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Milwaukee '97 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu
Steering Committee Meeting - March 15, 1997
First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha

4/26/97

Milwaukee

Present; Arline & Nick Barsamian, Jan Batty, Mary & Gary Davis, Eunice Evans, Margaret Glasgwyn, Randy Hopf, Eloise & John Morris, Mike Penny, Dilys & Charles Spransy, Joe Whitmore, Marge Wickert, Geraint Wilkes, Jane & David Williams, Gwyneth Young.

Minutes of the Feb. 22 meeting were approved with the following corrections:
Pg. 1 2nd para - "The Band will contact Heiser Ford." Pg 1 last sentence - "Dr. Sarah Jerome of Kettle Moraine High School. Pg 2, 7th para correct sp "Kleist" 5th line "Eunice Evans will check ads in program books for the last five years." Last para, 2nd line delete sentence "Gary has... participate". Line 5 "Our PR.. delete "the Band".

The Treasurer, Mike Penny, reported a balance on hand of \$8346.66. We had a donation of \$1000 from the Chicago Gymanfa Ganu Association and the first registration income for the Eisteddfod. We are to keep track of our expenses on the Expense Forms and give invoices to be paid by Mike to him.

The contract with the Wisconsin Center was reviewed. We need to show proof of liability how proof of liability insurance. This will come from National. David will check with Nelson Llewellyn on the extent of the coverage. We will be renting space from Thursday Noon to Midnight and from 9AM to Midnight Friday through Sunday.

Raffle Tickets Marketing the raffle tickets by mail was discussed. Many good reasons for doing this were suggested. Tickets could be put in with confirmations. No decision was made. Jane is waiting for material from National to complete the raffle application.

PLANS for WELSH DAY at Grace Church on June 21 were discussed. The harpist, dancers, and organist will be paid. Joe Whitmore moved, "that we take an offering at the Mini Gymanfa Ganu and pay the balance from our treasury". The motion was seconded and amended as follows: "We will pay \$50 to individuals, \$100 to a group with a maximum expense of \$300. The motion was seconded as amended and passed. Randy Hopf will ask his Brass Quartet what they would charge.

HOTEL ROOMS Arline Barsamian reported that the Hyatt will not give us any more rooms. We have 400 set aside. Three hundred-twenty have already been reserved for us. The Hilton and the Holiday Inn are not able to save any more rooms for us. The Ramada will reserve 100 rooms and the Wisconsin Hotel has upped the number to 75. Joe Whitmore moved, "that we take 100 rooms at the Ramada." The motion was seconded and passed. Arline will arrange for this. We now have a total of 825 rooms reserved for 1800-2000 people.

REGISTRATION FORMS are done and are being mailed out today.. We can expect responses by the end of this month.

SUPPORT SERVICES Randy Hopf has negotiated for two electronic pianos and has a contract not yet signed. It would provide for two pianos for five days, Aug. 27-Sept 1 for \$150 It was agreed that he could sign the contract. It is planned that the pianos, when not in use, will be stored in the locked committee room.

Arline and Nick, Charles and Geraint met with the new Convention Sales Manager of the Convention Bureau. There are many questions still to be answered. Charles would like to have a record of the Gymanfa. It will take two persons with video cameras. Through discussion it seems that if it is done by volunteers it will be approved.

EVENTS Joe Whitmore reported that his committees are working on their own. Robin Reed will get his contract and his biography material in soon. Joe will check on Reed's contract amount and notify Mike Penny. This is separate from Welsh World for Youth.

GERAINT'S REPORT Geraint has arranged an exchange of mailing lists with the Irish Group. We have permission to use theirs and we will share with them the State Gymanfa Ganu list done by Jo Simon. Geraint displayed the silver plate to be the prize for the "Over 60" Welsh hymn singing competition. The engraving in memory of the Rev. W.T. Jones will be done in Welsh. There was a motion, "that the committee pay for the engraving." It was seconded and passed. The plate was provided as a gift from Geraint. Eloise Morris moved, "that this prize be a one time event in Milwaukee." The motion was seconded and passed.

Geraint talked about the Opening Ceremony. It has not been decided about where and when it will be held. However, it is not to be a part of the Noson Lawen. He gave the details of the Sunday afternoon and evening sessions of the Gymanfa and these met with the committee's approval. The Director and Secretary of the choir will come to Milwaukee on April 3&4 to check things out. Mary and Gary will pick them up and host them. It was agreed that the committee would put them up in a hotel the two nights they are in Milwaukee.

Eisteddfod Mary Davis said she can use the Plankinton Hall for the Eisteddfod. It holds 740 people. A suitable piano will need to be supplied. The decision will have to wait until we know for sure where the Banquet is to be held.

Mary stressed that tote bags and T shirts with the logo should be made up, at least for the visitors from Wales. They could be pre-ordered if we can get prices on them. Mary will discuss it with the Director and Secretary while they are here.

CHURCH SERVICE Gwyneth Young said that a friend suggested to her that the church service could be held at Calvary Presbyterian Church on 10th and Wisconsin Ave. The sanctuary holds 500 people. We would have to provide bus transportation. School buses might be used. We will delay the decision until the next meeting.

Several persons were named who might assist on the church service; Joe Corbin, Gerald Goodrich, Tom White. The winner of the Hymn Singing competition will sing at the church service.

BANQUET Marge Wickert reported that David Sloma is the new person she deals with at Fine Host Catering. The site of the banquet is still uncertain until we have a closer count and if the Hyatt determines that they cannot accommodate it. In that case it will be held in the Wisconsin Center. Marge was happy to report that her friend, Mary Kelly, who works for Milwaukee Public Schools will assist her.

HOSPITALITY Jane Williams asks that we all start getting hosts to house Choir and Band members. We will need to provide for 200 persons for August 27-31. Hosts will need to provide transportation to and from the Hyatt. Any side arrangements must be made on their own. There was further discussion on the understanding with the Band about housing. David suggested that he would write to the Band and say, "We will house you free in homes of host families. The Band's request was that we pay the \$18 rate we would have paid to stay at the Marquette Dorm. They would pay the difference to stay at the Holiday Inn. The consequences were pondered. It was reported that Trefor Williams has resigned as secretary of the Band.

Since the Band instruments are to be stored at Marquette Cathy Morris needs to know about the Band schedule.

EUNICE EVANS has checked on old program booklets and found that most ads were from local area businesses.

Posters- David said the Ad Agency can make high quality full size posters for \$1000. The expense including mailing would be prohibitive. He will investigate smaller sizes and inform us next meeting.

Midwest Express is offering lowest rates to Milwaukee through a travel agent in Thiensville who will also check with hotels. The 1-800 number and ad will go into the insert for registration.

Geraint Wilkes informed us that Michael J. Lewis has resigned from the program. His name has been removed from the ad. He will not be allowed to use the words Geraint wrote for his composition. We will refuse to take him back if he should ask. As a result we will have to hold back on the boy soprano and others involved. Geraint will write to the boy soprano and David will write to Michael Lewis. The question was raised about the possibility of Estelle Schubert writing something for the boy soloist. Geraint will phone her.

REGISTRATION Jan Batty is working with her cousin on registration software.

Gary Davis will note any seminar mistakes on the registration form and make corrections in the Welsh newspapers. Jan also will note these on the registration responses.

There was a discussion on reimbursement. It is to be understood that volunteers, though paid for any expenses incurred, are not paid for their time. It was decided that refund checks will be written for people who request when the seminar they signed up for is not available. The checks will be put in their packets.

THE NEXT MEETING-- APRIL 19, 1997 2PM
First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha
810 N. East Avenue, Waukesha, Wis.

C.C. Mr. Nelson Llewellyn
Rev. Dr. R. Cerwyn Davies
Col. ALFRED J. REESE, JR.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Delys Spransy, Secretary*