

1999 MWNGG Steering Committee Meeting, June 9, 1999

OK on July 11

The 1999 MWNGG Steering Committee met on June 9, 1999 at the home of Mary Mergenthal. Present: Mary Mergenthal, Bob Minish, Marveen Minish, Ellis Jones, Kay Thomas, Frank Siegle, Judith Warner

Mary Mergenthal called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

The minutes of the May 10 meeting were approved as mailed.

The Treasurer's report was distributed and approved. Discussion followed on the budget. It was noted that more funds will be received in a few categories than budgeted. In July, the committee will zero in on further budget accuracy. Hotel charges are quite high, it was noted. Dan Proud will report on the monetary needs for the seminars, equipment, etc.

In the fund raising area, it was reported that the check for \$5,000 for sponsorship of Jeremy Huw Bowen's appearance will be mailed soon. Mary Mergenthal reported that she is pursuing the 3M contribution request with Tom Williams and his contact.

Ellis Jones reported a registration of 342 at the present time, and distributed a page of statistics regarding this. Judith Warner reported that room nights are over the contract number (1500) and we have been allotted more (1750).

Kay Thomas discussed the banquet plans. The committee is currently waiting to see if Jeremy's wife will be attending and could be the harpist; there are other local harpists available if not. Kay mentioned the idea of little booklets of poems that might be table favors at each place setting. Nine hundred tickets have been ordered for printing; 600 attendees has been the figure we are counting on, which will probably be exceeded.

Mary Mergenthal discussed publicity. A 1 page insert plus brochure has been inserted in the St. David's Society newsletter. More brochures were printed. Mary sent 3000 flyers to 1200 churches; volunteers did this mailing in a record 4 hours! There was discussion about an ad in the Minnesota Monthly. Judith Warner moved and Frank Siegle seconded that Mary Mergenthal be authorized to place an ad in the Minnesota Monthly, cost not to exceed \$400. Motion carried. Ellis Jones showed the committee the ad appearing in Family Tree, which has a circulation of 80,000.

T-shirts for the Welsh Walk were discussed, as well as the possibility of selling other logo items. Mary showed daffodils sold for the Marie Curie Cancer Cure charity. She was authorized to call Wales and inquire about getting some to sell here for the charity's benefit. It was felt that it would be preferable for the St. David's Society to sell souvenir items than for the MWNGG committee to spend time doing so, and they will report to the committee at the next meeting what the St. David's Society would like to sell.

Insurance was discussed. An estimate was needed on the cost of what we would need. Bob Minish will get this information for the July meeting.

Judith Warner met with the hotel caterer regarding the reception given by the British Tourist Authority, and she will send BTA the information. The budget line item for this will need to be increased. Bob Minish will prepare the invoice for mailing immediately after the Gymanfa.

Marveen Minish gave a report on the Marketplace and the number signed up in each category. Dan Proud will urge local authors to sign up for the proposed authors' table.

*presenting reminders*

Nothing new to report on Folk Night. Kieran's wants to be the official pub and have a special ad in the registration packet. They will have Welsh food on the menu. They would like Iona to perform there. Judith Warner and Mary Mergenthal will check to see if Metro Connection will shuttle. It was proposed that a Welsh dinner might be available at the time of the Banquet for those who do not go to the Banquet, if they so desired. This would not be announced beforehand, but information would be in the packet.

No change in tour information.

Dan Proud has reported that contracts have been sent to presenters with a form enclosed regarding what equipment they might need. Pictures and biographies of presenters are being sent to Bob Williams. Volunteers are being lined up for taking tickets and introducing presenters.

John Dingley has a group from Builth Wells coming. Dan Proud will e-mail Mary Mergenthal the names of host families which she can give to John. John would like them to sing; perhaps in the tea room, it was suggested.

Mary Mergenthal reported on the quilt project. She displayed brochures which were to be distributed at the Quilters Convention in Mpls. It was agreed that as many seminar attendees as possible should be the goal. It was discussed that a box lunch for the seminar attendees for the seminar that ends at 11:30 could be offered. If "the National Quilt" comes, Jack Davis has been volunteered (by Adele) to sit with it and protect it. It was discussed how to handle the free will donation at the door.

Some registrations are coming in for the Eisteddfod. People need to know that they need to get an application form.

Regarding the Brynmor Williams video: Mae will introduce the showing. Buddy Evans from Kansas may be here and Berwyn Jones from Colorado will also talk about his experiences in making the video. The St. David's Society will make copies of the video for sale.

Nothing new in the children's program.

Lynn Holt accepted the MC job for the Concert.

Signage needs to be co-ordinated with Don Anderson. Dan Proud has started Don on the seminar needs.

Mary Mergenthal, Ellis Jones and Mae Anderson met with the pastor regarding the Sunday service schedule. The question arose in committee discussion regarding the need for use of envelopes for the offering to differentiate from the church's offering. The discussion then arose regarding the 1/2 of the Gymanfa church service's offering which goes to the National GymanfaGanu Association. The MWNGG portion of the offering has been designated for a Welch church association. The feeling was negative about the other half being given to the National organization rather than a charity/church. Bob Minish asked that his feelings that this is "totally inconsistent with a church offering" be recorded in the minutes.

The order of hymns for the Gymanfa sessions is needed by July 1; Mary has been contacting Meirion for this.

A youth choir is being organized by Mary Mergenthal through many different contacts.

No report on Hospitality.

The content of the program booklet was discussed. Judith Warner will get letters from the Governor and the Mayor.

Mary announced that Paul Bowen will work on ad sales in the Twin Cities.

There will be an all-volunteer meeting Sunday, August 29, in the Carver Room at the Hilton Hotel from 2-4 p.m. It will be discussed at the committee meeting in July who will run this volunteers meeting.

A fall celebration session was discussed.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY, JULY 11, at 1:00 p.m. at the Children's Theatre, 2400 - 3rd Avenue South (Art Institute), Mpls. There is a parking ramp on the south side of the building. Enter the Art Institute main door, take elevator to the Arts Cafe. We will gather there and GO THROUGH THE CAFETERIA LINE TO PURCHASE LUNCH IF DESIRED, then we will hold the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marveen Minish". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Marveen Minish  
Secretary

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: 1999 MWNGG Steering Committee  
FROM: Robert Minish  
DATE: June 9, 1999  
RE: Treasurer's Report

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Attached is a report covering the transactions both for the month of May, 1999 and from inception through May 31, 1999. I have tried to relate the expenses to the corresponding budget items.

The balance on hand as of June 9, 1999, including deposits in transit is \$29,392.76.

Robert A. Minish, Treasurer

1999 MINNESOTA WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
For May, 1999

**INCOME**

<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Contributions:	\$2,130.00
Registrations	1,110.00
Activities and Seminars	5,169.00
Vendor Reservations and Other	<u>868.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$9,277.00</u></b>

**EXPENSES AND SURPLUS (DEFICIT)**

<u>Expenses</u>	
Y Drych - Advertising	\$ 300.00
WNGGA - Return of seed money	5,000.00
Mary Mergenthal - Printing, postage and advertising	650.79
Ninnau - Advertising	210.59
MN Welsh G.G. Assoc. - Return of seed money	500.00
St. David's Society of MN - Return of seed money	500.00
Rapit Print - Printing	443.04
Rapit Print - Printing	52.11
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>7,656.53</u></b>
<b>Surplus for April</b>	<b><u>\$1,620.47</u></b>

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 TREASURER'S REPORT  
 Inception Through May 31, 1999

**INCOME**

<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>SEED MONEY *</b>		
WNGGA	\$5,000.00	\$5000.00
MWGGA	500.00	500.00
St. Davids Society of MN	500.00	500.00
 Contributions:		
Individual	7,253.00	6,000.00
Organizations	-0-	-0-
 Registrations	3,865.00	22,500.00
 Activities and Seminars	20,212.00	73,220.00
 Vendor Registration and Other	<u>1,114.00</u>	
 <b>Total Income</b>	<u><u>38,444.00</u></u>	

**EXPENSES AND SURPLUS**

<u>Expenses</u>		
Repayment of Seed Money	\$6,000.00	
Registration and Administration	180.28	\$4,000.00
Printing & publicity	<u>4,618.55</u>	9,500.00
 <b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>10,798.83</u>	
 <b>Surplus</b>	<u>27,645.17</u>	
 <b>Total Expenses and Surplus</b>	<u><u>\$38,444.00</u></u>	

\* Repaid in May, 1999.