

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SEPT. 1, 1996
7:30 A.M.
UTICA, NEW YORK

ATTENDANCE:

Nancy L. Miller
Marian Matthews
Gloria C. Kondrat
Lloyd C. Savage
Alan Upshall
Roy Morris
Ellis Jones
David Williams
Gwyneth Crysler
Alfred Reese
Ian Morris
Howell Pritchard

Barbara Morgan
Megan Lloyd
Myfanwy Davies
Joan Owen Mandry
Phillips Davies
Lynn Owen-Whalen
Russell Williams
Cerwyn Davies
Nelson Llewellyn
Jack Lewis
Jack Pritchard
Lavina Proverbs

President Lewis, called the meeting to order, and called on Rev. Cerwyn Davies for the opening prayer.

President Lewis, started the meeting with an apology to the Womens's Welsh Clubs of America. Due to their name not listed on the adjenda sheet, President Lewis neglected to recognize them during the annual meeting. I take full responsibility for that and I blame nobody else. If there is any group that I would not wish to offend, it the Women's Welsh Clubs of America. As you recall a couple of years ago when we changed the Constitution, this group lost their vote. They very graciously accepted that even though it was a very difficult decision for them. There is no other group in the country that has been more dedicated, more loyal and more devoted to this organization, than the Women's Welsh Club. If you put yourself in their position you can understand why they were upset yesterday. I can only say to them, that I would never have done that intentionally and I'm asking Gwyneth Crysler, President of the Women's Welsh Clubs of America, to please convey my apology to those people.

Gwyneth Crysler, asked permission to say a few words in regard to the constitution change. Gwyneth: it has been said that I refused to vote, and that is not the case. I did not refuse to vote. I said that we would go along with you, because we were told that there would be more research done on this.

Col. Alfred Reese, said that he was the one who had spoken to some of the Women's Welsh Club members and what he said to them was that Gwyneth had accepted the change reluctantly.

President Lewis, asked Gwyneth, to please extend the necessary apology.

Unfinished business:

President Lewis, call for the WAY Report
 Carolyn Kearney, reported: WAY now has 20 members. This evening at 7:00 we are having a dinner. Future plans: We would like to be listed on the internet. We are planning a back pack trip through Wales.

Mary Davis, from Milwaukee has requested help with the WAY membership drive. We have agreed to help.

President Lewis, called on Gwyneth Crysler, National President of Welsh Women's Clubs of America, sponsors of the Welsh Home for the Aged, in Rocky River, Ohio. Gwyneth, reported that the Gymanfa which was held at the home, was a huge success. She was quite disappointed, that more W.N.G.G.A. representatives were unable to attend and extended the invitation to come and tour the home. The sponsoring clubs are quite proud of this beautiful home for the aged.

N.W.A.F. representative, James Martin spoke a word to the Board, encouraging help for the oil spill in Wales.

1997 Milwaukee Venue Chairperson, Arline Barsamian reported:
 Headquarters Hotel will be the Hyatt Regency
 400 Rooms are blocked off
 There will be a choir from Wales
 Geraint Wilkes will be the conductor

1998 Columbus Venue Chairperson, Mary Ellen Morgan reported:
 Seminars
 Welsh cooking classes
 Language classes
 Welsh Dogs

This will be held at the Hyatt Hotel, everything will be under one roof.

Iris Rees, requested buffets available for Sunday.

President thanked venue committees for all their hard work.

President Lewis, called on Phillips Davies for the Scholarship and Grants Committee report. Copies of this report were distributed and read. Phillips, reported that articles were sent to both Welsh newspapers. Jack Lewis, thanked Phillips for his hard work and mentioned that Phillips, will be working on the creation of a new form to be used by the committee.

Audit Report, given by Nelson Llewellyn.

Auditors Jason Moore and Robert Penry have submitted a very thorough written report. Copies available. They did locate a discrepancy with the Endowment Fund. Paul Stevens was contacted and he explained that this is due to the difference in the value of the investments. The Auditors, report that our 501C3 status had been clarified. The Auditors, have also suggested bonding for the Treasurer, Secretary, Executive Director and Endowment Chairman. A policy has been taken. The cost is an annual fee of \$227.00.

Credentials Committee reported 106 registered.

President Lewis, called on Nominations Chairman, Ellis Jones, for their report. Ellis, explained the nominating procedure and thanked the organizations who submitted names of candidates for the Board of Trustees. The following persons have consented to be nominated for three-year terms on the Board of Trustees.

CANADA (2 to be elected)

Myfanwy Davies

Howell Pritchard

Motion was made and second that nominations be closed and candidates be accepted by acclimation. Passed.

EASTERN UNITED STATES (4 to be elected)

Alice Thomas Deisroth

Gloria Kondrat

Catherine Lloyd

David A. Williams

A motion from the floor, by Megan Lloyd, to nominate Lloyd Savage, Second-Joan Mandry. A motion was made by Don Mills, that the nominations be closed. Second by Al Reese. Membership voted to close nominations.

Ballots were distributed for votes and the tellers collected and reported election of the following people for Trustee:

Gloria Kondrat

Catherine Lloyd

Davis A. Williams

Lloyd Savage

Ellis Jones, explained to the membership, his request to the board, to consider Minnesota a western state. Myfanwy Davies, moved to accept all of Minnesota as a western state. Don Mills, second. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

WESTERN UNITED STATES (1 to be elected)

Mae Anderson

Myfanwy Davies, moved nominations be closed. Don Mills, second. Passed. Mae Anderson elected by acclimation.

Scholarship and Grants Committee report was given by Phillips Davies. As of the deadline for this year, there were a total of ten formal applications for funding by individuals and two applications by language teaching groups. Between thirty and forty requests for applications had been received. The following groups and individuals were funded with the usual ten percent deduction withheld until the project was completed. The awardees for this year were:

The Welsh Harp Society/Welsh Heritage Week	\$1000	(\$900)
Cymdeithas Madog	1000	(\$900)
Dr. John William Jones, Gettysburg, Pa.	1300	(\$1170)
Annemarie Jones, Hull, Quebec	600	(\$540)
Dr. Mary E. Williams-Norton, Ripon, WI.	500	(\$450)

Phillips Davies, thanked the two members of his committee, Myfanwy Davies, and Megan Lloyd. He also thanked Paul Stevens for overseeing the funds and writing checks to recipients.

Arvel Steece, requested the floor to voice two concerns. The first being the (W.N.G.G.A.) relationship with the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada. The second is the concern about Christian music. What can we do to encourage the treasures of Welsh hymns? Director Llewellyn, stated that W.N.G.G.A. has submitted two copies of the reformatted hymnal to the National Hymn Society. As of this date, we have not heard from them. President Lewis, stated the boards awareness of the second concern.

Al Reese, Trustee and editor of HWYL issued a plea for any information anyone may have concerning the W.N.G.G.A. prior to 1983. He assured everyone that any information loaned will be returned. In order for a history of the W.N.G.G.A. to be written, any information would be greatly appreciated.

Gary Davies, Wisconsin, representing the Milwaukee 1997 steering committee would like to put into the record - in order to promote family participation (especially young people) and to receive participation by those in the educational community, recommends the following recommendations. That effective, by the year 2000 the date of the Welsh National Gymanfa be changed by the board, to a time during the summer, that is non-school time. Second, that the board of W.N.G.G.A. encourage the local committees to consider lower cost venues, such as universities, colleges, and conference grounds. President Lewis, assured the Milwaukee Committee that the board will certainly consider this and thanked them.

Endowment Report was reviewed by Nelson Llewellyn. Due to Paul Stevens, absence a copy of the report was given to each member to review. A copy of the Auditors report was read. A motion was made by Nelson Llewellyn, to accept the report. Second by Gladys Williams. Motion passed.

Director Llewellyn, nominated Robert Penry of Columbus, Ohio and Jason Moore of Warren, Ohio as the auditors, for fiscal year, August 1, 1996 to July 31, 1997. Alice Deisroth second. Membership moved to accept.

Tom Edwards, advised the W.N.G.G.A. to continue to support the Eisteddfod and noted that six bards were present here today. President Lewis, had the six bards stand for applause. Tom Edwards moved to make a resolution to continue our support of the Eisteddfod. Cerwyn Davies, second. Motion passed.

Don Mills, reported on the folk song book, Songs of the Dragon. He encouraged us to use these books and to encourage others to use them. He encourages the use of these in our programs so people will be aware of them. Alice Deisroth, suggested

purchasing these books and giving them for gifts. She noted both the folk book and the hymn book make wonderful gifts.

Nelson Llewellyn, mentioned that he needs everyone to help in regard to a serious matter. Changes in addresses are needed so the files can be updated. This is causing added expense with the mailing. Also, please give updates on organizations.

Myfanwy Davies, made a motion the ballots for the trustee election be destroyed. Al Reese, second. Passed.

Cerwyn Davies, reminded us how for the past two years, we have had the tremendous pleasure of sitting under the chairmanship of Jack Lewis. His term is almost to an end, this being his last annual meeting. Therefore, we must thank him very much for a job well done. The membership honored President Lewis, with much applause. President Lewis, thanked everyone.

President Lewis, thanked the following board members and presented them with a certificate:

Alfred Reese
Iris Rees
Megan Sue Lloyd
Phillips Davies

These people have all completed six years of the board of trustees.

Invitation to Milwaukee, Wisconsin was extended by venue co-chairperson, Arline Barsamian.

The closing benediction was given by Hedd-Wyn Williams.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lavina Williams Proverbs
Secretary