

Harrisburg

WNGGA Harrisburg '95 Minutes of 05-21-94

The meeting of the WNGGA Harrisburg '95 Committee was held at the home of Arthur and Priscilla Sherman at 10:00 AM on 05-21-94. It was opened with prayer by Rev Richard Price Baskwill. The minutes from the previous meeting were read, corrections noted and were approved.

Cheryl Mitchell reported on her trip to the Ontario Gymanfa Ganu held in Peterboro (Ontario, Canada) which was the site for the delivery of our initial progress report to the Executive Committee of the WNGGA. This year's event was held on April 15 to 17. Next year it will be held on April 21 to 23 in Ottawa, and another report will probably be due at that time.

Due to time restrictions, Cheryl gave a synopsis of our report to the Executive Committee. It was very well received. The Committee feels comfortable with our plans and progress. Along with the report, Cheryl had a list of questions for their review. They will get back to Glenn Grove with the answers at a later date. The following suggestions were made.

**We are to watch our budgeting.* A more detailed budget report will be expected at the Bellevue WNGGA.

**Expect a larger audience at the Noson Lawen.* Because we plan to have a Civic Reception early on Thursday, this will bring more people out to the later scheduled event.

**We can officially solicit help from local Welsh groups.* Even though the Bellevue National has not passed, we are allowed to go forward with the solicitation plans for our National.

**Duties of the Master of Ceremonies.* The Committee clarified the duties of the Master of Ceremonies for the Gymanfa sessions. The WNGGA President calls the afternoon session to order and the Vice-President calls the evening session to order. Jack Schaum is allowed to introduce the President and Vice-President during these times. Duties include: introducing performers, government officials and foreign dignitaries at appropriate functions and making announcements during the National.

**Deporment during Gymanfa Ganu Sessions.* The program booklet is to print a statement in reference to the proper attitude and decorum expected during the Gymanfa Ganu sessions. It is that of a religious worship service and appropriate dress and deportment is required.

**Welsh Immigrant Women Seminar.* The Committee offered the suggestion of a seminar on this subject lead by Pam Knellar of Utica, New York. Utica may be hosting the '96 National.

**Tour Schedule on Saturday Morning.* The Committee requested that tours not be scheduled at the same time as the Annual Gymanfa Ganu Meeting so as to improve attendance at this function.

**Alternate Welsh Chef.* The '89 Welsh Chef of the Year is available to us if needed.

**Hershey as location factor.* Since not everyone is as familiar with Harrisburg as we are, it was suggested that we mention Hershey for the recognition factor.

The Executive Committee of the WNGGA hopes that as many of us as possible travel to Bellevue to display a united front and a high profile for the Harrisburg National.

On this note, a discussion was held regarding the latest information from Bellevue. It appears that their budget is quite extensive and includes some situations that we do not anticipate encountering. Two such items are the sound system, to which they must allocate \$7,000.00, and the shuttle expenses, which will run them close to \$10,000.00. We have neither of those expenses to deal with.

To this date, the following members plan to travel to Bellevue: Patricia St. Clair, Glenn Grove, Theresa Perdue, Dick Baskwill, Cheryl Mitchell, Barry and Danielle Wells, and one person from the Harrisburg Department of Tourism and Convention. Michele Griffiths is watching for suitable airfare for us.

Committee Reports:

At this time Glenn Grove called on individuals to present committee reports. Written reports were not required at this time. Individuals provided updates the group.

Treasurer's Report Art Sherman
Art informed us that no new contributions have been received.

Registration

Ron Roberts

Ron is working with Mike Granados creating a data base for the mailer and registration form. Cheryl Mitchell offered to take the proto-type to the Women's Welsh Club meeting in Youngstown, Ohio, to show Nelson Llewellyn. Ron will contact Nelson for the mailing list. We anticipate including tailor made schedules in the packets. By a vote of common consent, tickets for events will be printed.

Banquet

Theresa Perdue

Theresa and Michele Griffiths will work on a projected meal expense to present at the next meeting. The figures from Bellevue will give them some type of guideline for this. They have discussed flower arrangements with Margäret Supik.

Noson Lawen

Sian Frick

Sian telephoned Glynis Wyn to see if she received our invitation to host the Noson Lawen. She has tentatively accepted but has requested that we have an alternative lined up. Sian faxed a letter of invitation to *Calennig*, but as of yet has not received any answer from them. She shared a copy of the letter and passed around a tape of *Calennig*. Both Sian and Cheryl are very impressed with this instrumental group.

Hospitality

Danielle Wells

Danielle gave brief accounts of the trips to the Welsh Society of Harrisburg and the Red Dragon Welsh Society. These reports are included in the minutes of 03-26-94. Both Pat and Danielle felt that these visits were very worthwhile and will lend us invaluable support in the future. Cheryl advised us that she has purchased a number of bins in which to store Welsh cakes. We will approach Whiteford Packing about flash freezing and storing Welsh cakes and Slateville Church regarding the usage of their kitchen.

Grand Concert

Glenn advised the group that he received a phone message from David Gwesyn Smith regarding his participation in the Grand Concert. He is interested. We will send a letter to him requesting his terms for contract in writing. It was suggested that Louise Taliesin also be invited to be a soloist at the Grand Concert. Due to her health and employment situation, we voted by common consent to approach her in three months time to see if her outlook has improved.

Worship Service

Dick Baskwill

Rev. Maxwell Roberts has accepted the invitation to deliver the sermon and Rev. Richard Price Baskwill will assist in the liturgy and service. Cor Rehoboth will be asked to provide special music.

Gymanfa Sessions

Barry Wells

Market Place

William and Marge Markley

The Markleys spoke with Sharon Hassinger of the Hilton and confirmed a tear-down time for the Market Place on Tuesday, the day after Labor Day. In order to block off the third floor and set-up on Wednesday, we need to have 150 reservations for Wednesday or pay a fee of \$1900.00. We do not feel that we can do either, so we voted by common consent to open the Market Place early on Thursday. Marge, Bill and Ron will create a registration form for the merchants at Bellevue for advanced placement at our National. Reilly's fee is \$45.00 per table. We need to find out how much electric hook-up will increase the cost.

WAY

Cheryl Mitchell

Cheryl is still waiting for word from the current President of WAY on what event they would like to sponsor. Sian suggested that a Twmpath be held at the same time as the Banquet.

Seminars

Dick Baskwill

Dick has five scheduled seminars and seven other seminar topics under consideration. Earl Williams will be bringing Rhiannon Evans to the Welsh Market Place to promote her line of Celtic jewelry. He suggested that she lead a seminar on Celtic art and history. Priscilla will also look into the prospect of a seminar on Thomas L. Thomas, since Celia Thomas (his wife) will be attending the '95 National. The number of seminars we hold will depend on the number of conference rooms available at both hotels. There will be a 25 person minimum in order to hold the seminar. Dick will compile a list of all seminars for our review at the next meeting.

Tours

Bill St. Clair

Program Booklet

Carter and Cindy Seibel

Welsh Cakes

Danielle Wells

Danielle invites recipes to be submitted for testing and approval.

Civic Reception

Priscilla Sherman

Priscilla is now approaching the newly elected officials in Pennsylvania for their support. She went to Senator Bortner's office to ask if the Welsh Flag could be flown the entire weekend over the State Capitol.

End of Committee Reports

Pat and Bill St. Clair announced that they will be travelling to Wales this summer to visit Glynne Jones. While there they will visit Glynis Wyn in Swansea and *Calennig* to encourage their participation in the '95 National. Terms of contract can also be discussed.

Glenn brought his filing system to the meeting and explained how subjects are arranged in it. It will hold copies of all correspondence for any member to view. Copies of *Ninnau* and *Y Drych* will also be kept for archival purposes.

Dick informed the group that two filing cabinets have been donated to the Chapel for use during the National.

Glenn reminded the group that stationary is now needed since we can promote the '95 National. Marge will look into prices and quantities.

We also need to consider ordering T-shirts, golf shirts and sweat shirts with our official logo. We need to have these to wear to the Bellevue National. We will also investigate the sale of these items at Bellevue. By a vote of common consent, a minimum order of these items will be purchased. Marge and Sian will look into prices and minimum order amounts. Shirts are to be ash grey.

Pat and Glenn will work on a letter to go out to Welsh societies and corporate sponsors inviting their support.

Since Mike Granados is graduating this weekend, he sent questions to our meeting via Cheryl. He is requesting an ad in the Bellevue program booklet that will cost \$250.00. The deadline for the ad is July 15th. He has the ad ready to go and just needs approval from the group. By vote of common consent, we will purchase a full page ad in the Bellevue program for the Hymn Competition. Mike sent a letter to Glynne Jones requesting his participation in the Hymn Competition as an adjudicator. He is waiting for a reply. Mike also requests an address list of Welsh publications so he may circulate the ad in them. Dick is concerned with the cost of this project and encourages everyone to help Mike find sponsors. It is our hope that the underwriting will finance a majority of the prize money.

A letter needs to go out to Jack Schaum stating his responsibilities as the announcer and the compensation he will receive for his participation.

Glenn briefly outlined our *meeting schedule for the summer*. The next meeting of the WNGGA Harrisburg '95 Committee will be on *June 11th in Harrisburg*. The location of the meeting will be announced at a later date. We will be touring hotel facilities and meeting with Todd Kohr of the Harrisburg Department of Convention and Tourism. Committee heads should be prepared with questions for Todd and hotel directors.

The *July 23rd meeting will be held at the home of Margaret Supik* in Bel Air, Maryland. In event that she is not able to host it, Marge and Bill Markley offered their home. The main thrust of the July meeting will be to prepare our next progress report for the Executive Committee of the WNGGA that will be due at the Bellevue National on Labor Day Weekend. This report needs to be more detailed with projected cost figures included. *An August meeting may be needed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Wells
Recording Secretary