

St. Paul

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1987 NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 5, 1987

Present: Judy Cilcain, Eleanor Wylie, Mae Anderson, Kay Thomas, Jack Davis, Walter Carlock, Marveen Minish

Corrections to the minutes of July 14, 1987: page 2, paragraph 4, line 1 - change Dr. Sam Cook to Dr. Sam Jones. Page 2, paragraph 5, line 5, change Sam Cook to Sam Jones. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report stated a checking balance of \$39,859.84. Donations totalling \$337 have been received for the Welsh cakes.

The treasurer has not received invoices for the insurance as yet. Treasurer will check with the agent, as the Ordway requires insurance certificates two weeks prior to the event. An advance deposit of \$2,000 is also required by the Ordway.

Judy Cilcain gave the registration report. Total registration is 660 to date, which is apparently about normal. Memorials have been received from 169 persons for a total of \$2,525. Noson Lawen registration is 399; banquet 437; concert 574.

Judy had a question regarding the limit on seminar registration. The maximum room capacity is 70. The Vacations in Wales seminoar has 64 registrants so far. It was decided that this seminar's room would be switched with that used for the Ar Y Plant so as to allow more people to attend.

The Prince Madog seminar on Friday has been cancelled, due to the fact that the instructor cannot be present. Judy Cilcain will advise the 18 persons registered for it.

✓ Three hundred hymnals will be sent to the hotel.

Judy Cilcain needs the names of persons who are not registered, but receive information packets, such as the director and organist. Mae Anderson will check on this.

It was announced that medical assistance is available at the hotel, should anyone need it.

Three hundred thirty rooms are booked, which fills the Radisson three-fourths full.

The bus contract has been signed. Arrangements have been made for use of the transit-type buses rather than school buses. It was suggested that instead of tickets, a sticker be affixed to the person's name badge to indicate payment of bus ticket fee. Jack Davis moved that \$3.00 be charged for the total bus rides during the weekend. Kay Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Proclamation signing to declare "Welsh Week" during the Gymanfa span will be held in the Mayor's office on Monday, August 10 at 1:45 p.m. in Room 347 of City Hall. The photographer who took individual pictures of the committee will be used to photograph the proclamation signing.

It was decided that the Convention Bureau would print the name badges with a carbon ribbon to increase sharpness of the image. We are already entitled to 20 hours of free typing from the Bureau. Judy Cilcain will provide the information to them regarding names.

Mae Anderson reported that a cash register can be rented for \$25 for the weekend. It was agreed that this would be wise. Also, it was agreed that a beeper for Mae Anderson should be rented for \$12.

Mae Anderson reported that Dr. Samuel Jones did not feel that the honorarium of \$400 was sufficient for his performance at the two Sunday sessions. He had expected to have his total expenses for the weekend paid. It was decided that Mae Anderson and the secretary should compose a letter in reply. (Note: Mae later decided to call Dr. Jones so that the matter could be presented as tactfully as possible. Dr. Jones reiterated that he would not come for the \$400 offered, so declined to attend. A substitute will be found by the committee for that event to take his place.)

Austin Evans has agreed to be the concert master of ceremonies. It was decided that a practice time for the concert will be held on Friday.

The decision to take the local committee's share of the Sunday church offering as a donation to Oxfam Wales was verified.

Discussion was held regarding seminars. It was reiterated that the various committee chairmen must secure these, now. There is special need for many volunteers at the service center. It was suggested that a general chairman/men for the service center would be wise. Dick Roberts, Bob Burt, John Morrison and Ellis Jones were suggested as possibilities.

The marketplace section has 13 paid booths, 5-6 unpaid, and the St. David's Society booth.

Grace Hewitt will be invited to sit at the head table for the banquet to represent the Minnesota Gymanfa Ganu, as Viva Bowen cannot attend. Grace is Vice President.

The WAY luncheon menu was changed to beef ala Deutsch because beef stragonoff is no longer offered. Unfortunately, it will be 30¢ higher in price.

Greetings were finally received from Prince Charles, in time for them to be included in the program. The first greetings from him went astray and arrived a week after the replacement we had requested.

The advertising posters are ready. Mae Anderson will pick them up and she and the publicity chairman will select places to display them.

John Dingley and Mae Anderson met to discuss the work he is doing for the committee. He lowered his price to \$85, and asked that \$50 be applied toward the cost of his booth in the marketplace and that we would pay him only \$35 cash.

Plans were made for the committee and other volunteers to meet to stuff the information packets. The project will be done at the Hotel Radisson St. Paul. The basic packet stuffing will be done on Tuesday, August 25, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch. The room assigned will be listed on the hotel notice board. The second stuffing session will be Tuesday, September 1, at the hotel at 5:30 p.m. Again, bring lunch.

The committee should also note that on Saturday, September 5, prior to the concert, the Wales Tourist Board will be giving a reception for Wyn Roberts and the committee will be invited. More details will follow.