

Milwaukee '97 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu
Steering Committee Meeting, August 24, 1996
First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha, WI

9/21/96

Present: Arline & Nick Barsamian, Jan Batty, Mary & Gary Davis, Eunice Evans, Jane Hagensick, Eloise & John Morris, Mary Lou Schroeder, Dilys & Charles Spransy, Marge & Jack Wickert, Pat & Geraint Wilkes, David Williams, Llewellyn Williams,

David Williams chaired the meeting.

Minutes of the July 27th meeting were approved.

Treasurer, Mike Penny sent a report that there was no change in the bank balance since the last meeting.

David said that John Macy recommends that we leave clause 11 in the contract with talent regarding sale of products and verbally specify to keep out objectional material.

The final contract with the Hyatt must be signed by August 28th. We will need a modification on the number of rooms to reserve. We have 100 rooms at the Hilton. We need to plan for a room to hold the annual business meeting and will look at the Hilton. The contract will be given to John Macy to look over.

Mary Davis introduced and welcomed Mary Lou Schroeder who will work with the committee.

Eisteddfod plans are coming along well. The Eisteddfod will be for vocal music only. Saturday will be Family Day. Youth choirs will compete in the afternoon. There will be hymn singing competition for people 60 years of age and over. The Welsh world for Kids committee has met and is making plans for a good program.

Tours--Eloise Morris read from a letter she received from the Waukesha County Museum inviting tours to their Welsh exhibit. They ask for the structure of our "Convention". Eloise has agreed to be on their planning committee. Jane Hagensick will send a response to the museum and a copy to Dilys to distribute with the next minutes.

Gary plans to have the museum visit connected to the Welsh Hills Seminar. Other seminar plans are coming together.

Eloise said that Lorraine Ritter, the reporter for the Waukesha Freeman, wants to be kept informed on what is happening. She should be put in touch with our PR man, Matt Schultz.

Eloise read from another letter printed in the Ninnau from a reader who was critical of what he thought was an excessive amount of Welsh sung in last year's Gymanfa in Harrisburg. Eloise thinks we should take note of this.

Geraint reported. The whole cost of transportation for the choir is being taken by Monsanto Chemicals of Wales. The Trefor Band will have funds from the National Lottery.

Michael Lewis has sent his music for the Band to rehearse.

Margaret Williams' plans are set. Her video tape is being made and will be on sale here.

We would like to have a back-screen projection of scenes of Wales while the choir sings.

We will need to have information for talent on a time budget.

The Irish Fest fund raiser that Geraint contacted is not able to give us any help because she is on contract with Irish Fest.

The Choir wants to go to Red Granite and Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee to sing and be video taped because of many family connections with these places.

The Band will arrive on August 19th and leave on August 31st. Their video sales will be made at the Market Place.

David requests some ideas on the numbers of people to match our plans, example: Housing

Support Services Charles said the signing of the organ contract is waiting on the decision of need for it on Saturday and Sunday morning. It was suggested that we hold off as long as possible. Two studio grand pianos will be needed. Charles will ask Bradfords about free use if we advertise this as a contribution.

Suggestions for button with logo, bumper stickers, and T shirts were discussed. We will think about it.

Charles displayed the poster made to be used in Utica. It was favorably accepted.

Market Place Pat Wilkes has looked over the space allocated for the Market Place and is making decisions on how to use it. Display tables will be needed by Market Place vendors and others. Some complimentary tables will be provided and will be put outside Market Place for our use. Vendors will pay for their table rental. Pat will measure the rooms to determine how many tables are needed. She has a contract ready for vendors and will decide when to send them out.

Registration-- Eloise reported no new information at this time. The committee will meet on Sept 21.

Plans for Utica.--Beautiful brochures designed and printed by Grey Sunder Prescher of Cedarburg at no cost were distributed and approved. Five thousand were made and two thousand will be taken to Utica. Cheese from Sargento will be shipped to the hotel as will the banner and pamphlets from the City of Milwaukee. A sign up sheet for volunteers to tend the table will be made up and David will leave it on the table in Utica.

For the Business meeting Gary discussed the movement to change the dates for the National Gymanfa in the future to make it more affordable for more people and time-right for young people who now are in school before Labor Day. He suggests attendance at the business meeting to support this change. Gary made a motion "that we support the change in time to when school is out and the possibility of holding the Gymanfa in another venue other than a hotel." The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made "that we take Dick Myers off as back-up treasurer and name Jan Batty as back-up treasurer." The motion was seconded and passed.

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Arline Barsamian asked that we think about volunteer compensation for the next meeting. Example: Do volunteers have to pay an attendance fee when coming to work there?

The next meeting will be on September 28th at the First Presbyterian Church in Waukesha at 2PM 810 N. East Avenue

Respectfully submitted,

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Dilys Spransy, Secretary

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Mr. Nelson Llewellyn
COL. ALFRED J. REESE, JR.