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1993 Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee

A general meeting of the Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee was held on January 24, 1993, at the First Welsh Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre at 2:00.

Jack Pritchard, Chairman, stated that the primary concern for the moment is to finalize the "Schedule of Events" pamphlet so that we can mail all the necessary material out to the National Secretary, Nelson Llewellyn by February 1, 1993. Secretary Llewellyn wishes to make his first mailing by February 17, 1993, before St. David's Day. Included with this form will be a covering letter with camping ground information and hotel information. Registration Committee will meet on January 27th to finalize this material. Jack stated that 90% of this material is completed.

Seminars: Meryl Davis, Chairperson, announced that these seminars are completed. They will be held in the Coughlin High School on Friday and Saturday. Available are VC'Rs, screens, tapes, pianos to be used. Proof of insurance must be signed and mailed to Coughlin High School. The seminars are (1) hour and (15) minutes long. The fee for each seminar is \$3.00. The following are the seminars to be offered:

Friday 9:00 to 10:15 Mabiogni
Vacation in Wales
Welsh Folk Songs (by Meryl Davis)
Friday 10:30 to 11:45 - Welsh Language
Welsh Rarebits
Youth Movement (Wales) by John A. Evans
Part Singing (Alun Guy)
2:30 to 4:00 Folk Dancing

All seminars will be repeated on Saturday. Mrs. Davis stated that many more seminars were asked for but there was no room available.

Childrens' Workshop - Chris and Megan Hastie will provide "child care" so that adults may attend seminars and etc. Promoting Welsh Culture is the theme. Two classes will be held morning and afternoon on Friday and Saturday. On-sight class to be held during the afternoon session of the Gymanfa Ganu. Some of the activities for the children is as follows:

1. How many steps before the Queen in Welsh
2. Welsh Coloring Book
3. King Arthur's Story
4. Learn (2) Welsh Hymns
5. Musical Chairs
6. Pin tail on the dragon

These classes will cost \$4.00 each. They do not recommend sending children to all classes.

Elsie Deobold's Hospitality Committee will aid at these classes

Dan Williams suggested a lot of publicity for these events.

Jack Pritchard stated that a flyer will be included in the second mailing.

Market Place: Jean Jones, Chairperson, stated that she needs a decision on the price of the tables. The Market Place is to be held at the Ramada Hotel in the Tiffany Room. If more space is needed, the Washington Room adjoining can be used. The former dance floor will be used for the Tea Room. Releigh Co. from Allentown will furnish curtains and etc. at a cost of \$18.00 per table. If spotlights are needed they will be furnished. Vendors will be allowed to set up on Wednesday. Probable time for the Market Place is from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Vendors will be asked what hours they wish to be open on Sunday. The charge for those tables handing out literature is questioned. A contract will be drawn up for the vendors. We will provide security. Any local people wishing to sell their products can contact the Committee.

Tours: Dan Williams, Chairman, announced that the time for the Mine Tour on Saturday has been changed to 9:30 a.m. The fee for this tour is \$15.00. Lunch will be available.

Historic Vally Tour: Trolley's are to be used. This fee is \$20.00. They will visit the Court House, Kirby Hall, Forty-Fort Meeting House, Forty-Fort Cemetery, Swetland House, and Wyoming House.

Church Tour: The fee is \$10.00. This tour will stop at the Miners Monument in Edwardsville as well as the Welsh Churches.

Attorney Killian has drawn up a contract to be signed by all persons giving service to the 1993 Gymanfa Ganu Committee.

Banquet: Ben Davis, Chairman, along with Wesley Simmers and Walter George reported that the banquet will be held on Friday, September 3rd at Genetti's at 7:00 p.m. Carl Coates will open with an organ prelude. Menu consists of fruit cup, salad, prime rib, baked potato, carrots and apples. Jane Ventre will be the soloist. Her fee is \$325.00 with accompanist. There will be reserved seating only. Tickets received in the packet must be exchanged for a banquet ticket. Head table will be situated on the back wall with (2) floral arrangements. Seated at the head table: President Ellis Jones and wife; Secretary Nelson Llewellyn and wife; clergy; soloist; speaker Howard Stringer, CEO of CBS; Alun Guy conductor; and ~~and~~ Jack Pritchard and wife. Te Bach will follow and will be held in the banquet room. Carl Coates will play for group singing in the Empress Room. Each table to have a centerpiece of (10) daffodils each with a ribbon (a daffodil for each person at the table). There will also be for each person a daffodil bulb and a bookmark. The cost for this banquet will be \$25.00.

Jack Pritchard discussed shuttle-bus service. LCTA busses cannot be used until all private lines have refused to do this service. We must show a signed letter from each line to this effect. Jack feels we can overcome this problem.

Concert: Betty and Dan Evans, Chairmen, announced "open-seating" for this concert. They are calling this concert "Cyngerdd Gwych" or Magnificent Concert. Robin Bowen, triple harpist; Joel Jones, pianist; soloist, Diane Evans Bennett; baritone, Keith Wagner; Deborah Kelleher, accompaniest; are the entertainers with John Albert Evans, MC. This concert will be held on Saturday, September 4th at 8:00 p.m. Te Bach to follow downstairs. Irem Temple Stewards setting up for the tea. Betty will get resumes from each performer.

Nosen Lawen: Beth Landmesser, Chairperson, announced that this event will be held at the Kirby at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. John Albert Evans to MC this event. Te Bach to follow from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00. The Folk Group "Ar Log" will follow the Te Bach from 9:15 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.. These events will cost \$6.00 each or the two events for \$10.00.

Mr. Cody to check with Major Gallagher of the Armory seeking more space.

An organ must be furnished for the Gymanfa Ganu.

Registration fee will be \$8.00 and \$5.00 for walk-ins on Sunday.

Hymnals will be available.

Rev. Gwyn Walters, Myron Walters, Rev. Basquill are the bilingual ministers to take part in the Church service.

The "Holy Tollers" group from Slatington will take part in the Church service.

George Horwatt is in charge of the Gymanfa Ganu tape. Bill Bachman and Bill Harrison are checking into the video tape.

Ball Hastie informed Jack that the square ceremony is all set.

George Powell stated that the family of Dr. Ellis Roberts is agreeable to the erection of the placque on the bridge in memory of Dr. Roberts.

Jack stated that letters from dignitaries President Clinton, Governor Casey and Mayor Namey must be checked.

Steering Committee to meet every second Wednesday at 2:00 at the Ramada.

General meetings every third Sunday at 2:00 at the First Presbyterian Church.

Meeting closed at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Jonathan
Secretary