

April 4, 1992

1993 Northeastern Pa. National Gymanfa Committee

A general meeting of the Northeastern Pa. Gymanfa Committee was held on April 4, 1992, at the Welsh Presbyterian Church at 2:00.

Jack Pritchard, Chairman, welcomed Dr. Don Mills, President of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association.

Jack Pritchard told the committee that he, Dr. Mills and Beth Landmesser had visited all sites that are being used for the 1993 Gymanfa Ganu.

Each member present was asked to give name and committees they are planning to volunteer their services.

Dr. Mills than made a few remarks stating that he was there to offer his help and to ensure that plans were going forward for the 1993 Gymanfa.

Jack Pritchard advised that we should take the best of the 1983 Gymanfa Ganu and come up with some new ideas.

Jack Pritchard told the committee that Mr. David Evans, Kansas City, had written to say that a table will be ready for us in the Market Place for our brochures advertising our Gymanfa Ganu.

Beth Landmesser advised that there is available a 9x13 plastic bag that may be used at Kansas City and the 1993 Gymanfa Ganu, however the cost may be prohibitive to be used at both sites. Dan Evans suggested a sponsor to underwrite the cost of these bags. Edith Hill also suggested that we may be able to get bags from the Martz Bus people.

Jack Pritchard stated that a notebook will be ready to take to Kansas City and also patches to be handed out. Beth Landmesser displayed the folders containing maps and etc. to be taken to Kansas City.

Ruth Davies from All Seasons Travel presented to the committee the cost of \$338.00 for the trip to Kansas City. A \$25.00 deposit is required and there will be a change of planes at Pittsburgh. She also advised that there would be special fares coming to Wilkes-Barre for the 1993 Gymanfa Ganu and these would be advertised at Kansas City.

Rev. George Johnson, Tour Chairman, listed the following plans for the tours:

1. Welsh Churches in Edwardsville, Plymouth, Nanticoke, Warrior Run, Wilkes-Barre, and Sugar Notch with light refreshments being served.
2. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the Historical Society including a Welsh exhibit, Wilkes College, the renovated Kirby Home, Court House, Swetland House and Antique Auto Show.
3. Coal mines in Scranton, McDade Museum and maybe a trolley car and double decker bus.

Banquet - Mr. Davis, Chairman, stated that there would probably be no head table. The program will be an hour and local talent will be used.

Church Service - Rev. Edwards, Chairman, requires a list of Welsh speaking pastors. The following were named: Rev. Neil Lloyd, the Rev. Glyn Walters, Dr. R. Cerwyn Davies. The church service to be held at Irem Temple Mosque. A reminder about the roses for the Memorial Service.

Concert - Dan and Betty Evans, Chairmen, stated that a 30-voice choir that they had heard in Virginia would like to perform and would learn Welsh. The cost for the Mosque for the concert would be \$1,500.00 and \$400.00 for the tea to be served after the concert.

Hospitality - Elsie Deobold, Chairman, stated that this committee would not meet until after Kansas City. She also stated that she would like to be made aware of the number of hosts and hostesses for the different teas and etc.

Bill Hastings reminded the group that we have in our midst a very fine bass, Mr. George Powell.

Gymanfa Ganu - George Powell, Chairman, stated that he thought the Gymanfa Ganu Association members want to hear more Welsh singing. He suggested the Ohio University Choir and the Rehoboth Choir.

Public Square Welcome - Bill Hastings, Chairman, advised that the welcome would be held on Saturday at 12:30 to 1:30. However, this time may coincide with the Way Luncheon. Mr. Hastings advised that the Orpheus Choir and a Scranton Choir would sing at this welcome. A soloist is needed to sing the National Anthem. It has been hoped that the dedication of the Dr. Ellis Roberts bridge would coincide with our Gymanfa Ganu but the bridge will be dedicated this year.

Market Place - Jean Jones, Chairman stated that the Washington Room at the Ramada will be suitable for the Market Place and it is also secured.

Way Luncheon - Edith Hill, Chairman, stated that a room at the Ramada will be used.

Jack Pritchard stated that not only the audio tape but also a video is being checked out.

Camp grounds are also being checked.

A question was raised about the \$10.00 registration fee.

The next meeting will be held on May 15th at 7:00 at the Welsh Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Jonathan
Secretary