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1987 NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 14, 1987

Present: Mae Anderson, Judy Cilcain, Eleanor Wylie, Walter Carlock, Jack Davis, Mary Mergenthal, Kay Thomas, Marveen Minish

Also present from sub-committees: Louise Morrison, Bob Burt, Dorothy Jones, Harriet Santee, Bob Carr, Holly Windle, Richard Rames, Howard Williams, Betty Kinsey

Corrections to previous minutes: Mary Mergenthal was also present. Page 2, paragraph 7, "Bymanfa" should read Gymanfa. Page 2, paragraph 7, "groups" should read grouped. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurers report: \$1,397.12 has been dispersed; \$10,630.44 has been received, leaving a balance of \$9,233.32.

Judy Cilcain presented a registration report, with copies to all present. Total registrations thus far are 123; WAY memberships 6, national life memberships 5, Nosen Lawen 81, Banquet 95, WAY luncheon 11, concert 115, Friday Paddleford Tour 50, Saturday Paddleford Tour 33, memorials 46, contributions 23, other tours, seminars, hymnal total \$1,082 - breakdown not available at this time). This totals \$8,528 in receipts to this date.

Discussion followed on notification of persons as the seminars were filled, boat tours filled, etc. A second boat would be available if needed. The committee is to use their discretion in offering another time slot if the preferred activity is filled, using their registrations to check available time in their schedules.

Kay Thomas reported on her area. The Ordway has been secured for the singing sessions, but those authorized to make the decision did not take it for the concert due to the cost. A contract has not been received from the Ordway, but assurances that "next week" one will be ready. Kay will continue to pursue this.

A folk group has been secured for the concert. The group's name is Taran, and consists of 4 musicians and a singer. Information about the group is being sent to us for release to the newspapers and for publicity. The other artists performing for the concert will be Beth Ann Bryn and Janice Kimes.

The Shrine Chanters will be performing for the banquet.

Holly Windle and Richard Rames reported on the Nosen Lawen. John Dingley and Trilby Busch will be co-MCs. There was discussion of various talent acts that are in the process of being contacted.

Walter Carlock reported on publicity and the program booklet. Mary Mergenthal and Dorothy Jones will assist in preparation of this material. Cost estimates have been received and appear to be approximately \$1 per booklet. Walter displayed some ideas for

filler material, should it be needed. Mary Mergenthal will contact Austin Evans to check his progress with ads.

Mary Mergenthal reported on developments in her committees. The Friday non Gymanfa is set for Landmark Center. There are 320 chairs available. It was decided that we would not request more than this, as people stand and move from place to place during these events.

The committee for the Sunday service met. They are working on their own bulletin. We will use the church's ushers and use our own people after that, if more are needed. The assistant ministers will be Chuck Watt, Carol Lloyd. It was suggested that Oxfam Wales be the recipient of the offering. The church would first receive the equivalent of its regular Sunday offering, and then the overage would be our donation to Oxfam Wales. Mary asked if special music for the service could be provided by Beth Ann Bryn.

Mary discussed special music for the breaks at the Gymanfa sessions also. There have traditionally been 3 breaks; one is for announcements and the other two are for special music. It was suggested that the two music breaks in the afternoon be filled by the children's choir for one and Beth Ann Bryn for the other; it was suggested that Beth Ann Bryn provide the special music for both breaks in the evening session. Discussion on taping followed. Mary will check to see what the amount of sales has been for the Columbus tapes so a decision can be made on whether to offer tapes for sale.

Jack Davis' committee reported on their progress. Louise Morrison reported on the hospitality committee. Their purpose is to be sure people feel welcome, that they know where things are, and to have people available to assist in finding things attendees need to locate. There will be people stationed for available help most of the weekend.

The committee will also be in charge of the refreshments. It was recommended that a bid from the South Campus of the Hennepin County Vocational Technical School in Eden Prairie be accepted for the Welsh cakes and cookies. 1,500 dozen Welsh cakes would cost 75¢ per dozen. It was also felt by the committee that cookies should be available. Sugar cookies would cost \$1.20 per dozen for 250 dozen; chocolate chip cookies would cost \$1.20 per dozen for 250 dozen. This price includes storage and delivery, and we are assured that the Welsh cakes will be made with butter. 40% of the total cost is needed as downpayment by July 15. Total cost would be \$1,725. This bid was enthusiastically received. Refreshments will be available at the nosen lawen and then sold in the marketplace area for 50¢ for two Welsh cakes and coffee or tea. Having a te bach in the hotel after the Gymanfa was also discussed. It was felt that this was a nice final time to get together before parting.

There was discussion on the "box dinner" to be offered between Gymanfa sessions. It was felt that Landmark Center would be an appropriate place, available during either rain or shine. If the weather is nice, people may wish to go into the park. It is unknown what the cost for use of Landmark would be; Mary Mergenthal and Louise Morrison will work together on this.

Bob Carr reported on the marketplace progress. He and Florence have sent out over 100 letters to vendors. There are 8 booths contracted at this time, including our own. There was discussion of "free" booths for the Welsh Tourist Board, the National Gymanfa Ganu Association, the Baltimore committee, and the National Trust. The first three were seen as necessities; it was uncertain as to why the fourth was allocated a free booth - this will be checked.

Graphic Exhibits will be setting up the booths Thursday afternoon. They will help the vendors set up if the vendors are present at that time. Graphic Exhibits will send each vendor a letter and the Carrs will send a letter also with tax and other information.

It was mentioned that a volunteer would be needed to man our own booth.

Security was discussed. The hotel originally set no restrictions on our use of the spaces. Subsequently, they set a charge because items would be sold. This charge has been negotiated down to \$500-750. It was felt by the committee that if a charge was going to be made, the hotel should give something for that charge, i.e., security for the marketplace area during unoccupied hours, chairs and tables for refreshments, decoration for the refreshment area, etc. Bob Carr will meet with the hotel representatives and push these items.

Bob also raised some publicity suggestions: how many persons are necessary to attend Good Company to get a chance to plug your event/organization; can posters/flyers be sent to vendors for them to display; can a display be used at the spring Gymanfa? It was suggested that the display used in our booth at Columbus could be taken to the spring Gymanfa.

Howard Williams discussed the seminars. The topics are taken care of, except for the Dylan Thomas seminar. It was our understanding that the Welsh Tourist Board wanted to send David Ponting, whose topic is Dylan Thomas. It was suggested that Howard write to our contact at the Welsh Tourist Board regarding this. The one problem with Ponting appearing is that we must arrange other places for him to appear while he is here. Howard thought he might have contacts at the University that would accomplish this.

The committee discussed the need to coordinate volunteers so that persons don't get called several times, each by a different chairman.

Howard reported that the National Trust would like to present two programs, one on the 400th anniversary of the printing of the Welsh Bible. It was felt this would be very interesting, but space may pose a problem since the seminars currently take the available

room. There might perhaps be some extra space in the room assigned to marketplace after it is known how many vendors are coming. The request to do these programs will be kept in mind as space is allocated for various uses.

Bob Burt is taking on the transportation area. He will be arranging bus transportation where needed. The idea of selling ad space on the buses was again mentioned.

The budget, which was prepared for the March meeting and for mailing to Nelson Llewellyn, became inaccurate when the Ordway and not the Civic Center became the facility for the Gymanfa sessions. Mae Anderson and Eleanor Wylie will make the necessary changes and notify the secretary for final typing and mailing.

After the sub-committee members had left, Mae Anderson presented to the committee the latest developments in the problem with John Morgans. It was thought that the problem was resolved during Mae's telephone conversation with Mr. Morgans when he agreed to let the matter rest. However, he has now sent another letter taking offense at something he felt was said during the telephone conversation. It was agreed by the committee that Mae would respond to inform Mr. Morgans that the committee feels no apology is due him in this matter and that we consider the matter settled and will no longer deal with it, nor respond to his letters. Arturo Roberts has stated that Ninnau must have material about the Gymanfa and has instructed Mae to send our material directly to him in the form we wish it printed, and he has said it will be printed that way, without Mr. Morgans' editing it.

The next meeting will be at the home of Marveen Minish, 331 Pearson Way N.E., Minneapolis. May 14 at 7:30.  
(Friday)

Directions: from 694, go north on East River Road approximately 3.1 miles. Small shopping center called Riverboat Plaza on the right side of East River Road at 79th Way. Turn left on 79th. Take immediate left again onto Firwood Way. Take immediate right onto Pearson Way. House is tan house, middle of three on right side of road.