

February 28, 1993

1993 Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee

A general meeting of the Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee was held on February 28, 1993, at the First Welsh Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre at 2:00 p.m.

Jack Pritchard, Chairman, presided.

Bill Hastie played a tape from PBS-Radio on Wales, showing a Rugby match and the singing of the Welsh National Anthem.

A review of all facilities for the weekend was made, Genetti's, Armory, and Irem Temple Mosque. A deposit was suggested for Irem.

The Kirby Center is committed for \$1.00 $\frac{1}{2}$ er seat. Service contract will be separate.

There is a change in the Folk Group concert after the Nosen Lawen. The new group will be "Davydd Iwan" owner of Sion Records. There also will be an additional singer.

Jack read the large ad in Y Drych about the Gymanfa Ganu and which also showed a picture of Howard Stringer, CEO of CBS and our banquet speaker.

Registrations forms were delayed being sent out because of the illness of Mr. Nelson Llewellyn. These forms will be mailed in a few days. Jack showed a sample of the registration form and letter.

There has been no correspondence from the Way officers and it was not listed on the registration form.

Beth Landmesser reported that she has put 2,168 addresses into the computer. A check will be made for duplicates.

Jean Jones reported on the Market Place. Rooms will be set up. The first table will cost \$100.00 and thereafter \$50.00. June 1st is the deadline to rent these tables. No refunds on deposits.

Table covers will be furnished by Rileigh. Earl Williams requested rooms open one hour before Market opens.

Security after Sunday night to be decided upon. Balance of charge to be paid on arrival.

George Horwatt reported on the video and cassette for the Gymanfa Ganu. Daneland Co. of Allentwon was contacted for the sound system for the Armory, and two tests were done. The cost for both sessions on Sunday will be \$6,400.00. This company will set up on Saturday. Fifty percent needed on approval. Video will be very expensive. A meeting to be held in two weeks to discuss details. Video Guard Co. will also be contacted.

George Horwatt will reproduce the logo for distribution outside this area.

A suggestion was made that the Welsh harpists appear at the Ramada during the four days.

Elsie Deobold, Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, announced that this committee will meet on March 7 at 2:00. Jean Duda and Barbara Roberts will be in charge of the Welsh cookies. Ceinwen Hughes will be the liaison with Scranton.

Marilyn Davis will check on a local map to be included in the next mailing.

Some suggestions made: (1) room number of Seminars, (2) tea room open longer with costumed attendants (3) registrations posted by state.

Canadian Gymanfa Ganu is to be held in April in Windsor.

Olin Evans needs publicity for concert.

Bill Hastie reported on the "Welcome" on Public Square. The bandstand will cost \$240.00, microphone \$150.00, and the piano or organ \$75.00.

The plaque for the Ellis Roberts Bridge ceremony was discussed as to size and location.

Historical Society will have a Welsh exhibit at Swetland Hall by July. Welsh Churches to be contacted for items for this exhibit.

Needed are letters from elected officials: President, Governor, and Mayor for program book. There will be a meeting with Mayor Namey for our publicity.

Custodial people for the Armory will have to be provided by our Gymanfa Committee.

Charlie Reilly will provide free parking for buses.

There were 1,975 chairs used for the 1983 Gymanfa Ganu.

Piano contract needed for piano at the concert, organ at Irem Temple and the piano at the Ramada. National Music Center will be contacted.

Kutz Bakery will store Welsh cookies for the Gymanfa.

Needed is a keeper for all flags to be used, someone with a van or truck.

Next meeting to be held on March 21st at 2:00.

Marilyn Davis
Acting Secretary