

AGENDA

MPLS NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 5, 1998

Call to Order

Sept 3, 4
Calculus

3.0 Treasurer's Report -

4.0 Progress Report

- ✓ 4.1 Gymanfa director
- ✓ 4.2 Children's activities
- ✓ 4.3 Tours - ~~no progress~~ *judith*
- 4.4 Eisteddfod - *no progress*
- 4.5 Cŵr Cymry Gogledd America

no
Deborah Hopkins Evans & Co
 4 5 6 7 8
 How to get - *in line*
 Categories of tours of America
 Mall of America
 State Fair
 Early Arrives - out state
 historical tours
 River tours
 F&W Smellies
 Minnesota - *Spokane*
 Fun / entertainment types =
 Welsh walk + *Cherish walk*
 Publicity =
 Cars - historical information
 Seminars =

5.0 New Business

- 5.1 Quilts - *Alis Pogorelskin will organize it.*
- 5.2 Logo
- 5.3 Noson Lawen? Feature *no* Columbus winner?
- 5.4 Allocation of hotel meeting space
- 5.5 March 14 meeting

6.0 Other items

7.0 Next meetings

- 7.1 Sat., March 14, 10 a.m.-noon, Room 122, Central Lutheran
- 7.2 Tues., March 24, 7 p.m., Mary's house
- 7.3 Thurs., May 7, 7 p.m., Mary's house

8.0 Adjournment

① *March 14 cancelled*
 ② *act.*

arts competition
8 - Div of Rooms
approval of director needed

March 24 next meeting agenda
March 24 Banquet

committees
Mission Statement Bd of Directors

Mission statement will be by 7:10 for

timechart

Ed & Bob

How to promote in Columbus

Ed
3 2 1
5 1 8
12 - 11
 May 1 - Southwick Farm (afternoon)
 Northwick
 Celtic College
 Celtic Heritage Institute

need £200 letter

A meeting of the MWNGG Steering Committee was held Thursday, February 5, 1998 at the home of Mary Mergenthal. Present: Ellis Jones, Mary Mergenthal, Kay Thomas, Judy Zachary, Frank Siegle, Marveen Minish, Dan Proud; David Edwards

Mary Mergenthal called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was postponed until he arrived later in the evening.

Mary Mergenthal gave a progress report concerning choice of Gymanfa director. David Thomas is still corresponding with prospects. Four prospects are definitely interested and a fifth is possible. David had requested more members for his committee and Betty Kinsey is now a new member.

Mary reported that Gail Manning, in charge of the children's activities, was planning an initial session of her committee just prior to the St. David's Day luncheon. The committee pondered the question of finding more children in the area to attend.

Judy Zachary reported on the tour committee plans. She had met with Howard Davies and Ron Adams. They are considering several options, such as self-guided (no price, we don't co-ordinate), historical, fun and entertainment, Welsh Fun Walk (walk down mall, across bridge, etc., wear Welsh saying t-shirts and carry flags), outstate areas. There was discussion of promotion for early arrivals and tours they could take. Judy inquired about sources for publicity for tours; it will be through registration materials and newspaper articles. It was decided that Christmas of 1998 was the deadline for completing tour plans. It was suggested that one tour be of the lakes, Summit Avenue, St. Paul Cathedral, Minnehaha Falls.

Update on the Eisteddfod - this has not been formulated as yet; Mary feels she can do the necessary work toward this this month.

Mary Mergenthal distributed a floor plan of the hotel and there was extensive discussion of what events should use what space. Ellis Jones will draw a grid showing rooms and events at what times. Judy Zachary will check on getting two pianos for use.

Cor Cymry Gogledd America plans were reported by Ellis Jones and discussed. There were 135 inquiries, 116 of whom return biographical sheets; 16 did not and 3 people cancelled their interest. Mari Morgan will start with a selection of 100-110, anticipating dropouts. Ellis had a two page report of a conversation with Mari, which he had not yet had time to fully digest. Mari had mentioned a mission statement; David Edwards said that this should be included in the articles of incorporation for the choir, which he would like to have accomplished on March 1, 1998. It was also decided that Alan Upshall and Mari Morgan should be on the choir Board of Directors, and there was discussion about adding others by the incorporation date. Mari had commented on the need for more funding and had many suggestions as she is a professional fundraiser. It was decided that a \$200 fee would be needed from each choir participant for their music, lodging and meals prior to the Gymanfa. The music for the choir has arrived and the bill must be paid. Discussion centered around raising the money for this payment

and Ellis Jones agreed to write the music company to assure them the bill had arrived and was not being neglected. He also reported that two companies in Mankato are willing to supply funding, and his cousin in North Dakota is considered a "minority" as a Welsh person and can get minority funding!

With the arrival of the music and Mari's scheduling of rehearsals around the country, the subject of the choir as an entity and as an event was discussed. There was discussion of the fact that the choir as an entity should be placed in the hands of a Board of Directors, probably largely composed of persons not on the 1999 steering committee, and fundraising, etc. should rest with them, while the steering committee should be concerned only with the choir as an event at the Gymanfa.

Mary Mergenthal reported on the quilt project. She informed the committee about Tapin, who make quilts from antique Welsh patterns and have also restored antique quilts. They have talked of a tour in the U.S. to display their quilts and Mary suggested 1999 to them. Adele Davis is interested in working on this project and Alexis Pogorelskin from Duluth, who went to Wales and bought 2 quilts, has volunteered to co-ordinate this activity. There is a Welsh quilter in Iowa and Adele will communicate with her also.

Ellis Jones distributed two examples of a logo for the 1999 Gymanfa and the committee discussed their preference.

There was no decision on a noson lawen format; there is no committee for this event as yet. Ellis Jones moved and Frank Siegle seconded that we will NOT feature any Columbus winners. Motion carried.

It was decided that at the March 24 meeting, steering committee members will have their thoughts in order about what they would like to see for the noson lawen evening.

It was also decided that at the March 24 meeting, there would be discussion of the banquet. Kay Thomas requested more people on her committee who have been to a Gymanfa banquet; Diane Evans and Mary Orr were suggested. Ellis Jones will discuss with the Welsh American Foundation whether they would like to give their special medal at that banquet.

It was decided to cancel the March 14 meeting of all the committees and move that date to the fall, possibly October. Mary will announce this cancellation at the St. David's Day luncheon and notify possible attendees.

It was discussed that a time chart was needed and Mary Mergenthal and Ellis Jones will plan one.

Two scheduling motions were made: Kay Thomas moved that the Banquet be on Friday night and the Grand Concert on Saturday night. David Edwards seconded. Motion carried.

David Edwards moved that the Noson Lawen be on Thursday. Frank Siegle seconded. Motion carried.

Ellis Jones will bring a schedule with blanks to fill in to the March 24 meeting.

The possibility of back-up hotels was discussed; Judy Zachary has ideas and will bring suggestions to the March 24 meeting. It was discussed that a small block of rooms should be reserved at the back-up hotels.

The question of promoting the 1999 Gymanfa at Columbus was discussed and it was decided to request David Cargo to bring suggestions to the March 24 meeting.

Frank Siegle announced that there will be a Celtic College at Macalester College May 1st; a Celtic Heritage Institute may be organized.

NEXT MEETINGS: Tuesday, March 24, 7 p.m., home of Mary Mergenthal

Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m., home of Mary Mergenthal

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Marveen Minish
Secretary