelists and Poets
Gaudy Welsh China	Origin and Nature of Welsh Hymns
Vacations in Wales	History of the Welsh in the Midwest
Welsh Genealogy	The Welsh Language
The Mabinogian	Welsh Folk Music
Dylan Thomas	Wales Today

There will be 4 time periods of 1 hour and 15 minutes.

In the publicity area, Mary Mergenthal and Austin Evans are working on a form for the advertising for the booklet, so that Austin can begin selling advertising. Mary was also getting some press releases ready. It was suggested that Audrey McClellan could probably assist with this.

It was reported that Landmark Center is very interested in having the "mini-Gymanfa" session there.

Kay Thomas reported on the concert artists. Beth Ann Bryn, harpist, is coming. The folk group Plethyn may come; we will have a definite answer in two weeks.

David Thomas reported his "Oliver North" activity regarding the refusal of the Board of the Ordway to lease us that facility. He had spoken with members of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra who were dissatisfied with the management of the Ordway by the Board and who indicated perhaps they might co-sponsor our event, which would give us more leverage. Unfortunately, the contract with the St. Paul Civic Center must be signed on February 25, so a decision must be made prior to that time. The contract for the Civic Center use is being reviewed by our lawyer Robert Minish for any changes needed in our behalf.

Kay Thomas had received a call from Megan Lloyd of WAY. They want to hold more folk dancing. In Columbus, it was held at the same time as the banquet. She also mentioned the desire to raise the price of the luncheon, as this is a money maker for them. She also inquired about having baby sitting available. It could not be done in Columbus because of the insurance cost. It was decided that we would inquire whether perhaps the Civic Center or a nearby church already has these facilities, as it would

also involve special equipment as well as insurance. Megan also requested a time for the WAY business meeting. It was suggested that Friday after the seminars would be a good time.

Mary Mergenthal arrived at this point and gave further details about Landmark Center and the mini-Gymanfa. We are definitely scheduled for it. It is booked from 12:00 to 1:00. Total cost would be \$145; \$60 for the rental of the space, \$50 for set up and clean up, \$35 for the non-profit rate for the grand piano. It was suggested that Karen Wojahn play the piano and Olwen Welk be director. It was suggested that the tour buses drop their passengers at Landmark.

Word from Schmidt Music is that we have the \$500 organ unless it is sold or the Orchestra wants it by August 1st; if so, we will have the \$400 organ. It is not delivered until Sunday morning. No contract is required.

There was discussion on the ads for the booklet. As mentioned, Austin Evans is ready to sell advertising to his contacts. He wishes to sell the back cover to 3M or to the Welsh Tourist Board, and suggested an article be included about companies that originated in Minnesota and selling ads to them. Also is trying to get ads from businesses around the Town Square area. It was decided that selling the back cover as suggested had the committee's approval.

Eleanor reported that she is working on the budget. She got prices on the buses. The bus to the Civic Center is \$135 and the bus to the church would be \$75. Might companies pay for bus in exchange for ads on the side of the buses?

Mae Anderson reported that the mailing which we prepare for the National Association to print and mail had reached Nelson Llewellyn for printing.

The Noson Lawen was discussed. It will be held Thursday night in the hotel. It is an informal time. It was suggested that there be three parts to the evening: skit and/or folk dancing, approximately 20 minutes; audience participation in folk singing, approximately 20 minutes; talent volunteers for approximately 1 hour.

It will be done caberet style, with a stage in front with tables with people seated having tea and Welsh cakes.

The group discussed having copies of the words and perhaps the music for the folk songs. Problems of copyright are involved with the music. An overhead projector was suggested if the music copyright prohibits reproduction. Lincoln and Jan Hartford were suggested as director and piano player.

It was suggested that if we do not have a folk dance group of our own, the Scottish folk dancing society has taken an interest in Welsh folk dancing and might be willing to do a demonstration for us.

Talent is arranged through direct contact with persons who you want to involve, and through word of mouth, generally.

John Dingley was suggested as MC.

A Registration Form and Schedule were distributed for examination and approval.

Mary Mergenthal moved and Eleanor Wylie seconded that the charge for the concert be \$10. Motion was passed. This sum gives leeway in case the Ordway does become available.

The cutoff date for memorials and contributions was set at July 1.

There was further discussion on use of the Civic Center, and it was mentioned that total cost would be \$3,800. They will provide a First Aid staffer for \$25. It was felt that this would be a wise expense. Mae Anderson suggested that the Welsh flags used for the Symphony Ball would dress up the auditorium and also help with the sound. These were provided for the Ball by the Welsh Tourist Board, so should be available to us easily.

It was suggested that the remaining stickers which were handed out in Columbus be sent for distribution at the gymanfa in Windsor, Canada. They will also be given out at the St. David's Day banquet and the Spring Gymanfa.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10th at 7:30 at the home of Jack Davis, 3334 Holmes Ave. South, Minneapolis.