

MILWAUKEE '97 NATIONAL WELSH GYMANFA GANU COMMITTEE

First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha

Minutes of May 13, 1995

The committee met at 2:30 PM and was joined by members of sub-committees formed at the meeting on March 25th. Present were: Arline Barsamian, Mary and Gary Davis, Eunice Evans, Eloise and John Morris, Dilys and Charles Spransy, Gwen Tausend, Geraint Wilkes, Jane and David Williams, Janis Batty, Anna Mae Badciong, Joanne Evans, Tom Guy, Dick Myers, JoAnne Simon, Llewellyn Williams.

David chaired the meeting. The first order of business was to review the venue options for the Gymanfa and the Concert. After exploration by the committee the two options were the Milwaukee Auditorium (Mecca) and the Cooley Auditorium at Milwaukee Area Technical College. A motion was made by David and seconded by Geraint, "that we contract for and use Cooley Auditorium for the Sunday afternoon and evening Gymanfa Ganu and the Milwaukee Auditorium for the Saturday night concert." The motion passed.

There was a suggestion which was discussed that a Gymanfa Ganu be held in Milwaukee before the National in '97 would create interest and a following in the area. It was suggested that it be held in 1996. The Events committee will consider this possibility.

Eloise brought to attention a Wisconsin Travel publication which lists events and suggested that we find out how we can get listed in 1997.

The subject of the importance of attracting a younger age group and how to do it was discussed. Giving proper exposure time to children and youth is important. Suggested were: multi-activities such as a Youth Eisteddfod, dancing, cooking, art activities, choirs. The question about the current status of WAY (Welsh American Youth) was raised. It was decided to start by compiling a list of names of persons to work on children & youth activities. Mary Davis will take the names. Names should be sent to Mary Davis, 720 Seventh St. Fennimore, WI 53172.

Treasurer, Mike Penny, sent copies of the financial report. There is a balance as of May 11, 1995 of \$2115.65.

David said he had recently learned that we do not have charitable status with the IRS (501-c3). Wisconsin Gymanfa Ganu does not have it, so although we have non-profit status under WGG, donated money can not be deductible as charitable at this time. We need to talk to someone who does corporation law. Geraint will talk to Rees Lloyd and Gary will talk to Nelson Llewellyn.

Sub Committee Reports

Events

Geraint has contracted with CÔR Y TRAETH of Angelesy. They have agreed to the contents of the contract and he is now waiting for the return of the contract. Transportation will be handled by them. The program will be Welsh oriented, two 50 minute segments with intermission between. Soloists will come from the choir. No extra soloists will be brought.

The Program is called "The Welsh Connection (in the field of music) The Story of Joseph Parry, 'How Green WAS My Valley' and Daniel Protheroe".

For the Thursday night "Folk Night" Geraint is working on getting TV(S4C WAles) performer, Margaret Williams or Harry Secomb. Robin Huw Bowen and Cusan Tân (The Kiss of Fire) is still a possibility. Geraint will give us an up-date at the next meeting.

Events, continuedMary Davis' report of the March 25th meeting attached. They have great ideas!

Registration/Accomodations Gwen Tausend and Eloise Morris

Gwen Tausend's report of the March 25th meeting is attached.

Jan Batty will contact Steve Ensley who worked on registration at the Gymanfa in Bellevue last year about computer use. If Jan's computer can not carry the load, she may lease a computer for the job to be done.

Publicity Dick Myers

Minutes of the Publicity Committee of the March 25th meeting submitted by Mike Penny are attached.

Support Services Tom Guy

Tom brought a logo design to be considered. Several suggestions were made. Slogan ideas were thought about and some ideas given.

The schedule for meetings of the Steering Committee and Sub-committees was discussed. The following schedule was agreed upon:

1. The Steering Committee and chairpersons of the four Sub-committees will meet at six week intervals.
2. The Sub-committees will meet separately on their own time plan.
3. The Entire group, Steering Committee and Sub-committees will meet quarterly.

People who are interested in working but have not come to a meeting yet will be allocated to Sub-committees.

THE NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING--AUG 5,1995
THE NEXT COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING--SEPT.9,1995

Both meetings will be held at The First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha, unless otherwise notified.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilys Spransy

Dilys Spransy, Secretary