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Milwaukee '97 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu  
Steering Committee Meeting - Jan.18, 1997 2PM  
First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha

Present: Arline & Nick Barsamian, Jan Batty, Mary & Gary Davis, Margaret Glasgwyn, Jane Hagensick, Randy Hopf, Eloise & John Morris, Mike Penny, Dilys & Charles Spransy, Joe & Emma Whitmore, Marge & Jack Wickert, Jane & David Williams, Gwyn Young

David Williams chaired the meeting.

Minutes of the December 14, 1996 meeting were corrected as follows:

Pg1, (title) The date of the meeting was Dec.14. Add Geraint Wilkes to those present.

First paragraph, 2nd line, "minutes of the Nov.16 meeting were reviewed

Third paragraph, 3 lines, "Gary ...assure Geraint Jones."

Second paragraph from bottom, 3rd line, remove "permission to photocopy."

Last paragraph should read " Elinor Bennett...She will make herself available if we want to give a cocktail party."

Pg2 2nd paragraph, 12th line, "TV Channel 10/36..Rees Lloyd."

Pg3 "He and David will meet on Dec.28th."

" Welsh cake production will start in June.

"The Cambria Gymanfa Ganu Association..."

It was suggested and agreed that as a standard procedure we not send out minutes outside the Committee until they have been corrected.

Treasurer's report, Mike Penny distributed the second financial year report.

The treasury at this time has a balance of \$10,256.90. This amount includes \$9000 in loans. We have received a \$4000 loan from the Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin and a \$5000 loan from the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association.

Mike Penny said that Geraint Wilkes had been featured in a Waukesha newspaper article. Geraint has sung solos in many churches and Mike suggested we advertise the Gymanfa in area churches. David will check on if there is a central church list and music departments of local schools and colleges.

Meals-Marge Wickert said we may still have a capacity problem for the banquet room at the Hyatt. We want to keep the program in the banquet room but expect we may have more attending than can be accomodated. David will contact Nancy Bolton and ask for a layout for 800 people with provision for entertainment. If this cannot be satisfied Nancy Bolton may make arrangements to have the banquet at the Convention Center.

Mary Davis is writing articles for Y Drych and Ninnau about the Eisteddfod, Welsh World for Youth, Youth Activities, and the Hymn Sing. Joe Whitmore will write an article about Robin Reed.

Gary Davis has written an article about Geraint Wilkes as the Director of the Gymanfa Ganu sessions and on the Seminars and presenters. Gary sent to National for the hymnals on December 18th.

Charles Spransy said that keyboards can be borrowed from his son but insurance coverage will be needed. Randy Hopf volunteered that he can also supply keyboards. He and Charles will work on this. Charles requests lists of equipment needs for all activities. David said he will have an updated schedule soon and piano needs can then be assessed.

The need for shuttle buses was discussed since the skywalks do not go to all places. Jan Batty suggested, and it was agreed, that the following question be on the registration form, "In which hotel will you be staying?" The response may indicate a need for the shuttle bus.

Arline Barsamian said she had a letter from John Morgan who does press releases for Welsh papers. He wants more information and publicity for the Gymanfa.

Jane Williams reported that she is working with Cathy Morris on hospitality at the Marquette Dorms. The charge for rooms will be \$18 with linen supplied and \$15 without. We have to let the Band know, through Trefor Williams, about the dorm facilities.

The Tea Room-With a signed waiver we will be allowed to serve more than tea cakes. We will know the table sizes in March.

Jane said it has been suggested to her that an auction would bring in more money than a raffle. Discussion seemed to favor the raffle but we will think about it for next month's meeting. Jane said she needs confirmation on raffle prizes before she goes for the raffle tickets.

Public Relations- David said our PR agency had held off on some ads to save money because they thought they had to pay for it. He informed them that rather than hold off, we would pay for some of the placements.

For radio they need samples of some of the performers' music and something about them. They also need someone Welsh and known to do the voice-over. They especially need Margaret Williams' music. Geraint has some we think.

Eloise Morris asked if anyone is welcome to try out for the Eisteddfod since some students at Carroll and Marquette may want to do so. The answer is "YES"! Eloise brought a message from Eunice Evans. The cast is off her ankle but she has hurt her other foot. She is still ready to work on the committee and hopes to be here next month.

Eloise heard from Dafydd Edwards of North Wales who wants to sell his song books at the Gymanfa. This will be referred to Pat Wilkes.

Jan Batty had an inquiry from a man in Oregon who would like to know the charge for placing an ad in the program book. Dilys will check minutes for any information on this.

Dot Spransy has permission to use the logo on crafts she will make to sell at the MarketPlace, but is not interested in doing T-shirts or bags.

The Bi-monthly "UK Magazine", circulation 38,000, mostly East Coast second and third generation Welsh, offered a full page color cover and editorial coverage for \$700. After discussion Mike Penny moved, "that we take it". The motion passed. Gary Davis will write an article and request further information. It was suggested that he also submit to other papers.

Jan Batty passed out a mock-up registration form. Plans are: the logo will be used for the front. Jan will call Dorothy and Erv Nowicki about it. The front article will be written by Co-Chair, David Williams and Arline Barsamian. The "no charge for children under 17 yrs" will be checked out with Nelson LLewellyn by David. Arline will do the description, history of the Auditorium (Wisconsin Center) and will get the Steve Jensen and Estelle Schubert biographies. David will get Margret Williams biography by Monday.

The Eisteddfod registration form will go with the main registration form.

The committee went through the registration form with Jan, line by line, making additions and suggestions.  
Good Work, Jan!

We are to look over the proposed Planning Charts. Everything should be in it. We will discuss it next meeting.

THE NEXT MEETING --FEB 22, 1997 2PM  
First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha  
810 N. East Ave. Waukesha, WI

We are saddened to note the unexpected death of Jack Wickert on January 24th. Jack was a wonderfully active member of the Milwaukee '97 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Committee and is very much missed. We all grieve with you and your family, Marge.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dilys Spransy*

Dilys Spransy, Secretary

c.c. Mr. Nelson Llewellyn  
Rev. Dr. R. Cerwyn Davies