

- 1 - Call of order
- ✓ 2 - Review minutes of Nov. 19 & Dec. 5 meetings
(included FYI for those who were not in attendance)
- ✓ 3 - Report on progress on 501C3 status
- ✓ 4 - Review of liaison assignments & responsibilities
- 5 - Review of tentative process sequence
 - A - Site selection
 - housing
 - small & large events
 - Sunday gymanfa venue
 - B - Chronology of planning process SET SPECIFIC MTG DATES
 - February - meet in downtown with quick review of possible hotels & convention center
 - March - report on possible gymanfa venues - meet on site?
 - April - official invitation to WNGGA board due April 15
need to finalize hotel & conference/gymanfa sites
prioritize possible activities
 - May - appoint committees to work on chosen activities
 - Summer - steering committee members meet with committees?
 - Fall ?
 - Next winter ?
- 6 - Other items:
 - When & how shall we determine budget? #
 - How can we involve large Twin Cities community?
 - How much do we want a Welsh choir? Welsh soloists? (Bryn Terfel recommended Rebecca Evans or Gwyn Huw Jones) a Welsh folk dance group? a Welsh folk group?

First meeting of 1999 National Gymanfa Ganu steering committee will be Thurs., Jan. 9 at Mergenthal's home, 2393 Bourne Ave., St. Paul.

- 6 p.m.** - soup supper (be sure to let Mary know if you have special diet needs - she'll tell Jennings who does the cooking)
- 7 p.m.** - PROMPT - meeting will begin
- 9 p.m.** - meeting will conclude

Please bring:

- minutes of meeting w. Foundation officers (I've enclosed copies for steering committee members who are not officers, FYI.)
- your calendar for all of 1997. We plan to set dates & times of all meetings of the full steering committee for the year, if possible. Please think about where/when would be most convenient for you, most conducive to working, most fair in terms of travel & arrangements.
- your work # or general work sched/fax#/e mail address or other contact info

Who will be here:

- Ellis Jones** - co-chairperson & steering comm. liaison for registration, ~~transportation~~, publicity & program booklet
- Mary Mergenthal** - co-chairperson & steering comm. liaison for Sunday events
- Marveen Minish** - secretary & steering comm. liaison for marketplace
- David Edwards** - treasurer & steering comm. liaison for possible Eisteddfod & seminars (?)
- Judith Zachary** - steering comm. liaison for hotels, tours, ~~seminars (?)~~, hospitality & medical provisions
- Frank Siegle** - steering comm. liaison for concerts, noson lawen, special performances
- Kay Thomas** - potential steering comm. liaison for meal functions (i.e. banquet & food & beverage provisions between and after major events)

What we expect to talk about:

- How we should proceed during next year
- Who will research items required for early decisions
- Schedule of future meetings
- SEE FULL AGENDA ON BACK OF THIS SHEET

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1999 GYMANFA GANU COMMITTEE MEETING, JANUARY 9, 1997

The 1999 Gymanfa Ganu Steering Committee met on January 9, 1999, at the home of Mary Mergenthal. Members present: Ellis Jones, David Edwards, Mary Mergenthal, Judy Zachary, Marveen Minish

Mary Mergenthal called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes were approved as mailed.

There was discussion of the plan to use the Foundation's 501C3 for Gymanfa donations. The Foundation has decided to expand, as discussed with the Steering Committee December 5th. Mary Mergenthal will contact Don Anderson to request that this decision be relayed to Ruth Jones so that the St. David's Society Board can vote to add the two new directors - Mary Mergenthal and David Edwards.

The committee discussed requesting the St. David's Society and the Minnesota National Gymanfa Ganu Association to contribute funds for start-up costs. Ellis Jones moved that the St. David's Society and the Minnesota National Gymanfa Ganu Association be requested to each contribute \$500 toward start-up costs for the 1999 Gymanfa Ganu. Judy Zachary seconded. Motion carried.

The liason assignments were reviewed, as noted on the sheet sent out. Transportation was moved from Ellis Jones to Judy Zachary. However, Judy may have too many categories; decisions to be made final later.

Due to the need to finalize certain locations before the formal invitation for the Gymanfa is sent to the national organization, Ellis Jones moved that a site for the Gymanfa Ganu be selected in downtown Minneapolis. David Edwards seconded. Motion carried.

Hotel sites were narrowed to the Hilton and the Hyatt Regency. Meeting sites were narrowed to the Hilton, Hyatt Regency, and the Convention Center. It was decided that the February Steering Committee meeting be a tour of the Convention Center and the two hotels. Tentative plans were for Judy Zachary to make arrangements for lunch at the Hilton with tours following. Judy will also ask that the Hilton promotional packet be sent to all committee members.

It was emphasized that none of these facilities is being considered as the site of the Gymanfa itself.

The location of churches downtown in relation to the hotels was discussed. Mae Anderson and David Thomas will be asked to survey the churches and the State Theater, and to meet with the committee at the February meeting.

Judy Zachary will get letters of invitation from the Mayor and the Governor, and the Convention and Visitors Association.

David Edwards will pursue with the Institute of Art the possibility of special exhibits and artifacts for seminars.

Ellis Jones distributed the financial plan for the Harrisburg

Gymanfa in 1995. The matter of profitability was discussed and it was decided that the treasurer must build in a profit in the budget, rather than waiting for chance to decide whether one will happen.

The fact that contract negotiations will need to start early was discussed. Frank Siegle will be asked to investigate the feelings of those who attend Gymanfas whether they favor having a Welsh choir, are indifferent, or favor a different type of entertainment. Should there be a folk dance group such as Dannelsyr Talog (spelling perhaps wrong), a group from South Wales. Should there be a soloist on the program?

NEXT MEETINGS:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 12:00 noon MINNEAPOLIS HILTON HOTEL, 1001 Marquette Ave. Park in Convention Center Ramp suggested, access on 12th Street between Marquette and 2nd Avenue. Meet in hotel lobby.

MARCH MEETING WILL NEED TO BE RESCHEDULED (was set for March 11, but that is regular meeting night of St. David's Board). Bring Calendar to February meeting.



Secretary
Marveen Minish