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1993 Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee

A general meeting of the Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee was held on September 27, 1992 at the Welsh Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre at 2:00.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Owen.

There were (35) members present.

Jack Pritchard, Chairman, announced that some of our members were attending the Hazleton Gymanfa Ganu which was a first time event. Louise Patterson instigated this Gymanfa and we wish them well.

Jack then made remarks about the Kansas City Gymanfa. He stated that this was an excellent Gymanfa and a hard act to follow. He received the Welsh flag and will receive the large Welsh flag to be used at our Gymanfa. The "little people" that we took to Kansas City to advertise our Gymanfa were a big success. Jack stated that some of these "little people" will be sent to the Ontario Gymanfa in the spring.

Jack then listed the hotels and the number of rooms obtained for our use:

Genetti's	60 rooms		64.00 dbl
Ramada	150 rooms	\$64.00 Sing.	\$69.00 dbl
Holiday Inn	60 rooms		
Days Inn	30 rooms		
Red Roof	50 rooms		
Howard Johnsons	50 rooms		

A motion to accept these hotel contracts was made by Wesley Simmers, seconded by Craig Peters. Motion approved as read.

Jack suggested that a card be included in the invitation with rates asking for a deposit and the Committee will assign the rooms. Checks to be paid to the Committee who will then pay for the rooms. Airport service would be indicated on these cards. The Committee has suggested to the hotels that a continental breakfast be provided.

AARP card owners would probably receive a discount.

An early mailing seeking memorials, donations and contributions is not really needed as we have received money from the St. David's Society.

The first mailing will probably be sent in February or March as stated by Jack.

The T-shirts that were taken to Kansas City will be sold at our Gymanfa in the Market Place at the cost of \$8.00 each. Jack suggested that the logo on these T-shirts be made larger on the adult shirts.

Wesley Simmers of the banquet committee stated that the ballroom has been acquired for the dinner and the Princess Room for the singing after the banquet. The dinner will probably be charged at \$25.00. The speaker, Mr. Singer, has accepted.

Dan and Betty Evans, concert chairmen, stated to Jack that arrangements are being made for this concert. Jack Pritchard then stated that the Welsh Tourist Board will pay lodging and transportation for the Welsh entertainers coming to the Gymanfa. The Committee will pay their fee. The Tourist Board asks for the last page in our booklet for their advertising.

Beth Landmesser, Vice-Chairman, stated the harpist, Robin Bowen, is being asked to perform at our Gymanfa.

Beth Landmesser, Nosen Lawen Chairman, will also undertake the Folk Music Night. Both of these events hopefully to be held at The Kirby. A "Te Bach" to be held between these two events. Beth stated that she is contacting a new folk group to perform this folk music.

Beth also stated that we will have to have more seminars.

Jack Pritchard advised that the new folk music book should be ready for Wilkes-Barre.

Jack also advised that he is hoping for some grants from local business's to offset the cost at The Kirby.

Ruth Jones mentioned the name of David Edwards, Welsh tenor, and Jack advised Ruth to mention this to Dan and Betty Evans, Concert Chairmen.

Olin Evans, Publicity, requested pictures for the papers.

Dan Williams, Tour Chairman, mentioned that another tour was suggested: Crossings (a very nice shopping mall) at Tannersville, about (50) minutes from Wilkes-Barre.

Church Service, Rev. Edwards, Chairman, stated that Irem Temple is acquired, Rev. Glyn Walters will preach, and Meirwyn Walters and Rev. Basquell will take part in this service.

Bill Hastie, Welcome Chairman, said that September 4th at Public Square will be the opening welcome ceremony. The cost will be \$240.00 for the band shell, \$150.00 for the microphone, \$75.00 for the piano or organ. There will be chairs available. Mr. Hastie also stated that the Welsh Male Choir from Scranton and the Orpheus Glee Club will perform. Hopefully the mayor will present the key to National President, Ellis Roberts.

Jack Pritchard, named Bill Hastie, George Powell and Meryl Davis to come up with a service to honor Dr. Ellis Roberts at the bridge which was named for him in Wilkes-Barre.

Jack also asked John Roberts and Walter George to check on camping grounds for those people with mobile homes.

Wesley Simmers stated that Larry Llewellyn volunteered to print letterheads for the Wilkes-Barre Committee.

Rev. Cordelia Brown of the First Methodist Church, Franklin St. will be approached asking for the use of the church for the various seminars.

Mrs. Blythe Evans volunteered to take charge of the Awr Y Plant.

Jack told the Committee that Mr. Bachman and Mr. Norris have suggested that a video be made of the 1993 Gymanfa. Jack Mainwaring and George Horvoth would handle this. An audio tape will also be made.

Armory accoustics will have to be checked.

Jack Pritchard stated that the meal between sessions will be catered. The Genetti Catering and Royal Catering will submit bids on this. The meal will be served in (2) shifts designated by colored tickets.

The registration fee will be \$8.00 and \$5.00 on Sunday. Jack suggested that we should try and get people to pre-register at the Ramada.

Name tags to be hung around neck on ribbon or chain, especially for the ladies.

The next meeting will be held October 25, at 2:30 at the Welsh Presbyterian Church.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 with prayer by Rev. Johnson, pastor of the host church.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine Johathan