

1999 GYMANFA GANU COMMITTEE MEETING, NOV. 19, 1996

The 1999 Gymanfa Ganu Committee met on November 19, 1996, at the home of Mary Mergenthal. Members present: Ellis Jones, Mary Mergenthal, David Edwards, Marveen Minish.

The meeting began with news from Mae Anderson that Brynmor Williams is considering making a television special about the planning of a gymanfa ganu. There is no information about how he would want to do this.

The committee was given a list of those persons present at the preliminary meeting November 2. Ellis Jones suggested that he prepare a newsletter periodically to these people to keep them informed and enthusiastic. The first issue will go to the people on the list and will ask them for names of persons they feel might also like to receive it. It will be a progress report of the meetings November 2 and 19.

Mary Mergenthal brought up the need for decision on primary goals, which will help in shaping later decisions. An overall theme or phrase would be needed, such as Land of Lakes, Land of Song. One goal that was suggested was providing an example of hymn singing at its finest. David Edwards mentioned that it is an important goal to identify what is Welsh. Discussion brought about the idea of a morning chapel and evensong each day, perhaps beginning prior to the gymanfa. Many venues could be used. The Cass Gilbert Anglican church of St. John the Evangelist was mentioned. St. Francis Cabrini is interested in doing "something Welsh" at some time, but funding for their plans did not materialize. It was mentioned that Wesley Methodist was designed by a Welshman. Another goal that was mentioned was building the skills of "being Welsh."

Discussion turned to the composition of the Steering Committee. It was decided that it would be composed of the 4 persons at the meeting, plus three others. Currently, Judith Zachary and Frank Siegle have agreed to serve; a third candidate is being pursued.

Those present felt that each Steering Committee member should be a liason to a subcommittee area. Tentative subcommittees and committee liasons are:

1. Seminars and Eisteddfod - David Edwards
2. Registration, Publicity, Booklet - Ellis Jones
3. Concerts - Noson Lawen - Frank Siegle
4. Meal Functions - *Kay Thomas*
5. Sunday Events - Mary Mergenthal
6. Marketplace - Marveen Minish
7. Tours, Transportation, Hospitality, Medical Assistance - Judith Zachary

It was noted that Kay Thomas had volunteered to work on the banquet, and Holly Windle and Richard Rames the concerts.

It was suggested that E-mail addresses and committee assignments be added to the data base for people who have expressed interest in helping.

Another possible theme of Land of 10,000 Lakes and Songs was brought up. It was decided that this would be a decision to be made when the full steering committee was selected. It was felt that initially the steering committee should meet once a month for at least the next 6 months.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. at Mary Mergenthal's home, 2393 Bourne Ave., St. Paul, for dinner.

There was much discussion of the role between the National Gymanfa Ganu organization and the 1999 gymanfa steering committee, particularly with relation to start-up money and raising funds as charitable contributions. Need for a 501C coverage was felt. Pursuant to that, the steering committee members present at this meeting will meet with officers of the St. David's Society Foundation to discuss the Foundation being an umbrella for the 1999 Gymanfa, providing mutual benefits in 501C coverage for the 1999 Gymanfa and invigorating activity for the Foundation. This meeting will take place Thursday, December 5, 1996, at 7:00 pm at Mary Mergenthal's church, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave. West, St. Paul.



Marveen Minish
Secretary