

October 25, 1992

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1993 Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee

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A general meeting of the Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee was held on October 25, 1992, at the First Welsh Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre at 2:30.

Rev. Olin Owens opened the meeting with prayer.

Jack Pritchard, Chairman, announced that the meeting of the Steering Committee met yesterday with the Secretary, Mr. Nelson Llewellyn, newly elected President, Dr. Ellis Jones, and Board member, Mr. Jack Lewis of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association to discuss the progress of the 1993 Gymanfa Committee.

The 1983 cost differences were discussed. It would cost between 29¢ and 35¢ now for returned mail. The first mailing of the invitations would be done by February 15, 1993. This will be done at the expense of the 1993 Gymanfa Committee. The second mailing in April will be pro-rated. Additional names and addresses will be sent to Mr. Llewellyn for him to mail.

The Chairmen of each committee should have their information into the Registration Committee to be incorporated into the first mailing. The Registration Committee must have the following information: the description of each event (short), time, cost, and location.

We will use six (6) hotels: Ramada (Gymanfa headquarters), Holiday Inn, Howard Johnsons, Red Roof, Days Inn, and Genetti's. The registration will come back to the 1993 Gymanfa Ganu Committee, P. O. Box 1032, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18703. There will be a (1) night deposit and credit cards will be accepted. Jack Pritchard will handle hotel registrations and each hotel will confirm their reservations.

Clip badges will be used but there will also be a cord so that the ladies' may use this and not damage their clothes. These will cost approximately 80¢ each.

Jack Pritchard stated that Mr. Llewellyn was pleased with the progress made by this Committee.

Jack also stated that the National Gymanfa Ganu Association will check on whether or not the local Venue Committee is responsible for the accommodations of all the officers of the National Gymanfa Ganu Assoc.

Publicist, Mr. Olin Evans, stated that the two Welsh papers will be used to advertise our Gymanfa as will the National Gymanfa Ganu Newsletter.

"Come Back to Wilkes-Barre in 1993" will be our slogan.

It was suggested that we put flyers in the Welsh stores around the country. Another suggestion entailed sending our T-shirts to Mr. Williard Scott and Mr. Smith the "Galloping Gourmet".

Jack then stated that Robin Huw Bowen, triple harpist, has contracted to perform at our Gymanfa.

Jack Pritchard and Beth Landmesser will travel to Port Jervis, New

York to meet with John Olwen Jones of the Welsh Tourist Board to discuss transportation and accommodations for the Welsh entertainers: Alan Guy, conductor; John Albert, master of ceremonies of the Nosen Lawen; Robin Bowen, harpist and the Folk Group.

Bill Hastie, Chairman of the Square Welcome and Bridge Plaque for Dr. Ellis Roberts, stated that Mrs. Roberts has been contacted to tell us what she would like on the bronze plaque.

Meryl Davis, Seminar Chairman, needs at least six seminar rooms. Rooms were discussed but nothing decided. Wesley Simmers suggested Coughlin School but school will be imminent. Genetti's, Kirby, First Methodist Church and Pomeroy's were suggested. Some of the seminars suggested are: Cooking Class, folk dancing, part singing.

Jeanne Jone, Market Place Chairman, checked room in Ramada (50x75) and feels this room is not big enough.

Mrs. Marlett Evans will take charge of Awr Y Plant but will require a room as the St. Stephen's Church room is not large enough.

There will be shuttle bus service to all hotels and all events. Hopefully this service will be free of charge to the members.

The Registration fee will probably be \$8.00 for the four days. Sunday registration will be \$5.00.

Tour Chairman, Dan Williams, is trying to institute a scholarship for young people to come to the Wilkes-Barre Gymanfa. He stated the following as tours: Lackawanna Mine, Churches and an Historic Tour.

Jack Pritchard then went through the list of events to take place for the four days.

Thursday - Arrival Day, Nosen Lawen at the Kirby, Te Bach and then the Folk Group. Group singing at the Ramada.

Friday - Tours, seminars, banquet at Genetti's, Te Bach, and group singing.

Saturday - Tours, seminars, Way Luncheon, Welcome on Public Square, Bridge Ceremony, a memorial for Dr. Ellis Roberts, Awr Y Plant, Concert at Irem Temple, Tea Bach, group singing at Ramada.

Sunday - Church Service at Irem Temple, Gymanfa Ganu at Armory, supper at Armory, group singing at Ramada.

Jack Pritchard announced that "Wise Wales" may be used if we utilize U.S. Air through Kathy Lansox. She would give 50% of her commission to us. This discussion put on hold.

Marilyn Davis and Dave Martin are the co-chairmen of the Registration Committee.

Publicity Chairman, Olin Evans, gave his address and phone number as follows: 8 Eleanor St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 18702 - 822-1609.

Convention rate is available for members who come before
Thursday.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Jonathan
Secretary