

Milwaukee '97 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu
Steering Committee Meeting **October 26, 1996**
Hyatt Regency Milwaukee 10:30 AM

Present: Arline & Nick Barsamian, Jan Batty, Mary & Gary Davis, Eunice Evans, Jane Hagensick, Eloise & John Morris, Janet Morgan, Jane Powell, Charles & Dilys Spransy, Betty Timm, Marge & Jack Wickert, David Williams.

The meeting was Co-chaired by Arline Barsamian and David Williams. The minutes of the September 28th meeting were approved as corrected as follows: On pg. 2, (para 3) "she suggests sponsorship of expenses for scholarship from WAY. Mary is working with the Arts Board for other expense money. (para 7) line 1 Omit "for Welsh World for Kids" . Line 2 spelling of Mr. Meirwyn Walters of So. Hamilton, MA. and Rev. Gwyn Walters.

The report received from Mike Penny, Treasurer, was that there was no change since last month's report, a balance of \$1469.91. It was agreed that we ask Mike to itemize the income and expense items in his treasury reports.

Jan Batty made a motion, "that those who want to claim money for expenses incurred be reimbursed if so desired". The motion was seconded by Eloise Morris. The motion passed. It was stressed that everyone keep track of their expenses. These expenses should be submitted by the end of 1996.

Arline Barsamian announced that Terry Houdek who had been the Hyatt Regency Representative working with us had resigned and that Nancy Bolton, Convention Services, would be walking us through today and working with us in the future.

The National Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association has agreed to lending us \$5000 but wants an itemized list of the expenditures. The hotel has received sixty reservations at this time. There was a discussion about adding to our hotel rate of \$75 in order to generate some of the money needed, but it was decided we would rather consider adding to the cost of registration.

David Williams who was recently in Wales approached the Welsh Arts Council for funds but was turned down because they only fund in Wales. He is working on asking the Welsh Tourist Board for an increase in the amount they can give us and asking if they can give it to us in 1996. While in Wales David made contact with newspapers, "Western Mail" and "Wales on Sunday". He had interviews and an article with pictures of him and Jane with their daughter and son. Trefor Williams has news contacts also.

Committee reports started with Gary Davis who has Seminars. He distributed copies of his list. He said he had made all the contacts with the Welsh participants while he was in Wales. He and Mary had opportunity to meet the band in Trefor and the choir. Mary said the choir and band members want to get T shirts and bags and that we had better re-think having some made up to sell. Mary and Gary found out that the plane arrangements for transporting the choir and band are uncertain and that money from the National Lottery is only for the instruments, not the choir travel. The choir needs to raise £64,000 and the band £20,000. The question is, "Are we responsible for travel expense?" David will check on this.

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It was suggested that we add \$5.00 to the registration fee. Concert tickets not sold with registration will have to go through Ticketron and will cost more. All these situations strongly suggest that we need to figure out our ticket structure. We need to fine tune expenses, have someone look at it and then have each committee fine tune its expense. Those persons in charge of committees should bring their projected expenses in writing to the next meeting. Another question is "What about expenses for Dafydd Iwan and Margaret Williams?" We need to press Geraint Wilkes and Trefor Williams on this before the next meeting. A risk assesment person is needed.

Geneology was suggested as a seminar since there have been many people interested in it. Arline Barsamian said she has had contact with someone in the Mormon Church and was told that they could furnish a computer and personnel for geneology. Folk Dancing also is not included. The claim is that there is no room for it to be done.

The folder insert will need to be updated before the brochures are mailed out by Thanksgiving. This mailing will include a request for contributions, suggesting end of year tax benefits. Jan and David will work on it.

Gerald Goodrich has resigned from the Support Services Committee due to an unusually heavy work schedule. Margaret Glaswyn was suggested as a person to do the Program Book which Gerald was to do.

The first registration mailing goes out from National. They have labels . We will ask for the mailing list so that we can weed out names and make corrections. The second mailing goes out in June.

Arline Barsamian said she has received the stage flags and standards. She has heard from the Rev. Dr. Cerwyn Davies, the new National Gymanfa Ganu Association president. He would like to come to Milwaukee in November. The tentative dates for his visit are November 25th and 26th.

Tours--Jane Hagensick said that she and Arline had met with Jack Zwack and made out a tentative tour schedule. A bus rate was given for Lamers Tour Buses. Others will be checked. Suggested tours were: Kohler WI, an all day tour, The WAukesha Area tour, depending on Anne Knowles, for Friday, The Domes (twice), Holy Hill, Cedarburg , the Milwaukee River Boat Luncheon Cruise which requires a 50 person minimum at \$26.50 each. There are many places of interest very close by which can be suggested to guests. There are other ideas to be explored. The tours plan must be nailed down by Nov. 16th.

Following this meeting and lunch Nancy Bolton escorted us on a tour of the hotel space we will use.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 16th at 2PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha 810 N. East Ave.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilys Spransy

Dilys Spransy, Secretary

C.C. Rev. Dr. R. Cerwyn Davies

Mr. Nelson Llewellyn

COL. ALFRED J. REESE, JR.