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1987 NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 16, 1987

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

Also present: Ruth Jones, Banquet committee; Florence and Bob Carr, Marketplace committee

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The treasurer reported that all bills are paid. Donations for making the Welsh cakes thus far total \$70. The rental cost for Landmark Center has been paid. Advertising costs for Y Drych are also up to date. The treasurer requested the secretary to write a letter to a registrant regarding an NSF check for \$500.

Judy Cilcain reported on registrations. Thus far, 365 persons have registered. 100 memorial donations have been received for a total of \$1,539, and 53 contributions received for a total of \$2,217. Thus far, Friday seminars have 161 registrants and Saturday seminars have 158 registrants. The tours are also receiving good registration.

Name badges were discussed. Through the use of the Convention Bureau for our reservations, the committee is entitled to four hours of free typing for every 100 hotel rooms booked. They could provide the badges; however, it is not known whether they would be the bold type desired. A sample is being sent to Mae Anderson.

Mae Anderson discussed the topic of registration lines. She suggested certain alphabetical divisions so as to better distribute the most common names. She also suggested having a "service center" in the registration area for miscellaneous items so that registration personnel deal only with registration. Kay Thomas' father will be asked to make the signs for this area.

The Carrs reported on the Marketplace. Results thus far are disappointing. It is not known whether the mis-reported setting up time has been a factor, or whether vendors perceive the midwest as never-never land, etc. There are 14 booths thus far, including the complimentary ones. They had met with hotel personnel. It was felt that use of the hotel security personnel should be sufficient for our purposes. The charge has been reduced to \$25 per booth, regardless of the number. This means we will be paying for the complimentary booths, so must include this in our budget. After discussion, it was decided that a second notice would be sent to vendors to remind them of the July 1 deadline.

Jack Davis reported that Howard Williams feels the seminars are covered as far as speakers are concerned. There seems to be a mix-up in knowing whether David Ponting will be doing a seminar. The representative from the National Trust specified an airline arrival date for Ponting; however, we have had no other word. Howard will be notified to make a contact and straighten this matter out.

The Hospitality Committee report was given. The contract was signed with Landmark Center and fees paid. We have a contract for the preparation of the Welsh cakes. The Prom lunch service was chosen. Negotiations are still continuing to get the price of the box lunch to an even \$5. There will be a choice of sandwich between turkey and roast beef. An advantage of the Prom service is that reservations can be made only a few days in advance rather than a week or more as other services require. All tickets will be prepaid at the service center so no money need change hands and thus slow box lunch service at the mealtime. As the option for a box lunch was not included in registration material, signs will need to be prominently displayed at the registration area as people sign in and register.

The Convention Bureau had a complete list of restaurants that are open on Sunday. Jane Wilson volunteered to check with each of these to ascertain their schedules for the Gymanfa weekend. She will also check them to see which are open for breakfast on Monday.

Limosine service information will be provided in each registration packet. They run every day on the hour,

Mae Anderson will meet with Dorothy Jones regarding types of tickets for box lunches. It was suggested that plain rolls of tickets with contrasting colors be used.

Personnel for directing people to the Landmark and within the Landmark during lunch times is needed.

Ruth Jones discussed preparations for the banquet. Entertainment will be provided by the Shrine Chanters. Lindsay Evans, who is being brought by the National Trust, will be the speaker. A follow-up letter should be sent to confirm these arrangements made with John Alwyn-Jones, the Trust's representative, who met with some committee members on May 29.

The banquet will begin at 7:30 p.m. One hour will be devoted to program. Dr. Alan James was suggested for invocation and benediction. Dr. David Williams was suggested for the master of ceremonies. Ruth Jones will contact Dr. Williams with this request. Ruth will need names of head table personnel. She is to call David Thomas for this information. She will also contact the director of the Chanters regarding biographical information.

Included in the program will be some greetings and remarks by Mae Anderson and also a presentation to 3M. Prys Edwards will give this presentation to 3M on behalf of their contributions to the economic growth of Wales. Mr. Edwards is Chairman of the Wales Tourist Board.

The question was also raised as to who of the head table personnel receive a complimentary ticket. This will also be checked with David Thomas, as to what is customary as far as National Board members are concerned.

It was suggested that Betty Kinsey, who does calligraphy, be asked to make place cards.

There will be no separate printed program for the banquet. The menu will also be included in the program in the booklet.

Mae Anderson reported that Mary Mergenthal reported from Wales that we are getting an unknown group in Taran. Since Ar Log was discovered this way, it is to be hoped that this will be a similar positive experience. Mae Anderson and Kay Thomas will meet to decide the time allotments for each segment of the concert program.

Prys Edwards, who is also president of the Welsh Youth Organization, will be the speaker at the WAY luncheon. The pool party and folk dance will be at the same time as the banquet. There will be another dance session after the noson lawen. The need for a group of youth from this area to act as hosts and catalyst for youth activities was discussed. It was mentioned that Howard Williams has children thought to be the right ages. There is also a former president of the St. David's Society living in Renville who is anxious to assist and who has a son who might be asked to help.

Kay Thomas and Mae Anderson met with the persons at the Ordway and felt the meeting was productive. The contract is due to be signed June 29. The estimated costs to which we objected are included that way because of the inability to pin down exactly what labor union costs are involved in any changes of arrangements. It was felt that the rapport during this meeting was very good.

The matter of recording the Gymanfa was discussed. If recording is done in the Ordway, whether by them or by us, a different union pay scale goes into effect. There will be a \$60 charge just for the fact that we are recording, /per session plus the raised pay scale, which would amount to nearly \$500 more than our proposed costs. More discussion will be held on the feasibility and desirability of making and selling those recordings.

If hymnals are sold at the Gymanfa, the Ordway wants 10%, but will do all the paperwork and sales tax which also must be charged. The general consensus was that we would try some other arrangement, but no definite plans were made.

The Ordway would like a printout of all the names of the registrants so that they can check in case of lost tickets, etc. This will pose no problem to our registration people by that time. The Ordway is printing the tickets. Maximum capacity is set for 1,700 when unassigned seats are used. They will open the house one hour prior to the beginning of the sessions. There is no recording or photographic equipment allowed in the auditorium.

Dr. Samuel Jones will provide some of the special music during the afternoon session.

Dick Roberts was suggested for the public relations work that is needed in local promotion and scheduling appearances for visiting Welsh artists. Mae will ask him to do this.

Next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, at the home of Marveen Minish, 331 Pearson Way N.E., Fridley.