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HARRISBURG HILTON MEETING OF 01-15-94

Minutes for the WNGG Harrisburg '95 Committee held at the Harrisburg Hilton on January 15, 1994, at 10:00 AM.

This meeting was arranged by the WNGG Harrisburg '95 Committee and Barbara Groce, of the Harrisburg/Hershey/Carlisle Tourism and Convention Bureau, and Sharon Hassinger of the Harrisburg Hilton. Howard Pollman attended for Barbara Groce who now has a different position in the Bureau. The Hilton provided us with a continental breakfast in one of the boardrooms.

Those in attendance were:

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| Cheryl Mitchell   | Glenn Grove      | Patricia St. Clair      |
| William St. Clair | Sian Frick       | Theresa Perdue          |
| Ron Roberts       | Nancy Hanna      | Art Sherman             |
| Priscilla Sherman | Bill Markley     | Marge Markley           |
| Charles Vaughan   | Margaret Supik   | Danielle Wells          |
| Barry Wells       | Wesley Gilberto  | Tammy (Wesley's friend) |
| Howard Pollman    | Sharon Hassinger |                         |

Glenn Grove opened the meeting by informal introductions and an explanation of the WNGG and its purpose. Howard Pollman offered the full support of the city of Harrisburg, the Governor's Office and local businesses.

The Committee exchanged ideas for advertising and promotion in the Hilton, such as a CROESO banner in the parking garage and CROESO signs in the Strawberry Square shop areas. Since it was agreed that registration was the crucial factor of the entire weekend, we are looking for special efforts to make it as smooth running as possible. Attention to little details will help make the experience most enjoyable for the registrants. One suggestion was to attach a silk daffodil to each registration package. With this in mind, the Hilton offers a registration/booking service for conferences at a cost of \$3 to \$4 per registrant. The Hilton handles all bookings and the transfer of money by use of credit cards.

Current Status of Individual Events:

The Committee received a letter from John Lewis of the Pendyrus Male Choir advising us that they will not be performing a West Coast/Canadian tour as originally anticipated. It is questionable as to whether they will be able to fulfil their current concert obligations and also perform at the WNGG weekend in September of 1995.



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Michelle Griffiths has heard from one mixed choir from the Cardiff area who is interested in an East Coast tour and performing at the WNGG.

The subject of underwriting was introduced for discussion. We were promised funding from Dauphin Deposit Bank by Barbara Brown. We are also investigating underwriting by Welsh Brewers (through the Welsh Tourist Board and Michele Griffiths) for representation of their products that will be featured the entire weekend.

Glenn Grove presented a copy of the letter written by Rev. Richard Price Baskwill that formally invited the Bangor High School Band of Bangor, Pennsylvania, to participate in the Civic Reception. Howard Pollman will inquire about combining the River Festival with our Civic Reception to make it a more attractive event. Historically, the Civic Reception has been greatly over-looked and received (in our opinion) low-priority status during the weekend. It should be the kick-off to the entire weekend. WITF will be asked to provide media coverage during this event.

A letter is being composed to invite all other Welsh American groups to assist in the Harrisburg WNGG. We want no group to feel excluded from being able to participate. Cheryl Mitchell has a listing of these groups.

A question was put before Howard Pollman to see if we could increase the seating capacity in the Forum by adding extra chairs. He will discuss this with Fuller Runion, director of the Forum.

We discussed the format of the Welsh Market Place. Cheryl Mitchell made a partial list of prospective businesses. We asked Howard Pollman to come to Seattle, Washington, to promote the Harrisburg '95 WNGG. There is a possibility of putting the Welsh Market Place vendors in the Strawberry Square area. Another idea was to use one third of the Ballroom for vendors and spill out into the Lobby for the exhibits. Security is a question with the Market Place in Strawberry Square.

A complete report is required by the WNGG by April 15, 1994, to be presented in Peterboro, Ontario. Cheryl Mitchell offered to make the presentation. Everyone is requested to have their forms completed and returned to Glenn Grove as soon as possible.

Tours were discussed at length by the Committee. By general consensus, the following decisions were made: Tours will be



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held on Thursday afternoon, Friday and Saturday all day. In order to promote the history and culture of the area, yet not detract from the events of the Welsh weekend itself, only four tours will be offered: Hershey Park and Chocolate Factory Tour, Lancaster County (Amish Culture) combined with Factory Outlet Shopping, the Delta Heritage Tour (limited to one coach), and the State Capitol combined with the Governor's Mansion. Howard Pollman will assist with arranging the tours.

Sharon Hassinger was then introduced to the Committee. She was at our disposal for touring the facilities available and questions pertaining to the Hilton. We toured the Hilton at 12:00 noon and visited the Ballroom, small meeting/board rooms, the Golden Sheaf Restaurant, Raspberries Restaurant and the Towers. Sharon stressed that she needs a final itinerary in order to provide us with the best services of the Hilton.

Howard Pollman then provided us with a tour of Strawberry Square and the Forum. The Forum will be used extensively during the weekend for the Grand Concert, Morning Worship and both sessions of the Cymanfa Ganu. We then returned to the Hilton for any additional discussion.

Glenn Grove advised us that we will be the first group to offer a bilingual Cymanfa Ganu Souvenir booklet. Cheryl Mitchell will be the translator.

Priscilla Sherman, coordinator of the Civic Reception, requested more information about that event. Howard Pollman suggested that we hold the event on the Capitol steps to attract as many congressmen as possible for publicity. In case of inclement weather, the event can be moved inside to the Rotunda. We will request that a Welsh Flag be flown over the Capitol and at the Hotel. In order to attract as many participants as possible for the weekend, this event will be promoted as the starting point for the Cymanfa Ganu. The consensus of the committee was to have the Civic Reception on Thursday afternoon, not to interfere with any other event. With as much advance promotion as possible, this may bring participants earlier to the WNGG weekend.

The meeting was concluded at 2:00 PM with the next scheduled Harrisburg '95 Committee meeting to be held at Nancy Hanna's home on January 29, 1994 at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be rescheduled at the Committee's earlier convenience in the event of inclement weather.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary