

Minutes of Niagara Meeting
@ Minneapolis - Sept 2nd
1978

The 1979 National Gymanfa Ganu Planning Committee met at the National at Minneapolis on Sept. 2, 1978. Those members in attendance were: Lewis Edwards, Gwyn Crysler, Jack Crysler, Lyn Harry, Rev. J. H. Jones, Mair Monkhouse and Dwyn Griffis.

Gwyneth stated that the Trustees has agreed to give us another \$500. Trustees voted to allow the Committee 10¢ a mile for transportation to meetings instead of the 15¢ we had been receiving.

Banquet: Mair Monkhouse stated that after negotiations with the Convention Center a price of \$8.00 was established. Motion made by Gwyn Crysler that we accept this. Seconded by Jack Crysler. Motion carried. Menu is as follows: Fruit cup, Relish Tray, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Roast Beef, Oven baked potatoes, Broccoli, Glazed Carrots, Strawberry Cheesecake, Coffee, Tea, Milk and wine for the Toast. There will be round tables seating eight at each table. Discussed possibility of using three flags as the centerpiece. (American, Canadian and Welsh) Entertainment for Banquet: It was suggested that we offer the choir \$750 which would include their bus transportation and their performance. This matter tabled until the next meeting. Gwyneth brought two bells (one Welsh Dragon and one daffodil pattern) to be used as favors.

Discussion held on these but tabled until the next meeting.

The name of Owyn Arwel Hughes was put in for consideration for Director along with the two others. This tabled until the next meeting.

We discussed stationary quotations from a Niagara printer and a Youngstown printer. As per Trustees we are free to use colors of our choice for the stationary. Decided to go with the Youngstown printer at a total cost of \$860 for 12,000, including envelopes. (Three mailings at 4000 each mailing) Motion made by Rev. J. H. Jones that we accept the two color stationary as offered omitting the insignia on the bottom of stationary. Jack Crysler seconded. Motion carried. A printer in Buffalo quoted prices for Banquet menus: 1000 menus, using two colors \$177--One color \$150 per thousand. Banquet tickets in gold with black printing--1000 numbered tickets \$41.50. Gold on white- 1000 numbered tickets \$28.80.

Lewis Edwards stated that the seminars have been very popular here in Minneapolis and people were hoping it could be continued next year.

Consensus of opinion that we would not need seminars in Niagara because of the Falls and the Goat Island doings. We will decide on the day for Goat Island ceremony at a later date, depending on the reply from Prince Charles. We will investigate as to what will be available in the way of fashion shows for either men or women.

Two more names have been suggested for soloists: Stewart Burroughs and Miriam Merriman. Lewis Edwards received a letter from the Welsh Tourist Board. They had moved and also have a new Chairman, therefore the delay in answering his letter. Lewis said the Board is behind this Committee in our attempt to secure the Prince for part of our ceremonies. Lewis was given a list of names to write letters to to get their support although the Prince makes his own decisions on these matters. They will provide us with a commemorative plaque, metal engraving on slate. Will submit several designs. Thanks to Lord Parry we were given the name of Barbara B. Baker who is with Channel 4 in Buffalo. We can use this means for publicity. Lewis Edwards wants to have publicity out as soon as possible, although we can't do much until we have decided on the Gymanfa Director and as to whether Prince Charles will be here. First letter to go out as soon as we can, hopefully in October.

Lewis received a letter from a harpist in Wales who is willing to participate.

Next meeting to be held Sept. 16th--1:00 P.M. at the Niagara Hilton.

Respectfully submitted:

Dwyn Griffis

Dwyn Griffis, Secretary