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Milwaukee '97 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu
Steering Committee Meeting--May 18, 1996
First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha

Present: Arline Barsamian, Jan Batty, Mary & Gary Davis, Eunice Evans, Eloise & John Morris, Dorothy & Erv Nowicki, Dilys & Charles Spransy, Geraint Wilkes, Jane & David Williams

A meeting for volunteers had been called for 2PM. Twenty-three persons not including the steering committee members signed in. David Williams welcomed the group and introduced the steering committee. Each volunteer introduced him/her self with some background and interest in the Gymanfa.

Gary expressed a need for persons to serve as rovers, checking for problems and for persons to fix them.

Geraint gave information about the program and need for ushers, decorations for the cabaret and auditorium, hostesses watching for dressing rooms.

Jan Batty estimates 477 person-hours of help will be needed to sew aprons, staff the information desk, staff banquet ticket table, etc.

Jane Williams needs people to make Welsh cakes starting in January '97, help with the raffle and crafts and find homes for band members and choir.

Volunteers wanted information about parking their cars when coming down to work.

Sometime after 3PM the steering committee met. David chaired the meeting. Minutes of the April 27th meeting were approved as printed.

LOGO & SLOGAN: Dorothy and Erv showed a sample of stationery and envelope with the logo. Arline said that the National Officers stressed that the words "Welsh National" must be included with the logo. It was agreed that whenever the logo stands alone "Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu" will be on it. A decision was made that the slogan will be "A Great Sound on a Great Lake". Prices on the stationery were quoted: 500 letterhead sheets and envelopes -\$126.90 and for 1000 -\$189.00. There was agreement that 2000 letterhead sheets and envelopes will be needed. The committee authorized Dorothy and Erv to order this from the printer they had quoted and to make any last minute decision that might be necessary.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Penny sent a report showing no change in income or expenditures. The balance is \$1972.06.

GRACE CHURCH FESTIVAL: Fliers were sent out with the volunteer appeal letters. Sonia Evans will be bringing Welsh items to sell. She will need help in selling and may need tables for display. There is a \$10 charge for renting each table. If we need things like tables we are to let Mike know. Jan will bring three card tables.

Utica needs Milwaukee '97 information by June 1st. Margaret Glasgwyn is doing our ad for the Utica Program Book. Our ad in their book is free, as will be the ad for those doing the '98 Gymanfa in our book.

PUBLICITY A Publicity person is needed. Arline said that it is very definite that Dick Myers will not be able to continue in this position. JoAnn Simon will help. Marge Wickert's son has connections with someone at UWM and Channel 58, and David will ask a professional he knows to volunteer to put out publicity. Arline will contact Mike Penny about putting out a publicity sheet.

FUND RAISING: After Jan had contacted Mary Lewis of Chicago, David received her offer, but it was far too expensive to consider. Geraint will check with John Gleeson. David has one other person in mind also.

Mary received the return volunteer questionnaires on which financial contributions were suggested. She wondered who was to respond to contributors. It was decided that Mary will respond to contributors with information and Mike Penny will acknowledge receipt of money that comes in.

Dick Myers has been the Treasurer back up for Mike Penny. If Dick is unable to continue this also, another person will be needed. Arline will contact Dick.

CONTRACTS: Contracts are needed twelve months in advance. Trefor Williams wants the contracts in hand before Utica. We will ask Joe Whitmore to contact John Macy and ask for a draft contract for the next meeting.

VENUE for the BAND: The Brass Band from Trefor wants to perform an additional concert a few days before or after the Gymanfa. We need ideas for where to have it. We should all look for a venue to suggest.

Jan suggested that the registration form will ask if transportation will be needed for the approximate six blocks to the Watts Tea Room tour.

Marge Wickert has received information from the Auditorium Chef and prices are within range.

Mary will contact Marilyn and George Kliest and George and Elizabeth Daniels and have Daniels contact Charles.

The question of who is in charge of ushers was raised.

David will send out our mailing list to all on the committee. We can update and make corrections.

Gary announced that he will recommend to the State Gymanfa Ganu Board that they lend \$3000 to the Milwaukee '97 Committee interest free.

He also had a response from Princess Diana with regrets that she could not come. Some of us did not have regrets

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, June 22, 2PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha.

Nelson Llewellyn and Dr. Jack Lewis will be attending this meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

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