

August 7, 1993

1993 Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee

A general meeting of the Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee met at the First Welsh Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre on August 7, 1993, at 2:00 p.m.

Jack Pritchard announced that posters are available to be put in all churches and all other suitable places. Craig Peters will see to ordering more envelopes.

The shuttle bus system is contracted to Martz Bus. The Church Tours will need (3) busses on Friday and Saturday. The Trolley Tour or Valley Tour will use two trolleys and two coaches on Friday and Saturday. The Coal Mine Tour will use two coaches on Friday and Saturday. Shuttle busses will travel from Red Roof Inn, to Holiday Inn, to Days Inn, to Howard Johnsons, to Genetti's and finally to the Ramada, this is the "inward route". There will be signs on all busses. The shuttle busses will run every two hours on Thursday starting at 10:00 a.m. then 12:00, 2:00 and 4:00 coming into town, returning to hotels at 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00, 11:00 and the last bus at 12:30. Friday will have a similar schedule and maybe an extra bus and Saturday will have extra hours. On Sunday the shuttle busses will run from the Ramada to the Armory. The entire schedule will be printed in our Newsletter and at all Hospitality tables.

Registration and "schedule of events" forms are still available and Jack announced that our local Welsh people are now sending in their registrations.

The Washington Room in the Ramada will be used for Registration. Six to eight tables will be open with the Registration packets. There will also be a table in this room manned by Elsie's Hospitality Women to change coupons to the banquet ticket and the selection of the table. This table will have the chart with the numbered tables listed. Those people coming on Sunday just for the Gymanfa will pay at the door and will fill their own badges with name and city. There will be no supper tickets sold at the door.

Jack announced the sad news that Rev. Gwyn Walters will not be able to preach at the Sunday Church Service because of ill health. This is indeed sad news as Rev. Walters is very much loved and will be missed. Rev. Cerwin Davies of Toronto and Rev. Hedwyn Williams have graciously said they would substitute for Rev. Walters.

County Commissioners are preparing a proclamation for the flag raising on Thursday morning declaring Sept. 2nd to the 5th as Welsh Heritage Days and the flag will be flown until the end of the Gymanfa.

Parking at the Court House will be allowed on Saturday. Parking will be a problem on Thursday because of Market Day at the square. Jack will check on using a city parking lot for the committee members.

We must have an ambulance at the Armory on Sunday and a donation will be given to same.

Jack announced that rooms are available at the Imperial Motor Lodge (now called Red Carpet Inn). Jack inspected this Inn and was

pleased with all renovations that have been accomplished. He would recommend this Inn.

Bob Anthony, Treasurer, gave the following report:

Receipts	\$ 107,823.52
Expenses	25,862.04
	<u>\$ 81,961.48</u>

Jack stated that memorials and contributions have exceeded \$10,000.00 for which he is truly thankful.

Betty and Dan Evans, Concert Chairmen, have been able to get risers and shell from the Meyers High School at no charge except for the maintenance men. A program will be printed for this Concert. St. David's men will act as ushers. Betty announced that Robin Bowen has suggested that all entertainers come back on stage after the concert and sing "All Through The Night" with the audience participating.

Rev. James Edwards has Sunday afternoon Devotions and the Rev. Meuryn Williams the Benediction. Jack Pritchard will act as Chairman with remarks by Dr. Ellis Jones, National President. Beth Landmesser will chair the evening session with Devotions by Rev. Richard Owens, remarks by representative Jack Lewis and Benediction by Rev. Neil Lloyd.

Rev. Meuryn Williams from Wales will make a video in Welsh for Wales but will expand his work to tape our events so that we may sell the video of our Gymanfa Ganu. Sandy Pritchard has arranged with a local pilot to get an aerial photo of the Valley to be included in this video.

The staging people will do their work on Friday, the chairs will be delivered on Friday and a few Boy Scouts will set them up and take them down. The organ will also be delivered on Friday.

The Market Place has been finalized.

Bill Hastie, Public Square Ceremony Chairman, stated that the Orpheus pianist will play for the National Anthems. The dignitaries attending to date are Commissioner Phillips, Senator Lemmond and Representative Paul Kanjorski.

John Roberts announced we now have 766 dozen Welsh cookies at the Old River Road Bakery and 600 dozen have been promised.

Trays will be made available by the hotels for the Te Bach and Market Place.

We will meet every Sunday from now on. Ribbons will be ready for committee members on August 29th, our final meeting.

Daffyd Iuan will allow us to play all Sain tapes or CDs during the weekend.

Jack thought that maybe we would present the dignitaries at the Public Square Ceremony with a T-shirt with our logo on it.

Trustees of the National Gymanfa Ganu Assoc. will take up the collection at the Church Service.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Jonathan
Secretary

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A general meeting of the Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee met at the First Welsh Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre on August 15, 1993, at 2:00 p.m.

Banners are being kept at the Edwardsville Church. One banner has been raised in Public Square and one to be raised at the Ramada.

Jack once again thanked Olin Evans for the great work he is doing in the publicity department. Good coverage in the "Hwyl".

Jack suggested that a cut-down version of our registration form be placed in the local newspapers and to include the Children's Workshop. We will have to pay for these ads and should be run this weekend to encourage more local people.

Hank Cody will keep track of the flags and will see that they get to where needed. Irem Temple advised Jack that the American and Canadian flags will not be available because they will be going to Virginia that weekend. This set of flags was a backup set. We still have a set from the National Gymanfa Ganu Assoc, however, Jack feels we should have another stand-by set. The flag Jack received from the National Gymanfa Ganu Assoc. needs to be cleaned and pressed. Hank will take care of this.

Genetti's will supply tea for the Te Bach after the final session of the Gymanfa Ganu for a \$1.00 per person.

Effie Metcalf volunteered to place the part-singing signs on cardboard.

Banquet tables will hold ten people. A sign is needed for the Banquet table.

Beth Landmesser held up the sign for the Ramada bar which will be called "The Dragon's Lair". This sign was made by Shirley Treivel. Very nice!!!.

Bob Anthony, Treasurer, gave the following report:

To date	\$ 113,443.00
Expenses	27,609.00
Balance	\$ 85,834.00

Bob stated he needs contracts from all chairmen showing the method of payment for all persons hired. Insurance certificate from the National Gymanfa Ganu Asso. has been received.

Jack stated that the Red Roof hotel reneged on (14) rooms that were promised because of the managerial turnover, however, Jack said the newly refurbished Red Carpet Inn has given us (37) rooms and (31) of these rooms have been filled.

All of the hotels will be on the shuttle service and Jack will go over the shuttle schedule with the hotel people.

Jack received a fax letter from Florida vendor, Don Hughes, stating that he will have to cancel his table in the Market Place.

Dave Martin, Registration, announced that 1,446 people have registered to date.

Meryl Davis, Seminars, needs microphone and signs.

Craig Peters, Program Book, stated advanced copies will be ready by the weekend. The newsletter is now being put together and Craig needs advertising for same. Ben Davis contacted Boscov's for an ad and was advised that special meals will be available for the Gymanfa Ganu weekend. The format for the newsletter will be in the form of "questions and answers". All events will be written up in this newsletter. Craig Peters stated that he will print an article in this newsletter concerning the placques to be dedicated at the Saturday Square Ceremony in memory of Dr. Ellis Roberts. This newsletter will be placed in each registrant's packet.

Thursday morning, Sept. 2nd at 9:00 a.m., at the Court House, the Welsh flag will be raised and the County Commissioners will declare the four days "Welsh Heritage Days".

Jack announced that Rev. Gwyn Walters will not be able to preach at the Sunday church service because of ill health. Rev. Cerwin Davies and Rev. Heddwyd Williams will perform this service. This change was able to be printed in the Program Book.

Beth, Jack and Dan Williams will meet Monday at 11:00 a.m. with Gene Kline to the city people of the activities that will take place this Labor Day weekend. Tuesday Jack and Beth will meet at 11:30 with the Mayor to do same. On Wednesday they will meet at 9:30 a.m. with the County Commissioners and the media to discuss the events taking place this weekend. Jack discussed parking with the Kingston Police Dept for the Armory. There will be (5) special policemen available to handle this parking.

Committee members will meet on Monday, August 30th at 9:30 at the Ramada to deliver ribbons to shop and restaurant personnel and to place posters in windows of same.

Jack announced that the Historical Society Welsh exhibit is now open until after Labor Day. There will be books available to go along with the exhibit. The exhibit will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. The exhibit will be mentioned in the newsletter.

Next meeting will be held on Sunday, August 22nd and the final meeting on August 29th. Ribbons for committee members will be available then.

Wednesday, Sept. 1st, the registration tables will be set up, "castle installed and Market Place set up.

Thursday, the flag raising ceremony to take place. Jack needs volunteers to unload risers for the concert at Irem Temple.

Friday the chairs for the Armory will be delivered and a group of Boy Scouts will unload, set up the chairs on the floor. Men are needed for the supervision of same. Organ will be delivered today.

Saturday the Dayland sound systems will be set-up.

Mr. Howard Stringer will stay overnight at Genetti's. Channell 44 will hold a press luncheon which will be televised.

Mr. Robin Bowen, harpist, called Beth and stated that he needs someone to pick him up in New York because the harp is too large for the commuter plane.

Folk Music Song Book is ready and will be shipped to the Ramada.

Ben Davis needs a table at Registration to exchange coupons for reserved banquet tickets. Table is needed to sell tickets and refund overpayments. A table is needed to sell hymnals. A table is needed by Edith Hill to sell the t-shirts and sweat-shirts with our logo on them. Beth stated a table is needed for the audio and video tapes. An order form will be available to order these tapes. A \$5.00 deposit is needed to order the video tape. The audio tape will probably cost \$10.00 and the video \$20.00.

Carol Ellis still working on the T-Nant (Welsh water in blue bottle).

Jack will talk to Wilkes-Barre officials about parking for the committee members.

Bernie Walko, official photographer, will take pictures at all major events.

Meeting closed at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Jonathan
Secretary