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Milwaukee '97 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu
Steering Committee Meeting Nov.16,1996 2PM
First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha

Present: Arline Barsamian, Jan Batty, Mary & Gary Davis, Jane Hagensick, Eloise & John Morris, Mike Penny, Charles & Dilys Spransy, Charles E. Spransy, Marge & Jack Wickert, David Williams, Gwyn Young, Janet Morgan, Betty Timm.

David Williams chaired the meeting.

Minutes of October meeting were reviewed.

Treasurer, Mike Penny reported a balance of \$1269.91 in the bank account. The loan of \$5000 will be coming from the National Gymanfa Ganu Association. Mike said that he has arranged to be available at the Hyatt Headquarters during the days of the Gymanfa. He was assured that a committee room will be available, the Hotel Safe could be used, and that the St. Francis Bank has a branch close by since there will be much money coming in.

The Grace Church Fair will be held on June 21. A sub-committee to plan the Welsh participation was named: Geraint, Eloise Morris and Mike Penny.

SEMINARS Gary Davis said the length of seminar sessions will be one hour and 15 minutes. Room assignments will be made in June when he knows more about registration numbers. Equipment needs should be given to Charles Spransy in June also.

Genealogy will not be given in a seminar. Arline Barsamian had a response from the Mormon Church. They will not be able to do it -- unless conditions change. They are able to provide someone with a table and disks but no computer.

HOUSING We anticipate having to house between 200 and 250 persons, 70 in or with the band, 150 in or with the choir. Gary expressed some concern about the inexperience of the 15 youth who will be housed in the Marquette Dormitory. He will assure Geraint Jones, the Music Director. Jane Williams will take care of arranging housing for some of the other guests from Wales.

PROGRAM Geraint Wilkes learned that the Trefor Band (Jr & Sr) competing against other British bands in Chester won first prize.

The Madison Boy's Choir will not be able to come. Marge and Jack Wickert will ask their son, David, to ask the Appleton Boy's Choir and also to get a boy soloist from Madison.

Lazer artist, Terry Michaels, may be able to do some lighting to enhance the program. When Geraint gets back from Mexico he will set up a preview.

Heiser Ford, through a relative of Pat Wilkes, will come up with a package of Mini-vans and 4-5 drivers for some of the transportation needs.

Artist biographies are in for all but Margaret Williams.

A Co-chair at Wilkes Barre told Geraint that videos made there were profitable.

We need to look into it but if it is too much hassle we could employ someone to do it. Geraint will bring it up with Charles Spransy when he gets back.

Geraint asked how we can use the dancers. It is important to have them included as they wish to be. Mary Davis said she would like to put them in the Welsh World for Youth.

We should have National send Hymnals to the band and choir with a list of hymns to be used. Gary moved "that we send 18 National Hymnals to Trefor for the choir and band with permission to photo-copy at our expense." The motion passed.

Eleanor Bennett, Harpist, will be doing seminars. She wondered if there are any sponsors for an up-scale cocktail party she would like to give.

MARKET PLACE -- Geraint, reporting for Pat Wilkes, said that he and Pat had met with Dot Spransy who is on Pat's committee and will take care of Market Place business until Pat gets back. She is sending out letters to past vendors inviting them to request applications to sell at the Market Place. Dot would like to make and sell crafts and use the logo on them. It was agreed that we would grant non-exclusive rights to her to use the logo on crafts to sell at Market Place to the end of 1997. we would take 5% of sales and she would have to pay table rental.

OTHER CONCERNS All venues will need ushers. These can be obtained from Mary Davis' volunteer list. Men should be required to wear suits or blazers and women encouraged to wear Welsh costumes. A volunteer ushering orientation meeting must be held.

The Auditorium will need some "dressing up" . Geraint suggested a professional decorator, 'Party People' to be contacted. It is important to use unionized workers. We will need a sub-committee to work with Auditorium staff.

Concern was expressed for accomodating the numbers of people we anticipate and seating arrangement for the banquet and Thurs night's "We'll Keep a Welcome" in the Banquet Hall of the Hyatt. Geraint said that it is OK with the artists if we want to change rooms.

TV Channel 10/36 has not been interested in the Gymanfa Ganu. Lloyd Rees, an attorney in California offered to help with Public TV. Geraint will contact him when he gets back.

Several persons from other states and Wales are planning tours to bring people to the Gymanfa. We will not be involved in making arrangements, however.

SUPPORT SERVICES Charles Spransy said that Bradford's would like the contract for the organ signed and the down payment in January and the balance the last evening. He will stall as long as possible. His son, Charles E. Spransy, demonstrated his synthesizer and movable electric piano which he may lend for small group use. It was agreed that these would serve for this use. With the understanding that security would be provided, his offer was accepted.

Joe Whitmore and Charles Spransy propose making a Celtic Cross Carving to use on the Auditorium stage or elsewhere. A full size drawing was displayed. The committee approved and they will go ahead with it.

Charles asked that papers, items be saved for our Historians to file.

Gary Davis asked if Cynthia BAGley should proceed with the Arts Council grant proposal. At this time we can not write a proposal , but if they can do the proposal we will go ahead with it. There was agreement on this decision.

MEALS Marge Wickert expressed concern about the limited space for the banquet and program in the ballroom. The Hyatt has suggested alternate arrangements but none are acceptable. David said we seem to be stuck with it but he will tell the Hyatt "You cannot fulfill the contract". Various possibilities were discussed. Marge will keep options open and stall signing the contract until we get answers. Half the amount for the meal between sessions on Sunday is due on Feb. 28. This will be held in the Solomon Juneau Room at the Auditorium. Marge will ask for the possibility of a delay.

In answer to her question, Marge has the priviledge of menu choices.

TOURS Jane Hagensick listed the tours planned.: Milwaukee Co. Zoo, Edelweiss Harbor Dinner Tour, Waukesha:Carroll College, Welsh Farms, Waukesha Museum, Frank Lloyd Wright Buildings in Milwaukee, The Domes, Holy Hill, Kohler, WI., Cedarburg and Revolutionary War Enactment.

Jan Batty needs details on start and finish times for the registration forms. Departure times will be given. We will attempt to have one bus loading at a time. Volunteers to help when loading the buses will be needed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Matt Schultz is working on the list of people interested in the Arts. He and David will meet on Dec.9th.

The raffle license will be applied for in February. Welsh cake production will start in January.

It was decided that another 100 rooms will be reserved at the Hilton.

The Cambrian Gymanfa Ganu Association asked to order several hundred hymnals with our order. We have replied that since we have no discount they should contact the National Gymanfa Ganu Association .

THE NEXT MEETING -----JANUARY 18, 1997 2PM
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Respectfully submitted,

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