

Agenda Item 8.3

the welsh national gymanfa ganu
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Progress Report Friday September 1, 2000

1. The logo designed by Glenn Grove was unanimously approved at the July 25th monthly meeting... stationery has been ordered and information on the production of commemorative shirts has been requested from Tidewater Incentives of Bel Air, Maryland. (used in 1995 and extensively by both Chapel and Choir)
2. Côr Meibion Brythoniaid from Blaennau Ffestiniog, North Wales has accepted our offer to be the guest choir. They will provide choral music, a prize winning tenor soloist, and piano/organist accompanists for the grand Concert. A selection or two will be presented at each cymanfa session. (Côr Rehoboth will do at least two selections and a joint offering with Brythoniaid at the Grand Concert).
3. Merion Jones director of the choir has consented to conduct one of the singing sessions. Don Boothman of Boston Massachusetts will be asked to conduct the other session. (he has conducted Cymanfaoedd in Delta to rave reviews... can also speak some Welsh!)
4. Mr. Ed Roberts and Dr. Maurice Howard both of Côr Rehoboth have agreed to accompany piano and organ for the worship service and both singing sessions.
5. Soloists to be asked to perform at the sessions are, Jeff (piano) and Nicole Beyers(soprano) , Susan Pelter (mezzo), David Gwesyn Smith (baritone) and possibly Sabrina Coleman-Clark (soprano)
6. Sulwyn Thomas, a Welsh speaking radio announcer from Cardigan, Wales is to be contacted and asked to perform duties of Master of Ceremonics.
7. Folk group Calennig is to present a formal presentation for consideration on "A Tale of Two Rivers" a mixed media folk, theatrical event. If asked to attend Calennig will be requested to bring the full performance ensemble, including Welsh pipes. The Whitaker Center has been proposed as the site for the folk concert etc.
8. Glenys and Sian Wynn are to be asked to preside and entertain at the Nosen Lawen, Sian to play harp at the Banquet and both to participate in some of the seminars (perhaps one on the Gorsedd) .
9. The hotels are to again be encouraged to feature Welsh oriented foods on the general menu, fish and chips etc.
10. Mme. Annc Le Men, Lady Mayoress of Dirinon, Brittany (the burial place of St.Non) is to in invited as a Guest of Honor and sit at the head table for the Banquet, also to "liase" with the Breton Tourist Board - -hoping they can under-write the cost of she and some entertainment.
10. The Chair will get in touch with the head of the Welsh National Assembly, as a Guest of Honor, failing this the Lord Mayor of Cardiff will be asked.
11. The menu for the Banquet will be the same as used at Côr Rehoboth's Hywr Nos, Welsh honeyed /herbed, lamb or pork, leek tart , minted potatoes, peas and carrots,

- Glamorgan sausages, trifle, etc. A vegetarian version will also be provided. The Hilton chef has agreed to use our recipes and enhance them, with our taste approval, the Hilton staff will work with us to see if the Pennsylvania Pork and Lamb Council could donate the meat.
12. A representative from the Church in Wales is to be asked to assist Pastor Baskwill with the morning worship service.
 13. The local committee has approved and signed the hotel contracts they are currently in the hands of the national committee awaiting their approval and signature.

Respectfully Submitted,

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