

August 1, 1993

1993 Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee

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A general meeting of the Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee met at the First Welsh Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre on August 1, 1993, at 2:00 p.m.

Jack Pritchard, Chairman, announced that this committee would meet every Sunday from now on until the Gymanfa Ganu.

Jack stated that posters are available to be placed in all the churches and any other suitable place.

Mention of the Gymanfa Ganu was made in the Pa. Magazine and also the British Monthly and Calendar.

Beth Landmesser and Jack Pritchard met at the Armory with Frank Barsky of Genetti's concerning the Sunday Supper. All things looking good. There will be two seatings and tickets in each packet will show what seating each registrant will use. This supper hopefully will start at 4:15.

Ben Davis, Banquet Chairman, gave the following report: Greetings by Jack Pritchard, Chairman, Invocation by the Rev. Anita Ambrose, dinner of prime rib plus fixins', program to follow with the singing of the American, Canadian and Welsh National Anthems, Wesley Simmers will act as "master of ceremonies", remarks by National Gymanfa Ganu President, Dr. Ellis Jones, soloist Jane Ventre, Speaker, Mr. Howard Stringer, CEO of CBS; and Benediction by Rev. George B. Johnson. Te Bach to follow in the Banquet Room and group singing in the Empress Room. Last shuttle bus will leave at 12:30. Reserved seating is planned for this banquet. A coupon in each packet will be exchanged for the banquet ticket at which time a table is chosen. Head table will include the following dignitaries: Dr. and Mrs. Ellis Jones, President, Mr. Nelson Llewellyn, Secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Simmers, MC, Mr. Howard Stringer, Speaker and Rev. Anita Ambrose. There will be bookmarks at the table for each person and a daffodil. Daffodils will be used for the centerpiece at all tables. Placques will be presented to the Welsh newspapers, Ninnau and Y Dryk. Jack mentioned that Mr. Stringer was invited to a press luncheon by Channel 44, WVIA-TV, which will be shown live on Friday, September 3rd at noon. Mr. Davis will check on piano and the membership decided not to have an organ. Three microphones are needed. (751) have signed up for the banquet to date.

Beth Landmesser, Noson Lawen Chairman, announced that the new folk music song books will be ready for Thursday night. Dr. Ellis Jones, President will be presented the "key to the City" by Mayor Namey. Daffyd Iwan and his band will perform at the Folk Music event after the Noson Lawen. Beth and Elsie will finalize and check the Te Bach event. The Folk Music event should be publicized separately from Noson Lawen to attract more young people. Jack announced that tickets that tickets can be purchased at the door for this event. There will be (3) separate tickets for the Noson Lawen and Folk Music Night, one for the Noson Lawen, one for the Folk Music and one for the combination of both. Elsie Deobold has people assigned to handle the tickets.

There will be a table at the Registration for selling tickets, paying out refunds or collecting shortages. A red flag will be put

on packets that have overpaid or were short.

Jack advised chairmen to see that all pianos are tuned at all events.

Bill Hastie, Public Square Chairman, will check to make sure the Orpheus pianist will play at this event. Bill would like a list of the dignitaries who will be present, so far, Senator Lemmond and Representative Kanjorksi will attend.

Jack Pritchard thanked Jane and Bob Anthony for their help in the hotel situation. Some hotels have been overbooked but some rooms have been released in Hampton Inn and Red Roof. All major hotels are booked. Marilyn Davis and Dave Martin will prepare a list of hotels and motels with addresses and phone numbers which will be mailed to those people needing rooms.

Gratis tickets need to be discussed. Dave wants list of same.

Banners will be erected on Public Square this week. A picture should be taken for publicity.

Mary Roberts, widow of Dr. Ellis Roberts, will attend many of the events as our guest.

There will be red ribbons for committee members with "Committee: on them. These will be available on the 29th.

The Washington Room at the Ramada will be used for Registration. The Tiffany Room will be used as a general meeting room. Friday morning, the representatives of all Welsh organizations will meet.

Jack announced that there will be security for the Market Place wars over Sunday night.

Market Place, Jeanne Jones Chairman, announced that there are (49) tables inside the Market Place and (6) tables outside. The Tea Room will be in the Market Place, volunteers are needed to man this tea table. The Hotel will supply the tea and cold drinks, we will supply the Welsh cookies. It was decided to charge for the tea and cookies.

Beth Jenkins will make the signs for the various room. The (3) entrances to the Market Place must be kept open at all times.

Meryl Davis, Seminars, needs microphones.

Jean Duda in charge of the Welsh cookies announced that we now have (735) dozen at Old River Road Bakery and (600) dozen more are promised.

Jack Pritchard asked for a work crew for the (4) days. Chairs for the Armory will need to be set up and taken down. It was suggested that the Boy Scouts could do this as a means of earning their merit badges.

Parking for committee was discussed. Jack will check with the city parking lot.

Bob Anthony, Treasurer, gave the following report:

Receipts	\$ 100,070.77
Expenses	<u>25,524.41</u>
	\$ 74,546.36

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next Executive Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 1993 at 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Jonathan
Secretary