

March 21, 1993

1993 Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee

A general meeting of the Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee was held on March 21, 1993, at the First Welsh Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre at 2:00 p.m.

Jack Pritchard, Chairman, stated that registration material is available.

George Powell, Gymanfa Ganu Chairman, reported that everything is in good shape. The organ for the Gymanfa will be a manual organ. Biographies from Gwyndaf Roberts and the Rehoboth Choir are needed. Don Baltimore will forward information about the Choir. Hymns have been sent to Alun Guy, conductor, for his approval. The hymn "Wilkes-Barre" has been included. A 6'x6' platform is needed for the organ, there will be eight speakers. The Allen Organ Co. will set up organ. Electrical system must be checked. A platform will be needed for the choir and the children singing. Dignitaries will be seated in the first row.

At the Armory, pre-registered patrons will use one door and all new registrants will use a second door.

The provost guard of Irem Temple will take care of traffic control. Kingston police will relax parking restrictions for this Sunday.

Mountaintop Productions have charge of the staging. Jimmy Evans, manager will contact Jack Pritchard about risers, platforms and etc. Chairs will be delivered and opened up.

The signs for the part singing will be erected up front.

Ian Roberts is preparing a documentary "The Welsh in Scranton" for public television at the time of the Gymanfa Ganu.

Jack reported that a Welsh Castle (facade) from Boston will be arriving for our Gymanfa. Where to put it?

Concert Chairman, Dan Evans, needs risers, sound boards, three microphones and etc. Jack suggested he make a list of his needs and contact National Music. Betty and Dan will take care of the decorations for the stage. Hospitality women will work at the concert taking tickets and serving Te Bach. Some young people will do the ushering. MC for the concert is John Albert Evans.

A local photographer will make copies of photographs if more are needed.

John Roberts will take care of all camping needs.

George Horwatt will contact King Floral for ferns and etc. for the four days of the Gymanfa.

Flags will have to be shuttled back and forth. A "few good men" are needed for this.

Ben Davis, banquet chairman, stated that all is in readiness. White tickets will be enclosed in each packet which must be changed for red tickets to reserve the table. Hospitality women will serve as hostesses.

Beth Landmesser will call the Kirby for the contract.

The Welsh Tourist Board has agreed to pay transportation and accommodations for the four Welsh entertainers. To reciprocate, we will give the back page of our program book to the Board for advertising.

Craig Peters and Jack have asked for prices from three printers for the printing of the program book. A price of \$1.00 per book has been received. A lot of the cost of this book will be paid for by advertisers, hopefully. It will take three to four weeks to print, therefore, we must have the material ready by July 15th to have the program book ready by August 15th. Three colors will be used.

Mr. Stringer of CBS will be at the Gymanfa for one day only. Jerry Williams will conduct a news conference with Channel 22, Friday morning. Hopefully Channel 22 will advertise in our program book.

Beth has re-named the Ramada "Irish Pub" and calling it "The Dragon's Lair" for the four-day period of our Gymanfa. The Pub will change the Irish decor to Welsh.

Coughlin High School will not be used for the seminars. Mr. Schwab, principal, will not allow us to use the high school. The Masonic Temple on Franklin Street has been suggested. Audio-visual equipment will have to be supplied by us. This hall is equipped with organ and piano. The basement of the Irem Temple Mosque can be used for dancing. The Methodist Church on Franklin Street can be used for the "children's group".

Martz busses will be used for the tours.

The Hospitality Committee will meet April 16th at 7:30 p.m. at The First Welsh Presbyterian Church.

Jack mentioned that he has a list of four or five harpists who want to take part in our Gymanfa. The hotel lobby was suggested but after some discussion was rejected.

The quilt to be made requires a 6"x6" square from each Welsh organization and will be shown at our Gymanfa.

British Heritage magazine in Harrisburg is interested in publishing information about our Gymanfa Ganu in July or August.

Dave Martin will take care of the busses that are coming just for the Gymanfa Ganu on Sunday. Antique Dealers of Kingston will allow parking in their lot.

Tom Gable will get the proclamation from Governor Casey with photograph this weekend.

There will be signs on the hotel, square and airport.

Upon motion by Bill Amos, seconded by Howell Williams, a $\frac{1}{2}$ page ad will be put in the program book of the Eisteddfod held at the Dr. Edward's Memorial Church on April 24, 1993.

The next meeting will be held on April 18, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Welsh Presbyterian Church.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Jonathan
Secretary