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SECRETARIES REPORT 1979-1980

AFTER DELIVERING 3,000 HYMNALS TO NIAGARA FALLS OVER 1300 HAD TO BE RETURNED.

9-6-79 TRUSTEE'S LIST WERE MAILED

9-12-79 WROTE APPRECIATION LETTERS TO HOTEL & CONVENTION BUREAU.

10-11-79. ATTENDED MEETING WITH VANCOUVER COMMITTEE.

11-3-79. MAILED COPY OF NIAGARA PROGRAM TO PRES OF U.S.. (NO REPLY)

11-7-79. MAILED QUESTIONER TO B.O.T. HOTEL QUOTES ETC.

ATTENDED GYMNASTICS IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, POSSIBILITY OF NATIONAL 1982-1983?

ATTENDED IN PITTSBURGH. POSSIBILITY OF NATIONAL 1982 ?

CONTACTED NORM WILLIAMS, POSSIBILITY OF UTICA 1981, CAME TO PASS MET COMM JUNE 6th SHERATON HOTEL

CONTACTED ~~RE STEVEN~~ PAUL STEVENS. CONCERNING FED GRANTS

2-5-80. COMPLETED FIRST RUN OF ENVELOPES FOR VANCOUVER 3751.

4-24-80. MET WITH STEPHEN McCLOSKEY AT HILTON HOTEL PITTSBURGH FOR 1982. M WRENCH

4-24-80. COMPLETED ADDRESSING 3500 GUM BACK LABELS FOR VANCOUVER, BROCHURES RECEIVED

TOTAL LETTERS RETURNED FROM FIRST RUN 95.. RETURNED FROM SECOND RUN 103

COMPLETED ADDRESSING NATIONAL LETTER 5-8-80 TOTAL PIECES 10,607 ADDRESSED

NUMBER OF HYMNALS PACKAGED AND MAILED 2,582. ON HAND 10,743.

PHONETICS SOLD 6. ON HAND 139.

LIFE MEMBERS IN US.	1102	}	1204
LIFE MEMBERS IN CANADA	95		
LIFE MEMBERS IN U.K.	7		

TOTAL MAILING LIST AS OF 8-18-80 3357.

CASH ON HAND RECEIVED AFTER JULY 31st . TAPES, LIFE MEMBERSHIPS, HYMNALS, & OTHER
 \$956;00

MANY THANKS TO VANCOUVER COMMITTEE.

VANCOUVER

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association held in Vancouver, B.C. on August 30, 1980 at 9:30 A.M.

Seated at the head table were:

Dr. David L. Mandry, President
Rev. J. Humphreys Jones, Vice-President
Mr. Jack Meadows, Secretary
Mr. David M. Edwards, Treasurer
Miss Elma V. Jones, Acting Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the President. "O Canada" was sung and the Rev. Humphreys Jones offered a prayer.

1. Gwenfyl Jones, on behalf of the Vancouver Committee, extended a warm welcome to those attending the Gymanfa and thanked them for coming. She gave a brief report on the number of tickets sold for the various events. She thanked the National Committee for their help in arranging the Gymanfa, with special thanks to Jack Meadows and Eluned Thomas. She stated that Lord Elwyn Jones and Lord Gordon Parry were present entirely at the expense of the Wales Tourist Board. She explained that originally there was to be no choir participating but later the Committee had learned that the Llanelli Male Voice Choir was scheduled to tour several cities in Western Canada and that, if the Gymanfa could pay the bus transportation from Calgary to Vancouver, they would be willing to attend. Details had been worked out and they would be performing. The President thanked Miss Jones for her report.
2. The President mentioned that everyone present had received a copy of the minutes of the 1979 annual meeting and called for a motion to dispense with the reading of those minutes. It was so moved (Emrys Davies), seconded (Cyril Watkins) and passed. Mr. Lewis Edwards mentioned several errors in the minutes, viz. Page 2, #7, line 2 - Mr. Gwynn Parry should be Mr. Gwynn Parri. Page 3, #1, line 8 - Dr. Morris Wrench should be Mr. Morris Wrench. Page 3, #1, line 9 - Mr. Idwal Parry should be Mr. Idwal Parri. Page 3, #5, lines 1 and 2 - Mr. Ervin Davis should be Mr. W. Irving Davies. Page 1, #4, line 1 - Mrs. Gwenfyl E. Jones should be Miss Gwenfyl E. Jones - and also the same correction on Page 4, #4, line 6. Moved (Mair Monkhouse), seconded (Gwen Williams), and passed to accept the minutes as corrected.
3. The President then called on Lewis Edwards to give the report as Co-Chairperson of the 1979 Niagara Falls Gymanfa. He read a letter from Gwyneth Crysler, the other Co-Chairperson, who was unable to be at the Vancouver Gymanfa because of the recent death of her husband.

Lewis Edwards reported that, prior to the Niagara Falls Gymanfa, there had been a number of committee meetings; the officers had met frequently and there had been total harmony at all times. The Rev. J. Humphreys Jones had served as Chairman of Religious Activities and also in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Edwards felt that the plaque dedication had been an outstanding event and a very special occasion; the Noson Lawen had been great family entertainment, followed by a Tê Bach with Welsh cakes from many parts of the country. An Awr y Plant had been held on the Saturday afternoon. The Banquet had been an unqualified success and the program excellent. The Sunday morning church service would long be remembered, as would the special guests, the Right Honorable George Thomas and Lord Gordon Parry, with their wit and wisdom.

Commenting on the financial report, he felt that at first glance it appeared

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disappointing. However, cassette tape sales were continuing and should realize in excess of \$2,000 when sold. Expenses in connection with the plaque should be regarded as an unusual but necessary extraordinary expense. The plaque had been presented by the people of Wales at no cost and the expenses incurred on it should not be considered as a loss since the plaque would be there for the future.

He said that the committee had appreciated the fact that they were allowed to run the Gymanfa at Niagara Falls with minimal interference from the National organization.

The President commented on the Miscellaneous Expense being very low, which would indicate that the Committee was honest in their accounting. He also mentioned that the expense incurred for the Awr y Plant was one of the lowest and he felt that this might well bring the biggest returns of any items on the list of disbursements.

Moved (Emrys Davies), seconded (Ann D. Thomas) and passed to accept the report of the Niagara Falls Gymanfa.

4. Mr. David Edwards, Treasurer, then gave his report, a copy of which had been handed to all present. He said that the financial report of the Niagara Falls Gymanfa had been disappointing to him at first but, on further reflection, he felt it had been a good Gymanfa and much time and effort had been put into it.

He commented on the number of new life members, which he thought was very good. He reflected on the difference in the financial picture from when he had taken over as Treasurer in 1966. At that time there had been about \$500 in the bank and he thought the Association had done well to be able to pay about \$27,000 for hymnals in the past year. He said that on his return home he would invest \$10,000 in certificates to gain higher interest.

In the absence of Paul Stevens, Chairman of the Endowment Fund, Mr. Edwards then reviewed the financial statement of that Fund.

Moved (Lewis Edwards), seconded (Jack Williams) and passed to accept both reports.

5. Mr. Richard Davies, on behalf of Emrys Davies and himself, gave the auditors' report, stating that all the financial records of the organization had been examined and, to the best of their knowledge, were correct. Moved (Obie Cobby), seconded (Eluned Thomas) and passed to accept the auditors' report.
6. Mr. Jack Meadows, Secretary, began his report with a request that people look a little harder to see if there is not some organization in their locality that would sponsor a National Gymanfa. He said that he had corresponded with Columbus, Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C. trying to get sponsors.

He reported that hymnal sales had been very good - 4,000 of the original 15,000 already sold. The price had been based on amortizing the cost over five years but he said that, if sales kept up the next year as in the previous year, the cost would be covered in just two years. There were 10,743 hymnals presently on hand. He said that each year fewer phonetic books are sold - only six had been sold this year - and there were still 139 on hand.

He reported that there were 1,102 life members in the U.S., 95 in Canada and 7 in the U.K., for a total of 1,204. The mailing list totaled 3,357.

He said that he had attended a meeting of the Gymanfa Committee in Vancouver in October. He then expressed his thanks to the Vancouver Committee for their efforts and for the courtesies extended to him since his arrival.

A copy of the Secretary's report is attached to the original of these minutes.

At the conclusion of Mr. Meadows' report Ann D. Thomas asked how many people would like to have another National Gymanfa in Salt Lake City. There was a good show of hands and she said the Association would hear from Salt Lake soon.

Moved (Morris Wrench), seconded (Ann D. Thomas) and passed to accept the Secretary's report.

7. The Rev. J. Humphreys Jones asked everyone to start looking further ahead so that the Association would know well in advance where the future venues were for the Gymanfa. He felt that the responsibility for deciding the venue of the National should be at the annual meeting rather than in Youngstown and he suggested that people should refrain from scaring anyone about the possible difficulties of putting on a Gymanfa.
8. The President called forward the representative for Utica. Mr. Norman Williams then extended an invitation to the WNGGA to hold the 1981 Gymanfa in Utica. He said that the St. David's Society, at the urging of the National Association, had agreed to sponsor the Gymanfa and Robert A. Jones had accepted the chairmanship of the General Committee. Even with just one year in which to prepare, they guaranteed an excellent program and a warm welcome in the Welsh tradition. Utica has long been regarded as a Welsh cultural center and the Society sponsors a 30-voice choir, a youth exchange program with Wales and other social events. He said that the new Sheraton Hotel would be the Gymanfa headquarters and preliminary plans included a banquet on the Friday night and a concert on the Saturday night. He said that Central New York is a beautiful scenic section of the Northeast and tours would be arranged to some of the many points of interest in the area. Mr. Williams assured everyone of a warm welcome.
9. Alice Deisroth gave the report of the Credentials Committee. 75 ballots had been distributed to members and 5 ballots to representatives of member organizations, making a total of 80 ballots. Mrs. Deisroth thanked her helpers, Donna Davies and Nelson Llewellyn. Moved (Helen Richards), seconded (Mair Monkhouse) and passed to accept the Credentials Report.
10. Election of Trustees: The President called on the Rev. Neal Lloyd as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Lloyd then stated that he had not originally been designated as Chairman but that Glyndwr Abraham was the Chairman, with Eluned Thomas and himself as the Committee. However, he had agreed to act as Chairman since Mr. Abraham was not able to do so on account of his recent illness.

He said there were two vacancies in Canada. Mr. Glyndwr Abraham was eligible for another term and it was the hope of the Committee that he would be able to serve another term. The Committee nominated Glyndwr Abraham and Lewis Edwards for Canada.

There were two vacancies in the Eastern U.S. Mrs. Irene Pritchard and Mr. Cyril Watkins had both completed their first terms and were eligible for second terms. The Committee, therefore, placed the names of Mrs. Pritchard and Mr. Watkins in nomination for the vacancies in the East.

Moved, seconded and passed that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted.

The President then called for nominations from the floor. Eluned Thomas was nominated for Canada (Gwen Williams). Jack Williams was nominated for Canada (Richard Davies). Mair Monkhouse was then nominated for the Eastern U.S. (Gwynn Parri). Moved (Bill Greenway), seconded (Mrs. Flinchum) and passed that nominations be closed.

At that point Mrs. Deisroth reported that there had been two additional ballots handed out, making a total of 82.

Donna Davies, Nelson Llewellyn and Alice Deisroth were appointed tellers.

The result of the election was: Lewis Edwards and Eluned Thomas for Canada; Irene Pritchard and Cyril Watkins for the Eastern U.S.

Moved (Alice Deisroth) seconded (Jack Meadows) and passed that the ballots be destroyed.

11. The President recognized the Past Presidents who were in attendance - Lewis Edwards, Gwynn Parri, Owen Roberts and Eluned Thomas. Douglas Jones was also mentioned although he was not present.
12. On behalf of WAY, Gwynn Parri thanked Gwenfyl Jones and the Committee for the arrangements that had been made for the WAY Breakfast. He said that three of those representing WAY were Lewis Edwards, Mair Monkhouse and himself, but unfortunately none of the WAY Officers were in Vancouver. The WAY Liaison Officer, Dr. Islyn Thomas, was not present either as he was in Wales to receive an award.
13. The President asked for nominations for auditors for the next year. Richard Davies and Emrys Davies were nominated (Owen Roberts), seconded (Jack Meadows). Moved (Cyril Watkins), seconded (Wynne Price) and passed to close nominations. Richard Davies and Emrys Davies were elected auditors.
14. The Rev. J. Humphreys Jones suggested it would be appropriate to express appreciation for all the work done by Gwyneth Crysler with the Niagara Falls Gymanfa and he suggested that her husband had worked perhaps even harder than she had. He had not been Welsh but had worked many hours on the Gymanfa Ganu. Mr. John M. Williams then suggested that those present sign a sheet of paper in appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Crysler's work on the Gymanfa and expressing sympathy with Gwyneth in the death of her husband. The sheet was circulated and signatures obtained from those at the meeting.

15. Norman Williams mentioned that Moriah Church had just celebrated its 150th anniversary in May, showing the "roots" of many generations of Welsh in the Central New York area.

He stated that Syracuse had the largest airport in the area and was 45 miles from Utica and he assumed that those flying to the 1981 Gymanfa would use that airport.

16. It was reported that the Rev. John Samuel had died recently at the age of 100 in a Veterans Home in Virginia. He was a brother of Mary Samuel and his father had attended the Gymanfa regularly.
17. Lewis Edwards suggested that no tours be arranged by a local committee during the time of the annual meeting since it could discourage attendance at the meeting. This suggestion would be passed on to the Utica Committee.
18. The President then called on the President of the Women's Welsh Clubs of America, Mrs. Alice Deisroth, to speak. She recognized the Immediate Past President, Mrs. Marian Flinchum, who was present. She then gave information on the Rocky River Home which is supported by the Women's Welsh Clubs and suggested that anyone who was thinking of a retirement home and who might be interested in going there should send in an application.
19. The Rev. J. Humphreys Jones, on behalf of the WNGGA, expressed thanks and appreciation to the President, Dr. Mandry, for his wise and humorous presidency and complimented him on his way of conducting the meetings. Moved (Helen Richards), seconded and passed to thank Dr. Mandry.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.


Recording Secretary

THE WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION, Inc.
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JULY 31st 1980

Balance August 1st 1979-Savings Account	\$22,377.53	
Checking Account	8,240.06	\$30,617.59

Receipts:

Life Members	1,120.00	
Annual Dues	541.00	
Golden Jubilee Committee - Surplus	1,052.69	
Advances	1,500.00	
Stationery	688.50	
Stamps	675.00	
Donations	88.00	
Hymnals	11,845.07	
Interest on Savings	602.86	
Total Receipts		18,113.12
		48,730.71

Disbursements:

Printing and Stationery	1,385.00	
Postage	804.01	
Ninnau Advertising	50.00	
Memorial Flowers	30.00	
Travel Expense (Utica)	89.20	
Telephone	98.27	
Office Supplies	69.86	
New Hymnals	27,226.71	
Canadian Exchange	138.85	
Gifts: Ninnau	100.00	
Secretary	250.00	
Recording Secretary	50.00	
Total Disbursements		30,291.90

Balance July 31st 1980 - Savings Account	12,980.39	
Checking Account	5,458.42	
		\$18,438.81

Total Hymnal Receipts	\$21,987.21	
Total Hymnal Expense	\$31,076.58	

ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance August 1st 1979- Cardinal Federal S/L		\$ 2,681.65
Contributions	\$ 420.00	
Savings Interest	184.67	
Savings Certificate Interest	1,190.48	
Bond Interest	912.50	
		2,707.65
		5,389.30
Less Grant to W A Y	500.00	
Savings Certificate	475.67	975.67
Balance July 31st 1980		4,413.63
Savings Certificate		10,475.67
Bonds		10,000.00
Total Endowment Fund		\$24,889.30

*Investors
 10,000 hymnals*



W. A. Y.

Welsh Associated Youth of Canada and The United States

Financial Statement: 1 September 1979 - 7 May 1980

INCOME

Balance Forward	\$665.61
Sales	105.91
Memberships	245.88
Grants	500.00
Contributions	45.00
WAY Breakfast	456.00
Interest	32.85
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$2051.25</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENCES</u>	<u>957.51</u>
<u>NET BALANCE</u>	<u>\$1093.74</u>

Petty Cash	5.01
Publication acct.	164.76
General Fund	923.97
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$1093.74</u>

EXPENCES

Treasurer:	Rubber stamps	\$17.38
	Supplies	21.93
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$39.31</u>
Secretary:	Record cards	\$24.00
	Postage	98.24
	Telephone	82.86
	Supplies	146.83
	Printing	30.98
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$382.91</u>
	Money-raising Supplies	\$177.50
	W.A.Y. NEWS	\$357.79
	<u>TOTAL EXPENCES</u>	<u>\$957.51</u>

Submitted by Bruce Chr. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer

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(Come, Sing to the Lord)



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TO: Trustees of The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association Inc.

I am sorry I am unable to be with all of you at the National Gymanfa Ganu in Vancouver and give this report in person, but I will be there in spirit.

I do want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be Co-Chairman of the Golden Jubilee Gymanfa Ganu--it was a lot of hard work on the part of the whole committee but I am sure they will all agree with me that whatever we did was worth it in having such a great Gymanfa Ganu.

As you can see from the financial report, we didn't make a lot of money, but I hope you will all think of the pluses that came with it--

1. The plaque on Goat Island will be a reminder for generations and those that come after us will be very proud.
2. I am sure that those of us who were there will remember our special guests Hon. George Thomas and Lord & Lady Parry. I believe they were the outstanding speakers of all time.
3. The Te Bach was special, because so many people from all over the UNITED STATES and CANADA were able to contribute. The Welsh Cakes came by car, bus, train, plane or whichever way they could (It was an everyone affair).
4. The Nosen Lawen was the best ever--it is hard to do a Nosen Lawen when you must depend on the cast from all over the country not just local as is usually the case.
5. The Church service was a moment everyone will remember--the dedication of the new hymn book--the memorial service--BEAUTIFUL is the only word I can use to express my feelings.

1979 NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. GYMANFA COMMITTEE

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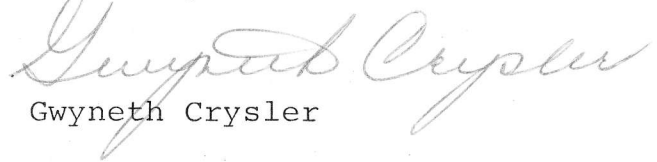
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6. The climax was the great singing of all peoples in the Gymanfa Ganu--nothing more can be said.

I know there are going to be many, many more Gymanfas as good and better than the Golden Jubilee but right now it was the GREATEST.

Again THANK YOU.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gwyneth Crysler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gwyneth Crysler