

April 17, 1993

1993 Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee

A general meeting of the Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee was held on April 17, 1993, at the First Welsh Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre at 2:00 p.m.

Jack Pritchard, Chairman, stated that registration material is available to anyone who needs it.

Jack also brought to the attentions of the members present, the People Magazine issue of April 5th showing the honor accorded to Mr. Howard Stringer, our banquet speaker, receiving the Ellis Island Congressional Medal of Honor, the annual immigrant award.

Mr. Robert Cavassi, Pittston native and editor of the British Heritage, called Jack and advised that there will be a story about the Gymanfa Ganu in the July and August issue and also featuring Mr. Stringer.

Robert Anthony, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$23,000 to date.

The Dente Catering will supply 3,500 chairs at .50¢ apiece.  
We will have to set up these chairs and take them down on Sunday night.

We will try to obtain a supply of the Welsh water in the pretty blue bottles made in Lampeter.

George Horwatt reporting on the sound system for the Armory, stated that the Daveland Co. of Allentown has proffered a bid of \$6,400.00 including microphones, risers, amplifiers, speakers, platform truck and including a master recording that can be used later for a cassette or CD. Jack stated that he liked the suspended microphones over the audience. A professional engineer will be on site to provide the master tape. The Steering Committee approving this contract, Jack asked for the vote. Upon motion by Craig Peters, seconded by John Roberts with members approving, this contract will be signed. At the signing of the contract, 50% will be paid and 50% at completion.

Jack Pritchard will meet with Jim Evans to discuss the staging for the Armory. It was suggested that the band shell to be used for the square ceremony might be used at the Armory.

Jack Pritchard will meet with Mr. Bachman of Video Guard to discuss a video tape of the Gymanfa Ganu.

Ben Davis, Banquet Chairman, stated all is in readiness. A gift of a leatherette bookmark with the Wilkes-Barre logo will be presented to everyone at the banquet. Earl Williams will provide this bookmark.



Since Coughlin High School is unavailable for the seminars, the Masonic Temple has been suggested. There is an organ and piano available. Screens for slides, VCRs and etc. will have to be rented. Waiting for permission. The fee for the part singing seminars will remain as is. Meryl Davis needs to know the number of people attending these seminars as soon as possible.

The Registration Chairmen, Dave Martin and Marilyn Davis, announced that they have received to date 200 registrations. Jack Pritchard and Beth Landmesser have started putting all this information into the computer.

Sunday supper will be furnished by the Genetti Hotel. Jack will check the Armory for the space that we will need. The upstairs room will be used for the Children's Workshop.

A follow-up letter will be mailed to each registrant stating what events they have signed up for and also travel information.

Jack asked for names and addresses of publishers so that we may publicize our Gymanfa Ganu.

Pre-registered members will use one door at the Armory and the Sunday registrants will use a separate door creating less confusion. Dave Martin will take care of parking at the Armory.

Martz busses will be used for the mine tours and church tours. Each bus will cost \$287.00. LCTA was not interested in supplying the busses or the shuttle service. The shuttle service will be handled by Martz at a cost of \$4,389.00 for the four days. Upon motion by Ben Davis, seconded by Bill Hastie, this contract was approved.

Jack Pritchard stated that "handicapped parking" is first priority at the Armory. The Provost Guard will handle traffic at the Armory. The Ertley lot and the Antique Car lot can be used for parking. The Kingston Police Force will be asked to relax parking restrictions for that Sunday. There will be a badge for Committee members.

Parking at Irem Temple, Masonic Temple and Snowdons will be available. Elsie Deobold's Hospitality Committee can use shuttle service.

Jack Pritchard told the Committee that the originator of the Holy Trollers being used in the Church Service was Mr. John Malta from Wilkes-Barre.

Dan Williams, Tour Chairman, stated that a sheet containing background of churches, etc. will be given out when boarding the busses. Dan will check on the availability of the trolley busses coming from Cape May.

Bill Hastie reported a children's choir from Scranton may sing at the square ceremony.



Mary Roberts has given her approval for the bronze placque to be placed on the memorial bridge for Dr. Ellis Roberts. Jack Pritchard stated that we need permission from the state to do this. Barbara Roberts will check with PennDot for this permissions. John Roberts will check on price and size for this placque.

Pa. Sales Tax number was suggested but Jack does not think we can get one.

Craig Peters, Program Chairman, stated that he has read woo solicitations to go out. Any help in obtaining ads will be greatly appreciated. The cost for a full page is \$250.00,  $\frac{1}{2}$  page \$150.00, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  page \$80.00. Craig requests all information from the various committees for the program book as soon as possible. This book will have 80 pages. The back cover is given to the Wales Tourist Board for their use. They were generous in providing air-fare and accomodations for the four Welsh artists. Hopefully the inside back cover can be sold to Martz or Genetti's.

Elsie Deobold reported on the Hospitality Committee. The women will act as hostesses for each church visited. Jean Duda and Barbara Roberts will have charge of the Welsh cookies (500 doz. cookies are pledged). Friday, May 21st is the next Hospitality meeting. St. David's men will handle the shuttle service.

Carol Ellis from Shamokin is checking on the purchase of Welsh beer.

Barbara Roberts showed the banners she and her committee made. These banners will be displayed in the hotels and at the airport.

Jeanne Jones, Market Place Chairman, advised that she has the names of (3) vendors who have responded, two of them require (8) tables each. Probably will have to rent some 8' tables.

Tom Gabel reported that the letter from the governor will be received by July 1st.

Meeting closed at 4:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on May 16th at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine Jonathan  
Secretary