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MILWAUKEE '97 WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU
Steering Committee Meeting - February 24, 1996
First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha

Present: Arline Barsamian, Jan Patty, Mary & Gary Davis, Eunice Evans, Floise & John Morris, Mike Penry, Dilys & Charles Spransy, Alice & Joe Whitmore, Pat & Geraint Wilkes, Jane & David Williams

The meeting was chaired by Co-Chairman, David Williams. The minutes of the January 28 meeting were approved with the following additions: On pg.1 insert as the second paragraph, "We have tax exempt status under 301C through the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association".

Under Committee Reports Meals, "There is also a new food manager... ".
pg.2 second para. "a dinner to which the co-chairpersons are invited"
and the official title should be "Milwaukee '97 Welsh National Gyman Ganu"

Joe Whitmore introduced John Macy, an attorney, who will help with legal work. Joe has received copies of the contracts used by Harrisburg last year. He said these do not seem to meet our needs. There are many questions such as "Who is liable for insuring instruments?" Geraint will ask Robin Huw Bowen and Trevor what they require in contracts and who provides insurance.

We will not have responsibility for housing persons other than those under contract for performance. There was discussion on how and where we would do it. Transportation from Wales for the choir and other artists was discussed. The possibility of chartering a plane bringing a trade show of Welsh companies with our passengers might be of interest to Branson (Virgin Airlines). Geraint will talk to Trevor about it. Regarding a trade show, Joe suggested that John Macy's brother in London who is in this business might be of help. Also the Governor's Office should be contacted. David will also make inquiries about charter planes.

David raised the question of corporate sponsorship and general fund-raising and which committee is responsible for it. It was agreed that fund raising needs to be a separate responsibility. With David's agreement a motion was made, seconded and passed that "David will take on fund-raising, look for resources to have a new committee which he will chair." A list of possible donors and things that could be donated will be made.

An inquiry was made to the Wis. Arts Board. We were informed that organization must have at least a three year history to qualify for a grant. We could try:

Committee Reports: Raffle--Jane contacted the State of Wis. office and learned that we can not sell tickets more than six months before the event. She will be sent a brochure with the regulations and will inform us after she reads it.
Tea Room--Twinings will donate all the tea for the Tea Room and some for a raffle prize. She learned that the hotel charges \$10 per gallon corkage fee. We would require about 40 gallons for the Te Bach based on Harrisburg's experience. The difficult logistics for holding the Te Bach and cost were discussed. A motion was made, seconded and passed that "We do away with the Te Bach but keep the Tea Room open after events in the evening".

Eisteddfod--Mary said she has the first contestants, The Green Bay Boy Choir. Two other choirs want to participate. Other choirs were mentioned as possible entries. A youth task force is to be formed and invited to share their ideas. Names of interested children should be forwarded to Mary. The plan is to have the youth meet at 12 Noon, before the Steering Committee meeting on April 27. Lunch will be provided. Joe will bring pizza and Jan will bring dessert. They will then meet with the steering committee for about 20 minutes with their suggestions. The objective is to involve children 11 to 18 years of age.

Support Services--Charles said he has been talking with Bradford's Music about renting an organ. He will be getting cost estimates for flags and banners. We may be able to make some ourselves. He wants suggestions on what messages should be put on them. Charles would like to have Welsh Society Flags made. We would charge \$50 for each to be hung. He needs to know what those societies are. Dick Myers, Geraint, Y Drych and Gary have lists. He is still making inquiries about golf carts or other conveniences for handicapped guests.

Registration--Jan provided a written report on the Registration Committee meeting held on Feb 17th. Progress is reported on getting materials together volunteer aprons, return address labels, tourist bags, identification of jobs to be done and job descriptions for them.

In answer to questions the committee had: "Gymanfa Ganu only tickets"--They will have to be handled away from Ticket Master sales. The hotel manager prefers not to know about it.

Raffle tickets and Hymnal sales are not Registration's responsibility.

Questions on greeters or signs at over-flow hotels and ushers will be talked about at the next meeting.

Registration will open on Thursday morning. We will plan to pre-mail any materials needed for early Thursday morning.

The Registration Committee is responsible for designing the registration mailer.

David spoke with the Hyatt manager about First Aid. There is no official First Aid, but they will get back to us with information. Marge Stealey is ready to take on appropriate duties in that line.

In making up the time schedule no time was scheduled for business meetings. Arline will ask Nelson Llewellyn and Jack Lewis for their time requirements.

Gary said that he may cut down slightly on seminars depending on plane transportation. However he will try to get Bryn Terfel and/or princess Diana.

The main immediate job is planning publicity for the National in Utica. David will contact Dick Myers about publicity and more people for his committee and advertising badges/buttons. This committee is responsible for the City Hall sign, proclamations, and civic ceremony.

Events--Joe and the committee have been working with Mike on plans for the Grace Church Festival on June 15. There will be Welsh crafts, a mini Gymanfa Ganu, Welsh dancing, and Welsh Tea with other attractions by Grace church. The Church organist is to be contacted to accompany. If she is not available another will need to be found.

Joe is compiling budgets for all the events under their committee. He suggests we print up and sell phonic word hymn booklets.

Mike handed out fliers on the Matrix fund raising plan to encourage more people to sign up.

There is a need to expand committees for publicity, hospitality, and fund raising, to find more volunteers and call in those whose names we have. Mike will draft a letter to invite volunteers to a general meeting on May 25. He will have Arline and David check it out and sign. This large mailing and others likely to come makes bulk mailing practical. The permit will cost \$75 and letters can be sent out at 12¢ each. Mike's return address will be put on the envelope enabling us to weed out undelivered mail.

Arline suggested Jane Hagensick for Tour Coordinator. Geraint will contact Jack Zweek of the Milwaukee Historical Society.

Before David and Jane had to leave shortly before the end of the meeting, Gary presented the Co-chairs, Arline and David with framed maps of Wales.

A slogan is needed by May to put in Utica's program to promote Milwaukee '97. Some suggestions were offered: "A Great Sound on a Great Lake", "We'll Keep a Welcome in Wisconsin", "The Welsh Heartland Beckons You". Bring your ideas to the next meeting!

Arline will check on the deadline for getting an ad in the program at Utica. We also have to plan our display booth to be set up in Utica. We still have the offer of Sargento Cheese samples to give out.

THE REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS MEETING ON THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WAUKESHA, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.
MARCH 30, 1996, APRIL 27, 1996, MAY 25, 1996, JUNE 22, 1996, JULY 27, 1996
AUGUST 24, 1996, SEPTEMBER 28, 1996, OCTOBER 26, 1996, NOVEMBER 23, 1996

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