

Utica

**NOTICE
TO ALL MEMBERS
of the
WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA
GANU ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The next Annual Meeting of the Association will be held at 9:00 a.m.,
Saturday, August 31, 1996 at the Radisson Hotel-Utica Center

AGENDA

1. Call to order by the President, Wm. John Lewis, MD.
2. Welcome by Rev. Stephen Reese, Chairman, Utica 1996 W.N.G.G.
3. Minutes of the 1995 Annual Meeting - Mrs. Lavina Proverbs, Secretary.
4. Report on the 1995 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu by Glenn Grove,
Chairman '95 W.N.G.G.
5. Reports by the National Officers.
6. Report of the Credentials Committee.
7. Report of the Nominating Committee.
8. Election of Trustees: 4 for Eastern United States.
2 for Canada.
1 for Western United States.
9. Reports by Committee Chairmen.
10. Election of Auditors.
11. Any other Business.

PLEASE NOTE: - In accordance with Article XVII of the Constitution:
ONLY individuals and organizations whose Life
Membership or Annual Dues have been paid as of
July 31, 1996, are eligible to vote at this meeting.

Representatives voting for Organizations must
present written authorization to the Credentials
Committee.

Nelson L. Llewellyn, Executive Director

THE WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AUGUST 31, 1996

MOHAWK ROOM
RADDISON HOTEL
UTICA, NEW YORK
9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Jack Lewis. The President, thanked all in attendance and called on the Vice-President, Rev. Dr. Cerwyn Davies to give the opening prayer.

President Lewis, called for the following venue reports:

Stephen Reese, chairperson for this years 1996 Utica, New York venue gave a favorable report.

David Williams, co-chair for the Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1997 venue, gave a progress report and extended an invitation to all.

Minutes of the annual meeting in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on September 2, 1995 were distributed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Frank Feeley. Second, Marian Davies. Motion passed. Secretary report accepted.

Report of the 1995 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu held in Harrisburg was given by Chairman Glenn Grove. President Lewis, thanked the Harrisburg people for a job well done. Glenn Grove, commented, "if asked, they would consider, doing it again".

Bill Pritchard, Portland, Oregon, presented a check to the scholarship committee, from the Portland Cambrian Society in memory of their beloved friend and W.N.G.G.A. past recording secretary, Emaline Davies.

Nelson Llewellyn, read a letter from Betty Pierce of Portland, Oregon. The letter stated the church members were sending a check for \$250.00 to be used for the scholarship fund in memory of Emaline Davies.

President Lewis, read a thank you fax from Brian Jones, director of Wales International. The thank you was directed to those people who participated in the opening ceremonies of the Eisteddfod.

Long range planning report explained by President Lewis. The committee has moved immediately on some items of priority. These items are: purchase of new computer, on line service and a web site. Areas of concern: WAY situation, memberships, possible change of date for the Gymanfa venue, and the ability to provide more assistance to the venue committees.

Vice-President, Cerwyn Davies, made a motion to increase the

Lifetime Organization membership dues for any new organizations joining, from the present fee of \$25.00 to \$50.00. Myfanwy Davies, second. Motion passed.

President Lewis, called on Nancy Miller, Treasurer, for her report. A three page report was distributed to the membership for review. The treasurer's report indicated we are in good financial shape. Treasurer recommended that the money that was borrowed, be returned to the hymnal fund. Treasurer Miller, also stated that the net worth has increased from \$52,574.00 at the end of last year to \$64,769.00 at the end of this year. Treasurer Miller, requested that the report be accepted. Marian Davies, second. Report accepted by membership.

President Lewis, called on Nelson Llewellyn for the Executive Director report. Director Llewellyn, read his report and referred to many meetings with the venue committees that both he and President Lewis attended. Director Llewellyn, also reported on his attendance at Niagara Falls, Ontario for the mid-year meeting in April, 1996. He also reported on the heavy volume of mailings to the membership throughout the year. Two newsletters mailed to the membership, one in January and one in June, and a reminder to annual membership holders, to renew their membership. Two mailings were made for the Utica venue committees, the first in March and the second in June, 1996. To encourage the renewal of WAY a flyer was included in the second mailing. During the year a copyright for our reformatted hymnal was obtained and Director Llewellyn, thanked Ellis Jones for his assistance in that matter. Our federal 501C3 status has been clarified. Thanks to Paul E. Steven, attorney, for his assistance.

Hill, Barth and King, accounting firm of Youngstown, Ohio has been consulted, regarding our filing with the federal government. The auditors, Jason Moore and Robert Penry suggested that this be done. They also suggested bonding for the treasurer, secretary, executive director, and endowment chairman. This is now in place. The bonding cost is an annual fee of \$227.00 for a three year period, ending 1999. Cost of corporate insurance policy continues to increase each year, however after expressing our concern to our agent, a credit of \$270.00 was realized. The membership status report show a slight increase in total membership. Sale of reformatted hymnal was brisk with a sale of 2,244 copies. Less than 100 Songs of the Dragon were sold in 1995. We have 845 remaining. We also have 600 of the Jubilee song books in stock. The 8½ X 11 - director size reformatted hymnals have been selling. We had 50 made, we have 10 in stock and will probably order more. Cost \$15.00. Parttime clerical help in the office, has been a great help and we have been able to stay within the budget. Also, a report from the Harrisburg Venue Committee, was received before the end of the year and a check for nearly \$10,000.00 was enclosed, for our share of the proceeds. Director Llewellyn, thanked all and moved that the report be accepted. President Lewis, amended motion to say, accepted with thanks Nelson. Carried!

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3. Final plans have yet to be made for a speaker for the banquet.

President Lewis, told the venue chairpeople to not hesitate to get us involved.
Director Llewellyn, told the venue chairpeople that he would like to talk with them once a week.

President Lewis, thanked the venue people for attending and giving their reports.

President Lewis, called on Phillips Davies, for his Scholarship and Grants Committee report. This report had been turned in to the director, Nelson Llewellyn and was available to all members in attendance. President Lewis, suggested that Phillips, work on a revised form to be used by the two organizations Cymdeithas Madog and The Welsh Harp Society so the \$100.00 will not be withheld each year. Phillips, said he will see that this is done.

President Lewis, mentioned that W.N.G.G.A. got more exposure this year. The badges had supported by W.N.G.G.A written on the bottom.

President Lewis, feels we need to get a more eye catching brochure for the W.N.G.G.A.

Nelson Llewellyn, gave the Auditors Report. Paul Stevens was unable to attend this year. The auditors have found a discrepancy in the endowment fund in the amount of \$664.33 however Paul Stevens, called me and I have an explanation for the board. This has to do with the difference in the value of the investments. The Auditors, have suggested the Nelson use a petty cash fund instead of his own money. Myfanwy questioned the \$5.00 fee on the endowment report. This was for a charge of the exchange for Canada.

President Lewis, asked for the Nominations Committee report. Ellis Jones, chairman stated he has two reports. One for the board and one for the trustees. Copies will be available. Review of candidates was made at this time. Ellis Jones, requested the board reconsider the location of Minnesota as western U.S.

President Lewis, asked for the Long Range Planning Committee report. Ellis Jones, chairman, reported he has a eight page report and would like to review the entire report this afternoon, during the Board of Trustees meeting. Copies will be distributed this afternoon.

Nancy Miller, said she has a new financial report to give. This is a corrected version.

Nelson Llewellyn, reported he would like to discuss the purchase of a new computer. Suggested we may need a committee to research

what would be the best for our organization. President Lewis, appointed Jack Pritchard, Alan Upshall and David Williams to serve on this committee.

President Lewis, brought to the attention of those present, that the revised constitution shows we did not change the organizational membership fee. This will be brought before the membership, for a vote, at the annual meeting.

Cerwyn Davies, stated that he would like to discuss the possibility of a program for the computer that can be used by future venue committees and suggests that this be put on the agenda for the afternoon Board of Trustees meeting.

Nancy Miller, suggested we also consider the possibility of seed money for these venue committees. Myfanwy Davies, mentioned that we need to discuss how we advance this money.

Nelson Llewellyn, discussed the possibility of two or more executive meetings per year.

Cerwyn Davies, suggested having at least one of these meetings at the site of the next venue. Possibly stay at the hotel where the venue will be held.

Nelson Llewellyn, suggested we discuss the possibility of a venue in Canada.

Myfanwy Davies, suggested perhaps the O.G.G.A and W.N.G.G.A having a co-Gymanfa together.

Cerwyn Davies, thanked Jack Lewis, on behalf of the executive committee for all his hard work.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lavina Proverbs

Secretary