

May 16, 1993

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1993 Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee

A general meeting of the Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee was held on May 16, 1993, at the First Welsh Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre at 2:00 p.m.

Jack Pritchard, Chairman, opened the meeting stating that a picture of the Committee will be taken before the business meeting.

Jack then said that he will go through each event and see what needs to be done and call on the committee chairmen for their report.

There are some problems at the Armory. Jack, Beth and George Powell met with the Commanding Officer and Jim Evans of Mountain Productions to discuss these problems. We do not have the space that we had in 1983. Heavy equipment is now housed at the Armory and cannot be moved. The main floor will be fine but Sunday Night Supper is a problem. A suggestion of taking a portion of the main floor and curtaining it off was made which will necessitate two seatings for the supper. The staging area is larger than 1983, this makes seating capacity smaller. Balcony is available seating probably 500 to 600 people but stairs are a problem. Jack stated that hopefully the seating figures are not accurate for the main floor, and too much space allotted for each chair and aisles too wide. Must check fire code on this. A tent erected in Kirby Park for the supper was suggested. The Ertley Showroom could possibly be used for this supper. There have been 3500 chairs reserved for the Armory. Mountain Productions are supplying staging, curtains, sound curtains, risers are platform and they will also do the cleaning-up. The setting up of chairs and folding them will be done the Gymanfa Ganu Committee.

George Powell, Gymanfa Ganu Chairman, needs contracts for Gwyndaf Roberts, organist and the Rehoboth Choir. Olin Evans has received pictures of Choir.

Rev. Jim Edwards needs program from Choir. The choir has thirty members.

Ben Davis, Banquet Chairman, will check with Bob Baird for book markers. Needs contract from Carl Coates. He has received contract from Jane Ventre, soloist. Mr. Davis stated the cost for the tea at the Te Bach will be \$15.00 per gallon. Piano needs tuning. We are allowed to serve Welsh cookies and trays will be available. Elsie Deobold's Hospitality Committee will serve.

Craig Peters suggested that the two Welsh-American papers be presented with some award for their generous advertising of this Gymanfa Ganu and some award for Mr. Howard Stringer, Banquet speaker.

Jack suggested those attending the Gymanfa Ganu only, pay \$5.00 at the door.

A piano is needed at the Armory.

Meryl Davis, Seminar Chairman, contacted the Rev. Brown of the Methodist Church to use their facilities. The Board is meeting and will respond. There is a piano available and the Chapel can be used for the Awr Y Plant. Meryl needs volunteers to introduce seminar chairmen to the groups. She also needs posters for each seminar room. Elsie Deobold will arrange for these posters.

Jack listed some seminar counts to date:

Part Singing	20	Friday
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Vacation in Wales	15	Friday
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Welsh Folk Songs	14	Friday
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Some registration to date:

Concert	321
Banquet	270
Sunday Supper	262
Nosen Lawen & Folk	205
Church Tour	46
Tour #2	29
Tour #3	62
Tour #4	31
Tour #5	23

Dan Williams, Tour Chairman, stated that the two trolleys coming from Cape May will now cost \$2,100.00 and not \$1,800.00 as previously bid. These trolleys hold 34 people plus 1 guide. Dan stated a complete typed history of the churches will be handed to each person getting on the busses. Jack suggested a printer to do this. Jack suggested that if more transportation is needed, Martz has an antique bus that holds 25 can be used.

Jack advised that all reservations will be confirmed until August 15th by letter, including maps showing how to get here by road or air. It was suggested that the reservation form be made small and returned to consumer showing all events purchased.

Jeanne Jones, Market Place Chairman, stated that (4) paid vendors have reserved (20) tables. The Welsh Cardiff Co. making love spoons on sight needs (5) tables. The Wagg Genealogy table will hold the quilt made by all Welsh Societies.

Craig Peters, Program Chairman, needs all information; names, dates, biographies from committee chairmen now.

Olin Evans was applauded for his great job in getting out the publicity. It is now time to put ads in the local papers.

Betty and Dan Evans, Concert Chairmen, stated that they have received risers and band shell from Wilkes College, gratis. We must pick up and take back, Beth will check on this transportation with her husband. Must get into Mosque to check lights and spot light is needed. Ushers needed.

Mona Davis reported the large black hats are \$8.25, mob caps are \$3.00 and the aprons are \$10.00.

Heritage Magazine will publish an article on our Gymanfa Ganu in their July-August issue.

National Geographic will also feature our Gymanfa Ganu in an upcoming issue.

Jack stated there will be an audio tape of the Gymanfa Ganu but thought the video tape would be too expensive.

Joan Mandry wants to meet with the Board to introduce Myron Williams, Welsh producer, to tape in English a video. We could market this video here.

Elsie Deobold announced 700 dozen Welsh cookies are promised. The Welsh Presbyterian Church has made 200 dozen. These cookies are being stored in the Old River Road Bakery freezer. Barbara and John Roberts will transport these cookies to all events where needed. Must contact more churches to make more cookies.

Bob Anthony, Treasurer, reports           \$37,828.93 deposited  
  8,048.70 expenses

Bob stated that \$1800.00 given to us to start this Gymanfa Ganu has been returned to the St. David's Society.           \$29,780.23 balance

The plaque for the memorial for the Dr. Ellis Roberts Bridge is being finalized.

Helen Miller, Plymouth Cambrian President, announced that their Gymanfa Ganu is being held on Sunday, May 23rd with Dave Martin conducting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine Jonathan  
Secretary