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Milwaukee '97 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu
Steering Committee Meeting--May 24, 1997
First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha

Present: Arline & Nick Barsamian, Mary & Gary Davis, Eunice Evans, Jane Hagensick, Charles & Dilys Spransy, Marge Wickert, Geraint Wilkes, Jane & David Williams, Gwyneth Young.

David Williams chaired the meeting. Minutes of the May 10th meeting were approved. David advised that paragraph 5 in his PR Report which was attached as part of the minutes should be deleted. The ad will not be published in CUE because of a misunderstanding about price.

The Treasurer's report sent by Mike Penny reported a balance of \$58921.86. This does not include the loans.

David said that a clear agreement had been reached with the Band and Choir on fees. The revised agreement was signed by David, Arline, Gary, and Geraint. Geraint will Fax it to Trefor Williams.

Hospitality--Jane Williams said there had been a misunderstanding about the number of rooms the Hyatt will give us. Instead of one room it is the price of one room, \$75, for each block of fifty rooms booked. Therefore,

we have eight fewer rooms than previously thought. Five of these rooms are set aside for the National Committee.

Jane reviewed the list of performers to determine whose rooms will be paid for and for how many nights. The decisions were made. Eunice will check with Estelle Schubert about her housing plans and Gary will check with Elinor Bennett and David Wigley.

Jane estimates that 23 rooms in homes will be needed. When it is definite that the dorms will not be used she will notify Marquette.

Raffle--The raffle permit was received and we will go ahead with it. Jane will order 10,000 tickets to sell.

Tea Room--There have been delays and changes in the tables being purchased by the Hyatt to be used in the Tea Room. Jane has table decorations, special tea pots from Wales and has gotten donations for paper products and tea. Welsh cake production is to start in June.

Events--Mary Davis said there has been only one entry for the Hymn Singing competition. The entry deadline is June 30. She has an adjudicator ready. The site for the competition will depend on the number of contestants.

Eisteddfod- If the response is small it will be moved to the Ballroom and be held from 1PM to 4PM.

The Business meeting of the National will be held in the Ballroom on Sat 9AM to Noon.

Welsh World for Youth--The committees are meeting after school is out in June. Danny Proud will be coming with a few dancers to teach Welsh dancing.

Geraint said the Band had sent him their program. It is all set. He also has the Sunday afternoon program in order.

He brought a report from Pat Wilkes that there are no problems for the Market Place at this time.

Gary said he will assign rooms for the Seminars by mid-June.

Support Services-- Charles Spransy reported that Randy Hopf has arranged for two keyboards for \$150. They will be used Saturday morning for Welsh World for Youth and Friday for Ysgol Gan. A grand piano will be needed for Bruce Hall Friday, Saturday and Sunday and for the Eisteddfod. Arline said that there will be a meeting with David Anderson at the Auditorium when they can check on the pianos there.

Signs for directions, rooms, etc. will be made according to what is needed. "Let Support Services know what you want."-Charles. He will bring a sample of signs to the next meeting.

Gary said he had received a request from Andante Recording for permission to audio-record the Gymanfa Ganu to be broadcast on BBC Wales. All expenditures would be theirs. Gary was authorized to give them that permission.

Decorations for Bruce Hall-- Geraint suggested that if Pat's friend does not respond with a proposal we look elsewhere. There were suggestions for "do it ourselves". Dilys had asked Dorothy Nowicki about taking it on and she said she would think about it. If they will do it we would like their proposal.

Church Service Gwyneth Young has sent a letter with the plans for the Church Service to Nelson Llewellyn. David Davies will not be playing for it. Marilyn Schrader will be the pianist.

Mary Davis said that Cynthia Bagley had reported to her that her Welsh Settlements project was coming along well.

Banquet--Marge Wickert has a call in to Nancy Bolton about the Banquet. Arrangements will have to wait until the capacity is settled, and therefore, where the Banquet will be held.

Tours--Jane Hagensick reported that we will need a replacement for the Kohler tour guide. Jo Simon will guide the Anne Knowles Waukesha-Wales Tour. The Frank Lloyd Wright Tour bus has been filled. In order to use a second bus we will need another tour guide. Some suggestions were made.

Registration fee of \$15 will be required to attend the Gymanfa Ganu on Sunday. Only the church service has no fee.

The Cambrian Association has requested a table. It was approved. Pat Wilkes must be notified. The Wales Tourist Board cost for their table is to be taken out of the money they gave us.

The Wisconsin Micro Brewery has taken out an ad in our program book. They also invited the Choir to a special custom tour.

Sargento Cheese Co. sent good wishes but no money for an ad. They did donate the cheese samples given out in Utica, however.

At this time ads are estimated to bring in \$2000.

An up-dated brochure, request form and registration form was mailed out to 2000 patrons of the Arts. The registration forms were coded for our information.

A letter requesting complimentary tickets for a group of handicapped people to attend the concert was received. We will look at attendance a month before the concert and grant if possible. David will draft a letter and give to Dilys to send.

David reminded us that Grey, Sunder, Prescher had donated their time but will be sending us a bill for their expenses which could be large.

Some small size posters have been made up for us to distribute. They will be given out next meeting.

We can not afford any more Publicity that requires money.

Geraint would like to advertise through Elmbrook Church. He will speak to the Rev. Stuart Brisco to see if our concert might be announced there three or four Sundays before, and sell tickets there. He suggested that we give Gymanfa Ganu tickets free for those who buy concert tickets. Timing for this will be decided at the next meeting.

Seating for the concert was discussed. It was decided that 2000 seats would be numbered. Other seats will be general seating.

Geraint expressed a concern about eating places being open on Sunday. We will have to check on this. He also would like to talk to the Stagehands to explain that we understand Union rights and that costumed greeters would not serve as ushers.

Since no one is able to attend the Scottish Highland Event to man a table, we would like to send fliers to give out. Arline will do the same for the Cornish Event.

Thanks to Eunice for providing cookies and coffee in the absence of Eloise and John Morris.

THE NEXT MEETING--JUNE 14, 1997
First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha
810 N. East Ave. Waukesha, WI.

Respectfully submitted

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