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Milwaukee '977 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu
Steering Committee Meeting September 28, 1996
First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha

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Present: Cynthia Bagley, George & Liz Daniels, Gary & Mary Davis, Eunice Evans, Jane Hagensick, Judith Jacobsson, Eloise Morris, Charles & Dilys Spransy, Joe Whitmore, Jack & Marjorie Wickert, Geraint Wilkes

The meeting was chaired by Gary Davis who introduced and welcomed Liz and George Daniels and Judith Jacobsson.

Minutes of the August 24th meeting were approved as corrected: Pg.1 para 3 should read : A contract is to be signed with the Hilton where we have reserved 100 rooms for Saturday night. We have 400 rooms reserved for Saturday night at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee and that contract was signed in 1994.

Pg1 para 5 line 8 "Eloise said that Lorayne McKenzie Ritt , the reporter..." para 12 "critical.....amount of Welsh used.." Pg2 para 4 line 4 should read "banner and pamphlets from the Greater Milwaukee Convention and Visitors Bureau."

*The Treasurer's report was received from Mike Penny. The balance as of September 24th was \$1469.91.

Mary Davis reported progress is being made in planning Welsh World for Kids. She said that money is needed to do mailing, telephoning, and buying supplies for the projects being planned. Mary made a motion "that we tap the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association for \$5000." The motion was seconded. A discussion followed where it was made known that other committees also need funds. Mary amended the motion to request \$7000. The motion as amended passed. Gary Davis will FAX the request to Geraint Wilkes who will take it to Nelson Llewellyn when he goes to Ohio.

Public Relations--Matt Schultz of Grey Sunder Prescher is our public relations agent. He will coordinate any ads or articles to be published. Everything is to go through him. We are not to send in our own articles to newspapers, etc. without checking with him.

Mary Davis said that the president of WAY (Welsh American Youth) had asked for permission to advertise WAY first before we promote Welsh World for Kids in the Welsh-American newspapers. In November they will have something in Drych and the Ninnau.

Jan Batty reported on progress of the Registration Committee which met on Sept. 21st. The apron sample was approved and 25 are being made. A babysitting service has been found and this information will be included in our mailer. Jan has a contact with Ann Williams of the Cambrian Benevolent Society of Chicago to get their mailing list on disk. The committee has approved its time line and budget. Registration may have to accommodate table space for other organizations depending on being allowed to block two entrances to the ballroom. A copy of the plan will be given to Support Services and Marketplace. The registration form software design and the first cut will be done in October. Tourist bags will have downtown Milwaukee information in them. Wisconsin information will be displayed and available. Name tags will have names pre-printed on them.

Gary Davis passed out a sheet listing the Seminars he has set up. He plans to have them nailed down by mid-November.

Charles Spransy said we will hold off on signing the contract with Bradfords until we know exactly what we need in pianos. A grand piano is needed in the ballroom and a piano in the atrium. Inquiry will be made about whether the hotel can provide these.

Jane Hagensick reported that she has responded to the Waukesha Co Museum indicating our interest in bringing a tour to the museum. A meeting is set with Jane, Arline Barsamian and Jack Zwack, a tour specialist, who will work with that committee. Jane said that various people have discouraged offering the Harbor Tour. GARY thinks we should not offer all day tours because it takes time from other activities such as seminars and meetings.

1. Marge Wickert has been making banquet plans including table centerpieces. She said a down payment of 50% must be made on the banquet by February. She had information from the Hyatt that parking for Recreational Vehicles is available at the State Fair Park and that shuttle service can be provided.

2. Mary Davis would like to offer Welsh World for Kids without a fee. She suggests sponsorship for expenses possibly from WAY.

Cynthia Bagley explained the process for applying for a grant from the Arts & Humanities Commission. A proposal must be written giving details of the complete program and costs. There must be 50% matching funds. The proposal must be submitted by February.

Geraint Wilkes had a FAX from Trefor Williams who will be visiting here for a week as of October 11th. While he is in the country he will meet with Michael J. Lewis. The Choir will number 80 men. David Davies-Conductor. The Trefor Band will arrive at the same time. Geraint played a bit from a tape performance of Michael J. Lewis' hymn tune. Because it is his copy-right name, Michael J. Lewis should always be used. Geraint will direct 16 hymn tunes and needs a list we agree on. We are asked to list our favorites for him. He wants a tentative program by Christmas.

Eunice Evans said that Welsh Cake production for the Tea Room will start in January. Containers for freezer storage are needed.

Joe Whitmore said that for Welsh World for Kids Robin Reed, a puppeteer who has worked with Jim Henson, will be contracted -\$400. He will have Celtic folk tales and explain puppets. A styrafoam castle will be built. Mary Davis said she has a venue for it. Joe hopes to get funding and have all events nailed down by the end of the year.

Gary Davis said the Church Servicee will be bi-lingual. Mr Myron Walters of East Hamilton, Ontario will preach. He is not a clergyman but qualified and is the son of Rev. Glynn Walters.

The Irish Fest program booklet was passed around as an example of what we might want for events information rather than having everything in one larger book.

Charles Spransy suggested that we all keep track of our expenses. Anyone who chooses not to ask reimbursement may consider it a contribution .For tax purposes.

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN MILWAUKEE AT THE HYATT REGENCY MILWAUKEE 333 W.KILBOURN AVE. AT 10:30AM SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A WALK THROUGH AND MAKE NEEDED DECISIONS. THOSE WHO WISH WILL HAVE LUNCH THERE TOGETHER AT 12:30PM.

*Dilys is to ask Arline to make arrangements with the Hyatt for our meeting there.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilys Spransy

Dilys Spransy, Secretary

c.c. Mr Nelson Llewellyn
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