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1993 Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee

A general meeting of the Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee was held on June 13, 1993, at the First Welsh Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre at 2:00 p.m.

Jack Pritchard, Chairman, told the group that George Powell, Gymanfa Ganu Chairman, underwent heart catheterization and was doing very well. Should be back doing his thing shortly.

Jack also stated that from now on two meetings a month will be necessary starting on June 27th at 2:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. July meetings will be held on the 11th and 29th.

Dave Martin, Registration Chairman, stated as of June 3rd there have been 516 registrations processed. Dave showed the badge that each registrant will receive in his envelope showing an outline of the State of Pennsylvania. A shortened form of the registration form will be returned along with a letter containing directions to the Ramada. The next registration meeting will be held on June 17th at the Welsh Baptist Church to address envelopes and process more registrations. A map of the downtown area will also be included in this letter. Dave stated that the trolley tour has been completely sold out on Friday and Saturday.

Craig Peters, Program Book Chairman, needs more advertisters, from hotels, vendors, restaurants and businesses. He has received (20) advertisers to date. Evans King Floral should be given space for their generosity.

Jack Pritchard again thanked Olin Evans for the great job he is doing in publicity. Jack stated that we must now concentrate on the local newspapers.

Bob Anthony, Treasurer, will also take charge of the placques for the memorial on the Dr. Ellis Roberts Bridge. Bob needs to meet with Mayor Namey for his approval by letter. A letter must be sent off to Mayor Namey showing what we intend to do on this bridge.

Bill Hastie, Square Program Chairman, stated that the Orpheus Choir will sing at this noon program. Ceinwen Hughes of Scranton also stated that the Childrens' Choir from Scranton will perform in Welsh and will be dressed in Welsh costume. The St. David's Society Choir from Scranton will also perform at the square. The program will start at 12:30. The three National Anthems will be sung. Amy Jones and Karen Pugh will sing the Welsh National Anthem in Welsh as they did in 1983. Carol Wolosz will contact these ladies, if unavailable, little Adam Rees will be asked to sing. The Welsh, Canadian and American anthems will be sung at the banquet. Public Officials will be invited but only the Mayor will be asked to speak. The officials to be asked are Senator Musto, State Representative Blaum and Representative Kanjorski and the local County Commissioners. Chairs are available only for the speakers. Bud Finn will supply the piano and sound units for this program and also for the Concert at

Irem Temple, Church Service and Banquet. Dr. Ellis Jones, National President, will be presented with the key to the city. There may be a time change for the Square Program because of the Bridge Memorial Service.

Bob Anthony will send a letter to Mayor Namey showing him what we intend to do at the Dr. Ellis Roberts Memorial Bridge. These placques will cost about \$1,000.00 each. Jack stated that we will ask the Osterhout Library and Franklin First Federal to help offset these expenses.

Church Service is all in place. The service will be in English and Welsh.

Dan Williams, Tour Chairman, needs volunteers for the tours. Dan stated that the great-granddaughter of Gwilym Gwent will be at the Forty Fort Cemetary where he is buried. Dan suggested that Cwm Rhondda be sung at noon on Friday and Saturday. The Gwent monument needs to be cleaned. Dan also suggested that we hire another bus for the trolley tour.

Awr Y Plant - Marletta Evans, Chairman, suggested a flier be mailed to local people. A list can be obtained from the Eisteddfod people at the Dr. Edwards Memorial Church. Local publicity is needed she stated.

Bob Anthony, Treasurer, gave the following report:

\$51,566.95	Received
<u>18,047.94</u>	Expenses to date
33,519.01	Balance

A second mailing will be out in June containing a map, covering letter, folksinging flyer and brochures.

There was a suggestion to block out the trolley tour as it is filled for Friday and Saturday.

The Ramada, Genetti's, Howard Johnsons and Holiday Inn are filled. Days Inn, Red Roof, Hampton Inn, East Mountain Inn, Woodlands, and Econo Lodge are available. Dave Martin will prepare a letter showing the smaller places in this area. Shuttle service is available.

John Roberts has charge of Camping Grounds for motor homes and he stated that all are prepared.

The Masonic Temple will house the seminars and workshops. A contract is needed. There are two pianos. The Childrens' Workshop will be housed in the First Methodist Church on Franklin Street. They will charge \$75.00 for the Sanctuary and the Sextant will receive \$100.00. They need an insurance certificate.

Mr. Davis, Banquet Chairman, needs two placques for awards.

Betty and Dan Evans, Concert Chairmen, will have tickets printed. They have received the contract from John Paul Jones. Concert program will not be put in Program Book, just pictures and biographies. A printed program will be handed out that night. Need spot light for the concert.

Jack stated that tickets must be ready for next meeting in two weeks for the Banquet, Concert, Nosen Lawen and Folk Music.

Elsie Deobold, Hospitality Chairman, stated that 1,100 dozen cookies (Welsh that is) have been promised (700 doz. have already been baked). John and Barbara Roberts will deliver these cookies to Old River Road Bakery to be frozen. Ceinwen Hughes from Scranton advised that the United Baptist Church will make (11) dozen cookies. Catherine Williams volunteered to make more Welsh cookies for the Childrens' Workshop.

The 1993 Gymanfa Committee will have a table selling T-shirts with our logo on them.

Jeanne Jones, Market Place Chairman, stated that there is not enough room for the 8' tables being used. There is only space for (25) 8' tables and there has been (38) reserved by eleven vendors. Releigh Productions will redesign set-up using 6' tables. Signes will have to be made with vendors names.

Carol Wolosz and Effie Metcalf are in charge of banners being made for the hotels. Sixteen are completed to date.

Rev. Lou Falcone will open the Nosen Lawen and Folk Music with prayer.

Joan Mandry and friend from Wales, Rev. Meurwyn Williams met with the Executive Board and talked about the video he would like to do. He would like to condense the four days to an hour program, compiling outside events and interviews. Will submit a formal proposal in two weeks. The formal events will not be included as there is too much confusion with lights and etc.

Elsie Deobold needs (3) big signs for the hotel, square and Armory with "Croeso" on these signs. Computerized signs were suggested.

Welsh flags should be shown around the Valley.

Banners made from burlap are more substantial.

The Armory will hold 3000 chairs on the main floor and 900 in the balcony. Sunday Supper will be organized in two seatings.

Dan Williams would like placards in the Churches and stores advertising our Gymanfa. Gary Jones of the St. David's Society will be able to do this.

Next meeting to be held on June 27th and Executive Board meeting on June 30th.

Meeting closed at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine Jonathan  
Secretary