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1993 Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee

The general meeting of the Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee was held on July 25, 1993, at the First Welsh Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre at 2:00 p.m.

Jack Pritchard, Chairman, was welcomed back from his trip to Wales. Jack met with the Rev. Meurwyn Williams in Wales and stated that he had come to an agreement about the video of the Gymanfa Ganu. Jack also met with Alun Guy, our Gymanfa conductor.

Dave Martin showed the group one of the banners to be used at the Ramada, Armory and Public Square Ceremony. It was suggested that we donate these beautiful banners to the next Gymanfa Ganu in Seattle. Jack thanked Dave for hanging this huge banner.

Olin Evans, Publicist, has sent out to (12) newspapers in the Northeast an article advertising our Gymanfa. Olin has done an excellent job in this department. Posters have been printed to place in all the area churches and anywhere else thats appropriate. Flyers are also available for distribution. An article appeared in the July-August "Pa. Magazine" advertising our Gymanfa Ganu showing all the events to take place. Ninnau also published an extensive article by Mr. Williams covering our Gymanfa Ganu.

The Children's Workshop, with Chris Hastie in charge, has not received much of a response. Olin will write an article promoting this Workshop.

Ban Davis, Banquet Chairman, announced that the St. David's Society is putting together a scholarship fund to be used to send a young person to the Gymanfa Ganu. We must encourage more young people to attend these Nationals stated Mr. Davis.

In their July issue, The British Heritage Magazine listed our Gymanfa Ganu and all the events that will take place.

Jack stated that the "castle" being brought to our Gymanfa Ganu will be placed at the entrance of the Market Place which has now been extended to include the entire Ballroom and of course there will be a "dragon". Jack needs volunteers to help in erecting this castle.

Dave Martin, Registration, gave the following report:

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| Registration | 1035 |
| Concert | 826 |
| Banquet | 692 |
| Noson Lawen | 84 |
| Folk Night | 03 |
| Combination | 480 |
| Sunday Supper | 599 |

Dave displayed the badge that will be used. Name will be in large print and will have cord for around the neck and clip to be used on clothing.

Bob Anthony, Treasurer, gave the following report:

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| Contributions | \$ 4,700.00 |
| Memorials | 4,500.00 |
| Receipts | 84,710.00 |
| Expenses | 23,896.00 |

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Elsie Deobold, Hospitality, stated that Beth Jenkins is making all committee signs.

Meryl Davis, Seminars, is working on a map to place in each packet giving directions to each building being used for these Seminars. She needs signs for the rooms being used and presenters for the Seminars. The audio equipment being used is OK.

Dan Williams, Tours, stated the Valley Tour is filled and the Church Tour is almost filled. The Trolley Tour will have to make a second run because of the many requests for this tour. Dan needs more guides. The bus will stop at (4) churches but will pass about (20). The Mine Tour is still available. The great-granddaughter of Gwilym Gwent will be at the grave sight and will speak briefly. Dan said that the Wilkes-Barre Police Department should be contacted so there will be problem with parking. Dan would like all church bells to ring out with Cwm Rhondda on Saturday and Sunday.

Bill Hastie, Public Square Ceremony, stated the time is 12:00 noon. The Orpheus Choir will be on stage and the Orpheus pianist will play for the three National Anthems. Bill will be Master of Ceremony and will speak for an hour, (just kidding). The Welsh Children's Choir from Scranton will sing and also the Scranton St. David's Male Choir. The City will supply (30) chairs and Bill will bring a few more. The Mayor is unable to attend but will have a representative there. The Mayor will present the "key to the City" to Dr. Ellis Jones at the Noson Lawen. The dignitaries attending the 1983 Gymanfa were given a baseball hat with a dragon printed on it, Jack suggested maybe T-shirts this time around. Mary Roberts, widow of Dr. Ellis Roberts, will be at the Square Ceremony to witness the presentation of the two bronze placques for the Memorial Bridge in the memory of Dr. Roberts. These placques will be installed on the bridge at a later date. Bill stated that the Historical Society is now showing a Welsh Exhibit until after the Gymanfa. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 12:00 to 4:00 and Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00. Bill advised that the choirs performing at this Ceremony should probably be reimbursed. There will be cookies and lemonade at the Ramada for the children.

Ben Davis, Banquet Chairman, stated "all systems go" for the banquet. Wesley Simmers told the group that a sculpture is being made to present to Mr. Howard Stringer, Banquet Speaker, of solid coal. The size will be 10"x15" and the cost \$250.00 and weighing (25) pounds. It will have our 1993 logo on it and will have the American, Canadian and Welsh flags on it. The bookmarks will be ready for the banquet. Two placques will also be presented to the Ninnau and and Y Dryk newspapers.

There will be a daffodil for each person at the table.

Jack talked to Mr. Stringer's secretary. He will be here and will stay overnight at Genetti's. H. Merritt Hughes will pick up Mr. Stringer (whichever way he comes) with the limousine. Mr. Stringer has been invited to attend a press conference at WVIA 44.

Eith Hill will take charge of the T-shirt and sweatshirt table. These shirts will have our logo on the front. All sizes will be available.

Dan Williams suggested having a bulletin board with information on it .

St. David's Society men will help with the tour busses and aid the shuttle bus system.

At the Sunday morning Church Service the National Gymanfa Ganu Directors will face assembly and will act as ushers.

Elsie Deobold, Hospitality, advised all scheduling is complete and all events will be manned. There are 675 dozen cookies made to date but more is needed. John and Barbara Roberts has charge of the cookies. There are (35) banners being housed at the Dr. Edwards Church. These banners are for all the events and lobby of the hotels.

Craig Peters, Program Book, stated that (90%) of this booklet is at the printers. There are (64) advertisers to date. Craig needs all information by next week (August). The Red Roof and Days Inn will be contacted for ads in this book.

Ann Roberts, (Market Place), stated that there are (14) vendors with (48) tables for the Market Place.

John Roberts has taken care of the Camping Grounds for those people with mobile homes.

Rev. Meurwyn Williams will spend an additional day filming outside events for the video which we will be able to sell. Visitors may sign up for this video and place a deposit for same. The video will be ready in time for Christmas. We will also have an audio tape of the Gymanfa to sell.

Elsie Deobold does not approve of the Market Place being open during the time of the Church Service.

Jack Pritchard will meet with Bob Anthony, Dave Martin, Beth Landmesser and Marilyn Davis on Wednesday to go over the hotel registrations.

Next Executive Board meeting will be held on August 4 at 2:00.

The general meeting group will meet every Sunday from now on.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary