

Milwaukee '97 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu
Steering Committee Meeting--June 14, 1997
First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha

7/16/97

Present: Arline & Nick Barsamian, Mary & Gary Davis, Eunice Evans, Jane Hagensick, George Kleist, John & Eloise Morris, Dilys Spransy, Pat & Geraint Wilkes, Jane & David Williams.

*David Williams chaired the meeting.
Minutes of the May 24th meeting were approved as mailed.

There was a meeting at the Wisconsin Center on June 12th with Manager, David Anderson. Arline reported that the meeting was very positive. They were able to check out everything. Committee members present were: Arline and Nick Barsamian, Loree Simuncak, Geraint Wilkes, Jan Batty, Charles Spransy. As of this meeting a decision was made to go with Ticketmaster for concert tickets. there is a 3% fee, but it is expected that it will increase ticket sales and be more convenient for outside people to purchase tickets at the door. There will be no union restrictions at that time so we will be able to sell tickets for the Sunday Sessions, CDs, and other things Jan Batty will make arrangements with Ticketmaster and also for seating in Bruce Hall. Jan's report as of June 11 had 633 persons with paid registration and signed up for various events. It was decided to have 3500 Concert tickets printed, hold back 1400, and 100 VIP Room arrangements need to be finalized. The Plankinton Theatre is to be used for the Eisteddfod. Mary Davis said that because the entry numbers for the Eisteddfod were so low she will not use the Plankinton on Friday.

We will need two ushers for Saturday and Sunday. There is a three hours minimum at \$15 per hr. and one box office window at the same price.

David reported that posters have gone out to schools and churches. He gave out posters for us to distribute wherever possible.

Treasurer's Report--The report sent to David from Mike Penny : As of June 10
Balance \$75,628.17
Expenses paid \$11,217.90
Balance on hand \$64,410.27 (not including loans)

Mike expressed concern about reimbursement of expenses when we finally close the books. He asked for help and suggested a committee be formed to help him arbitrate claims. Mike Penny, Arline Barsamian, and David Williams will be that committee.

George Kleist was present to discuss the layout for the program book. Geraint made arrangements to get the concert program material to George. David will be working with George on the program book and will try to get the print donated.

Geraint Wilkes said a possible title for the concert might be "Out of the Mists of Time". It will be a history of Wales through Music. Depending on getting dry ice, there may be an actual mist for atmosphere. Thursday night the program will contain the official opening of the weekend. A fanfare composition by Director Geraint Jones, "Prelude to an Occasion", will be used and usual opening ceremonies will take place.

Free advertising to Milwaukee-- Irish American Post, Emerald Reflections, International Institute.
Posters Milwaukee Public Library and Museum, Downer Theatre (handouts with movie, "Brassed Off")
Radio & TV taped interview 1st week of August, WYMS, and Ch 6
David will ask Jo Anne Simon to deal with the newspapers.

Seminars--Gary Davis will have rooms assigned by the next meeting. He said that someone will be selling T-shirts with "Cymru am Byth" on them in the Grand Ave. Mall. BBC will be audio taping the Gymanfa Ganu.

Eisteddfod--Mary Davis said that at this time there are fifteen entrants. For the Senior Citizens singing there are six entrants. June 30 is the deadline for entry.

Riseres and the piano will be checked. Randy Hopf will get the needed music stands.

Microphones will not be used for contestants, but will be used for announcers. Welsh World for Youth crafts group will meet on Monday, June 23 at 3:30pm in Madison at the Ponderosa on E. Washington Ave.

For her daughter, Cathy, Eloise needs the address of Ann Thomas in order to get the agreement with Marquette signed.

The "Thank You" list was discussed. Committee members asked not to be included. Marquette University will be included for the use of percussion instruments.

Market Place--Pat Wilkes said nine vendors had paid fees. They will be using sixty or more tables. Pat and Dorothy Nowicki will work together on decoration of the Bruce Hall stage.

Hospitality--Jane Williams needs eight rooms in homes and asks help in finding them. She brought the raffle tickets and gave 100 to each of us to sell

Tours--Jane Hagensick is considering cancelling tours for which few people have signed up. Other very popular tours may need another bus if another tour leader can be found.

There was a discussion about going to the Highland Games with information about the Gymanfa Ganu. It seemed a good idea but no one volunteered. FOLLOW UP: Arline Barsamian did go and passed out fliers which she had made up. Thanks, Arline!

Volunteer Orientation will be held as had been planned. Details will be discussed next meeting.

Cynthia Bagley plans to be at the next meeting with more specifics on her project.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETINGS!!!

JUNE 28, July 12, July 26, Aug 2, Aug 9, Aug 16, Aug 23.

Unless otherwise notified all meetings will be held at 2PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha--810 N East Ave. Waukesha.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilys Spransy
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