

The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Friday, August 29, 1997 2:00pm

Crystal Room, Hyatt Hotel - Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Call to order - President Cerwyn Davies
Prayer given by President
Quorum established

VENUE REPORTS:

1996 Utica Venue report given by Jay Williams 111
Final figures: proceeds \$13,630.60. 50% to WNGGA \$6,815.30
and 50% to St. David's Society \$6,815.30.
Kathy Lloyd made a motion to convey greetings and appreciation
to the Utica board. Myfanwy Davies, seconded. Motion passed.

1997 Milwaukee Venue Report given by David T. Williams. David
reported the registration now numbers 1450. Concert tickets
are still selling. We have concern in regard to our final dollar
figures. We hope to bring our income above our expense line.

1998 Columbus Venue Report given by Mary Ellen Morgan. Hyatt
Hotel and Convention Center. Seating for 7,000. \$85.00 rate
for room. Another hotel across walk way. Visa and Mastercard
available for everything. Entertainment budget right now is
\$13,400.00 with much talent and entertainment.

Jack Pritchard suggested we change web-site info. Drop 1997
Venue information and pickup 1998.

David A. Williams suggested a counter be added to our WNGGA
homepage in order to know how many times it has been accessed.

* 1999 Minneapolis Venue Report given by Ellis Jones. Sheets
were distributed explaining all the plans made to date. Board
of Trustees has decided to be responsible for the Sunday morning
service. Venue committee would like more information in this
regard. Also, what are the board's feeling in regard to an
Eisteddfod. Board to discuss and let Mae Anderson know the
results.

2000 Ottawa - Invitation to attend Ottawa in the year 2000 was
extended by Ian Morris. Col. Al Reese moved we accept the
invitation and Mae Anderson seconded. Motion passed.
Sheet was distributed by Ian Morris with all the current
preparations listed.

(All Venue Reports are available)

President Cerwyn Davies announced that in the year 2004, we
will celebrate our 75th anniversary and we are thinking about
going to Niagara Falls where the first Gymanfa was held.

Vice President, Col. Al Reese asked for more history information

and he stated he needs this information now.

* Treasurer, Nancy Miller distributed copies of the Auditor's report. Nancy explained that because of a storm and moving to a new location her telephone lines etc. had not been operating, therefore, her completed report was unavailable. However, the Auditor, Robert Penry has made his report available. This report has the correct figures. Copies were distributed and reviewed. Joan Mandry made a motion to accept the Auditor's reports. Marian Matthews seconded. Motion carried.

* Executive Director, Nelson Llewellyn gave his report. Nelson read his annual report giving details of all meetings, mailings and business done during the past fiscal year. Nelson mended the board give permission to reprint the large reformatted version of the hymnal. Joan Mandry, made a motion we print 75. Roy Morris seconded. Motion carried. Director Llewellyn, explained that money has been set aside for the printing of more of the reformatted regular size hymnals and he feels we should have 5,000 more printed. Mae Anderson moved that this be done and Roy Morris seconded. Passed.

Following the Director's annual report, he went on to say "as time goes by in any person's life, they have to make serious decisions. Since my term expires Sunday morning, I am faced with such a decision. My job as director has been a labor of love, however I feel it is time to step aside. I would like to continue for one more year in order to help with the Columbus Gymanfa because I feel a great obligation to do so. Also, this was where I began. Columbus was the first Gymanfa I was really involved with, in this capacity."

President Cerwyn Davies expressed sorrow over Nelson's decision and feels strongly that the Board will extend Nelson his wish. President Davies stated "not only is Nelson a gentleman, he is a true gentleman."

Rees Lloyd addressed the board to explain his phonetic pronunciation guide entitled "NO MORE EXCUSES". He wanted to know if the board would be interested in becoming joint sponsors. The packet will include an audio tape and video and written guide. Can be used with the reformatted hymnal and will be professionally produced. Trevor Williams and Geraint Wilkes will be helping with the singing and pronunciation. They would like to have it produced by December 1, 1997 and copies available for sale in Columbus in 1998.

President Davies said the board will discuss this further and get back to Mr. Lloyd.

Women's Welsh Clubs of America, National President Ann Jenkins, gave warm greetings from the Welsh Home, in Rocky River, Ohio. Ann Jenkins extended an invitation, to come and visit the beautiful home. Eight new rooms are currently being built.

N.W.A.F. in the absence of newly elected president, Tom Gable, greetings were given by Jack Pritchard.

Jack Lewis distributed job description information in regard to the Executive Director position.

* Jack Lewis, explained that currently, Nelson is receiving \$1000.00. Nelson Llewellyn said this has not been enough to cover his expenses, therefore, he has been paying for them out of his own pocket. Jack Lewis, suggested the job be listed as voluntary part time and the amount of money be increased from \$1000.00 to \$2000.00.

Auditor, Robert Penry said the position doesn't have to be filled in Ohio, however we are registered with the Attorney General and should keep our registration in Ohio.

* A second sheet was distributed, which contained a format for a process we should use.

Ian Morris made a motion to accept the Executive Director's job description and Nancy Miller, seconded. Motion passed.

The nominating committee second sheet was reviewed and Lloyd Savage made a motion to approve the process to get a new Executive Director and Russell Williams seconded. Motion passed.

* Long Range Planning Committee Report given by Ellis Jones. Copies distributed and reviewed. Col. Al Reese, suggested that Ellis and his committee put these in order according to priority and we will discuss it further on Sunday morning.

Nelson Llewellyn announced the Sunday morning meeting would be held in the Crystal Room at 7:00 A.M.

President Davies asked us to discuss one item listed on the Long Range Planning Committee report. That was item 6. The president explained that it has been discussed that a package be presented that would contain all the pertinent information needed to present a successful Gymanfa venue. This would be presented by a qualified representative.

Col. Al Reese went on to explain "The Concept". Alan Upshall originally came up with the idea that we approach future interested organizations with the idea that they can make 50% of the proceeds for their organization by joining us jointly in the presentation of the National Gymanfa. We will need the approval from the Board of Trustees to go forward with this.

President Davies asked the board to think about "The Concept" as described by Al Reese and be prepared to move on it at the Sunday morning meeting.

Executive Director Llewellyn asked David A. Williams to chair

the credentials committee and Mae Anderson, Lynn Owens-Whalen and Myfanwy Davies to assist.

WAY report given by Caroline Kearney. Caroline reported a newsletter will be published next month.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT given by Phillips Davies. Report was distributed and reviewed by those present. Roy Morris made a motion to accept the report. Kathy Lloyd, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ENDOWMENT FINANCIAL REPORT. given by Nelson Llewellyn in Paul Stevens absence. Report was distributed and reviewed. Roy Morris moved to accept the report. Alan Upshall seconded. Motion carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT given by chairperson, Jack Lewis. Reports distributed and reviewed. Mayfanwy Davies made a motion to accept the committee recommendations. Ian Morris, seconded. Motion passed.

WEB REPORT given by Jack Pritchard. Distributed copies of Nelson and Cerwyn's picture from the W.N.G.G.A. page. Explained some interesting information that can be found on the various Welsh sites.

SURVEY REPORT Jack Pritchard reported on survey information gathered from former chairpeople over a period of five years. All agree that a program should be made available. They feel a computer process should be in place immediately. When asked if the registration should be handled by the National, the answer was a resounding NO.

TALENT DIRECTORY REPORT given by Roy Morris. No new changes.

Myfanwy Davies noted that Minnesota needs to be moved on the membership list from East to West, in accordance with last years vote.

PINS - President Cerwyn Davies, presented pins to the board members. These pins are similar to the pins made for the past presidents.

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary,
Lavina Williams Proverbs

* denotes Attached Reports