

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA CANU ASSOCIATION, INC., HELD AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1972 AT 9:30 A.M.

Seated at the table were: Mr. Emlyn Lloyd, President
Mr. Owen Roberts, Vice President
Mr. D. M. Edwards, Treasurer
Mr. Lewis Edwards, Immediate Past President
Mr. John G. Roberts, Endowment Fund Chairman
Miss Catherine Dodd as Recording Secretary

1. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Emlyn Lloyd and a prayer was offered by Mr. D. M. Edwards.

Mr. Lloyd announced the absence of our Secretary, Mr. Jack Meadows due to a serious operation and that he is now on the road to a complete recovery.

2. The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read by Miss Catherine Dodd, Recording Secretary. A correction by Mrs. Jean Steinlein was made regarding the date of the Chicago Gymanfa Canu. The year should be 1933 not 1953. The minutes were approved as corrected by Mr. Tom Edwards, seconded by Mr. Gwynn Parri. Motion carried.

Mr. Dick Thomas questioned the change of the name Welsh National Gymanfa Canu Association from the National Gymanfa Canu Association. President remarked that this action was taken last year after due consideration and it was felt that the addition of Welsh would so identify us.

Mrs. Mair Monkhouse stated that the Ardwyn Singers were hosted by Knox Presbyterian Church of Youngstown.

3. Mrs. Robert Williams, General Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee welcomed the session to Chicago. She expressed her appreciation to everyone for their attendance and thanked her committees for the wonderful cooperation she has had and to Mr. Emlyn Lloyd and Mr. Jack Meadows for their fine assistance. She also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Gwynn Parri who shared with her their experiences at the 1970 Milwaukee National Gymanfa.
4. A report of the 1971 National Held in Salt Lake City by Mrs. Ann Davies Thomas was the next order of business. Mrs. Thomas gave a resume of the 1971 Gymanfa. She also announced that Col. Thomas at the age of 92 was to receive the honor of being the Senior Commander of the Spanish American War Veterans, and Mrs. Ada Thomas could not attend as she was recuperating in the hospital. Mrs. Thomas pointed out that in Salt Lake City the oldest person who attended was 94 and the youngest $2\frac{1}{2}$ years of age. Also that Colorado had 130 members present, Canada 119, Ohio 74, New York 59 and Nevada 4. She thanked everyone for an outstanding job, for the wonderful talent and to Dr. Roberts for his fine conducting. A gift from four members in the amount of \$200.00 is to be presented to the National Gymanfa Association. Mr. Emlyn Lloyd thanked Mrs. Thomas for this fine report.
5. Mr. Obie Cobley, Chairman of the Credential Committee reported that there were 58 life members and 6 annual members.
6. Mr. D. M. Edwards gave the treasurer's report, a copy of which has been given to everyone in attendance. A motion was made by Judge E. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Gwynn Parri that this report be accepted. Motion carried.

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Mr. Dick Thomas questioned the \$26.00 for the State of Ohio due to change in Constitution. President answered that the organization is incorporated in Ohio and any changes must be filed with the State of Ohio.

7. Mr. John Roberts, President of the Endowment Fund stated that between September 2, 1971 to August 14, 1972 a total of \$1,535.00 has been donated. A complete record of everyone who had contributed are kept in the Endowment Book which is up to date.
8. President reported that the Secretary's and Treasurer's books were audited by the committee, Mr. R. Davies of Oregon and Mr. Emrys Davies of Cleveland, and found to be in order and balanced. A motion was made on the acceptance of these reports by Mr. Lyndon Jones, seconded by Mr. Lewis Edwards. Motion carried.
9. Mr. D. M. Edwards gave the secretary's report for Mr. Jack Meadows. All necessary letters extending from the Salt Lake City business had been taken care of together with hundreds of other letters that were sent out. Also, the new badges for the officers were taken care of, the ad placed in the Enfy's, attended meeting of the Executive Committee with the Ontario Gymanfa Committee, met with the Chicago Committee, received reports from Wales for 1974, sold two thousand hymnals and one hundred phonetics, contacts with Cincinnati for 1974 National Gymanfa and Philadelphia for 1976. Upon motion this report was duly accepted.
10. Mrs. Ann Davies Thomas asked at this time that we remember two of our members who are seriously ill, in our prayers, namely, Mr. Jack Meadows and Mrs. Elwyn Hughes. Rev. Kenneth Jones gave a prayer for our members who are ill. President said that a card had been sent to Mr. Jack Meadows and signed by the members, since our arrival in Chicago.
11. The President reported that by mutual agreement between the Executive Committee of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association and representatives of the Ontario Gymanfa Ganu Association the venue for the 1973 National Gymanfa has been changed from St. Catharines, Ontario to Toronto.

He had received a letter from President Blanch expressing his regret at not being able to attend the Chicago Gymanfa due to being on a visit to Wales. Mr. Blanch sent his best wishes for a successful Gymanfa.

Mr. Lewis Edwards, on behalf of Mr. Blanch and the Ontario organization extended a warm invitation to all to attend the 1973 National in Toronto.
12. The President read greetings and good wishes from:

Anghared and Trefor Lloyd Roberts, Wrexham, Wales
Lyn Howell and John Allison, Alderman of Swansea, Wales
First Congregational Church, Bennington, Vermont where
they are holding their Annual Gymanfa Ganu on October 8, 1972.
Iowa Gymanfa Ganu Association
13. Mr. D. J. Evans of the Wales Tourist Board and the Swansea Gymanfa Ganu Association extended an invitation to everyone to attend a Gymanfa Ganu in Swansea on August 1, 1974 to August 10, 1974. Plans are well under way for a wonderful time. Brochures were given to everyone giving complete details.

14. The new officers of the WAY group were presented at this time. Mr. Gwynn Parri introduced President, Daniel Rees of San Diego, California and Jennifer Monkhouse, Vice President, of Hamburg, New York. Mr. D. J. Evans presented the President of the WAY group with some books on Wales, thanking them for their fine work in sustaining their roots as Welsh through this organization.

Mr. Rees addressed the meeting and thanked Mr. Evans for his presentation. He is looking forward to the trip to Wales as he has many relatives there and has been involved with Welsh American organizations most of his life.

He expressed two changes that he as President would like to make. First, a representation from the WAY group at the business meeting of the Welsh National Gymanfa Canu Association and secondly, as they have very little time to select their officers they would like to hold their election later to give them a chance to meet the new people who joined their group.

Miss Monkhouse thanked the National Gymanfa Committee for their support toward making the WAY group possible. A personal thanks to her parents for their Welsh heritage and how proud she is to be Welsh.

Mr. Emlyn Lloyd thanked these young people for their fine spirit and cooperation with us.

15. President at this time recognized Mr. Wilfred Greenway and Rev. Kenneth Jones of New York and asked them to stand.
16. The President announced receipt of a letter from Dr. Francis K. Davis, President of the Welsh Society of Philadelphia extending an invitation to hold the 45th Annual National Gymanfa Canu in Philadelphia in 1976.

The Gymanfa will be sponsored by the Welsh Society of Philadelphia and the Women's Welsh Club of Philadelphia.

Mr. John Watkins of the Philadelphia Convention Bureau spoke on behalf of the City and read a letter from Mayor Frank L. Russo officially endorsing the invitation to their city. Miss Elizabeth Griffiths of the Women's Welsh Club of Philadelphia also spoke on behalf of the invitation.

The President thanked the people of Philadelphia for this invitation and advised that action would be taken by the Board of Trustees later in the day.

17. Election of Trustees was called for. Two from Canada, four from Eastern U.S. and two from Western U.S..

The nominating committee were:

Dr. D. L. Mandry, Chairman
Helen Richards
Norman Williams
Ben Haddock
Jack Meadows
Eluned Thomas

Nominees for Canada were:

Glynn Roberts
H. Wynne Price

Nominees for Eastern U.S. were:

Helen Richards

Rev. Kenneth Jones
Norman Williams
Judge Elwyn Jenkins
Rev. Aaron Davies

Nominees for Western U.S. were:

Ann Davies Thomas
Ben Haddock

Nominations for Canada were called for from the floor. Lewis Edwards, Lyndon Jones and John B. K. Jenkins. Nominations were duly closed.

Results of the secret ballot for Canada were:

H. Wynne Price
Lewis Edwards

Nominations from the East were called for from the floor. Mair Monkhouse, Mrs. R. J. Williams. Mrs. Williams declined to stand. Nominations were duly closed.

Results of the secret ballot for the East were:

Rev. Kenneth Jones
Norman Williams
Judge Elwyn Jenkins
Mair Monkhouse

Nominations from the West were called for from the floor. Dona Davis. Nominations were duly closed.

Results of the secret ballot for the West were:

Ann Davies Thomas
Ben Haddock

On motion by D. M. Edwards, seconded by Lewis Edwards, the ballots were destroyed.

18. The President read a letter from Mrs. Jean Williams Steinlein on behalf of the Chicago Committee in which they asked that two recommendations be submitted to the meeting:

1. The report from the local committee shall be in the hands of the National Committee no later than January 1st of the following year.
2. The monetary split between the local committee and the national committee should be 50/50. This recommendation if passed should be effective in 1972.

In the discussion that followed Mrs. Steinlein also suggested that the National Committee should select the headquarters hotel and that the sponsoring committee take over the details from there.

The President advised that the Board of Trustees now have under consideration a new draft of "Rules and Regulations to Sponsoring Committees." The new regulation has a provision requiring a report from a Sponsoring Committee not later than 90 days after the conclusion of the Gymanfa, but retains

the present 60/40 monetary split, which has been in effect since 1958. After considerable discussion the President suggested that the matter could be brought to a vote if a motion was made and supported.

After further discussion Mrs. Steinlein moved that these recommendations be submitted to the new Board of Trustees and that the "Rules and Regulations to the Sponsoring Committees" be reported on and be approved at our next annual meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Tom Edwards. Motion carried.

19. President discussed the new hymnal that the committee is working on. Mrs. Ann Davies Thomas stated that she has now enlarged her committee and a meeting will be held during this session. Progress is being made in this matter.
20. A memorial service was held for those who died since our previous annual meeting. Their names were called by Mr. John G. Roberts and a carnation was placed in a vase in memory of each one by Mrs. R. J. Williams. A prayer was offered by Rev. Aaron Davies.
21. Mr. Douglas Jones announced that plans were in the making for a one thousand voice male choir from Wales to come to North America in 1973 or 1974.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M..

WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION, Inc.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Fiscal Year Ending July 31st 1972

Balance August 1st 1971 - Savings Account	\$7,404.66	
- Checking Account	<u>1,003.59</u>	\$ 8,408.25

Receipts:

Memberships 32 Life 17 Annual	356.00	
Donations	15.00	
Sale of Hymnals and Phonetics	1,595.05	
Interest on Savings	<u>300.64</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>2,266.69</u>
		10,674.94

Disbursements:

Printing & Stationery	201.86	
Printing New Constitutions and By-Laws	434.40	
Advertising (Drych 199.50 Enfys 34.30)	233.80	
Badges	161.38	
Ohio Change of Constitution	26.00	
Postage and Handling Hymnals	43.12	
Memorial Service Roses	30.00	
Postage (Sec)	323.08	
Telephone "	32.17	
Supplies "	78.47	
Travel "	42.00	
Secretary Emeritus Gift	600.00	
Secretary Gift	250.00	
Recording Secretary Gift	50.00	
Canadian Exchange	<u>.53</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>2,506.81</u>

Balance July 31st 1972		
Savings Account	7,705.30	
Checking Account	<u>462.83</u>	\$ 8,168.13
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ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance August 1st 1971		\$ 5,189.64
Donations	1,670.00	
Interest	<u>300.68</u>	<u>1,970.68</u>
Balance July 31st 1972		<u>\$ 7,160.32</u>
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