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welcomes you to the 50th Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu  
 on September 3-4-5-6, 1981

October 13th 1981.

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October 6, 1981

Dear Mr. Meadows,

I hope that you and Mrs. Meadows enjoyed the Gymanfa at Utica and that it wasn't too tiring for you. It seems that even when one is feeling fine it's still a rather wearing sort of pace at the Gymanfa, since there are many things to do--and I always hate to miss anything!

As I did last year, I have a few questions to ask you--I think the meetings were a little shorter this year than last, so I haven't had too bad a time with my notes.

- (1) I forgot to ask you after the annual meeting if I could have your Secretary's Report to type up for the minutes, since I didn't take any notes while you were giving it. *OK*
- (2) You mentioned at the 9/5/81 B.O.T. meeting that somebody was considering an invitation for the WNGGA sometime in the future. I have written L.A. in my notes and would like to confirm with you that I'm correct on this--was it Los Angeles?

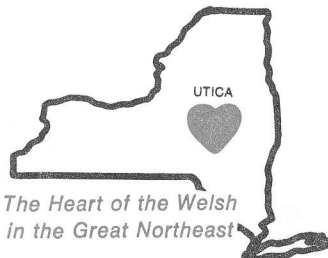
There are a couple of addresses that I'd appreciate getting since I have some questions especially on the Wilkes-Barre Scranton invitation. These people are

- (3) Rev. Bill Lewis *OK*
- (4) Also if you can send me the address for Nesta Isaacs, I'd appreciate it. *OK*
- (5) On those candidates from the East running for Trustee, I show Daniel Williams as being from Camden, NJ and Marian Flinchum from Rockville, MD--*OK*  
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I think that these are all the questions that I have, at the moment anyway.

We had our Minnesota Gymanfa in Minneapolis on the last Sunday in September-- it's been in southern Minnesota (Mankato) for quite a few years now until this year, and we wondered what kind of a crowd we'd get. But it turned out real well--the church wasn't too big and still there was seating for everyone. Jane Ann Roberts is from our area and it was the first time for her to direct the Gymanfa here, and I think people were very happy with her directing.

Thank you so much for your help. I do hope that you're feeling pretty good now and that the therapy will bring good health back to you. Please greet Mrs. Meadows for me, and my best wishes to the both of you.

Sincerely

*Elma*

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THE VANCOUVER GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION  
welcomes you to the 49th Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu  
on August 28, 29, 30 and 31, 1980.

To: The President, Officers, Trustees and Members of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association.

It gives me great pleasure to be with you at the Utica Gymanfa Ganu and further pleasure to present this report to you.

I wish to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be the Chairman for the 1980 Vancouver Gymanfa Ganu. The preparations for the Gymanfa entailed a tremendous amount of work on the part of everyone who was involved. However, all the hard work was worth-while for its success was beyond our expectations - culturally, socially and financially. The profit was \$9,903.64, of which 50% goes to the National Association and 50% is retained by the Vancouver Welsh Society.

Response to all our activities was magnificent. The Gymanfa weekend commenced with a presentation of Welsh costumes "Ddoe a Heddiw" - "Yesterday and Today". The traditional costumes dating from the 17th century had been made by the Vancouver Welsh Society Women's Auxiliary. It was a wonderful and worth-while project; we were made aware of the traditional costumes, their history and fashion.

The Friday night Noson Lawen was a delight of humour, talent and laughter. The "Te Bach" with 3,000 Welsh cakes which had been contributed by our friends along the West Coast, was an enjoyable occasion and well attended.

At Saturday's official luncheon, Lord Gordon Parry introduced the Guest of Honour, Lord Elwyn-Jones of Llanelli and Newham. Fluent both in English and Welsh, Lord Elwyn-Jones thanked the W.N.G.G.A. for keeping alive the Welsh cultural traditions and for their contribution of Welsh influence to the progress of North America.

1980 VANCOUVER GYMANFA COMMITTEE

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We all appreciated the contribution of talent given at the Awr Y Plant on Saturday afternoon.

The Saturday night concert by the Cor Meibion Llanelli, under the direction of Eifion Thomas and organist, Clive Phillips, was a triumphant performance. Nansi Richards and David Tuck added to the enjoyment of the evening.

The W.A.Y. breakfast was most successful. I had wondered whether there was going to be a W.A.Y. breakfast, for there was a breakdown of communication on the part of the W.A.Y. officers. It is thanks to Mair Monkhouse and Gwyn Parri, who contacted me at the end of June that the result was such a successful gathering at the 8:00 a.m. breakfast.

The Church Service was well attended. The congregation was inspired and spiritually rewarded with the scripture readings by the Rev. Berwyn Roberts and the sermon given by the Rev. Alun Richards.

Both sessions of the Gymanfa attracted the attendance of young and old. With the inspiring leadership of Eifion Thomas and with Clive Phillips at the organ, and the supportive role given by the Cor Meibion Llanelli, both sessions produced a high quality of hymn singing. Nansi Richards was our soloist for both sessions but unfortunately she was indisposed for the evening session. Eifion Thomas ably stepped into the breach and became the evening soloist. All who attended the Gymanfa agreed it was truly a great Gymanfa.

The Vancouver Committee decided not to invite a choir over from Wales especially for the Gymanfa, but ascertained if there was going to be a choir on tour in Western Canada during the period the Gymanfa Ganu and if so, we would invite them. We received a telephone call from Roland Thomas of the Calgary Welsh Society informing us that the Llanelli Male Voice Choir was coming to Calgary during the latter part of August. It was therefore decided to invite the Llanelli Male Voice Choir to give a concert on the Saturday night. Our invitation was accepted and arrangements made regarding billeting the choir members in Vancouver homes to cut down costs.

As President of the Vancouver Welsh Society I was contacted by telephone regarding the attendance of Lord Gordon Parry and Lord Elwyn-Jones of Llanelli and Newham. The committee discussed the prospect and were delighted to accept these special guests. All their expenses were borne by the British Tourist Board. Both 'Lords' contributed much to the success of the weekend.

Applications for grants were made from the Canadian Federal Government, the Provincial Government of British Columbia and the Municipal Government of Vancouver, and they all proved successful.

The Provincial Government and Municipal grants were made in the form of printing of menus for the luncheon, subsidizing the luncheon and the payment of our first mailing.

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The Federal Government grant of \$7,000 was a conditional grant, which could not be used if there was a profit. Thus the grant was returned to Ottawa.

I wish to thank Eluned Thomas and Jack Meadows for their help and advice, the Vancouver Committee for their hard work, and many others who gave of their time or talents to make the Vancouver Gymanfa a great experience. It was truly a weekend of "Deuwch Canwn i'r Arglwydd".

Attendances at the various events were:

Registration	1,570
Concert	1,640
Luncheon	400
W.A.Y. Breakfast	300

The number of rooms taken at the Hotel Vancouver was 274 and 294 in other hotels/motels.

I personally received 72 letters of congratulation on the Vancouver Gymanfa organization, events and the actual Gymanfa.

Respectfully submitted

Gwenfyl E. Jones

REPORT OF SECRETARY, FOR 1980--1981.

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT AND REGISTRATION LIST MAILED.  
TOTAL ENVELOPES ADDRESSED FOR UTICA GYMANFA APPROX 13,000. 3 MAILINGS  
LETTERS UNCLAIMED RETURNED 227

2-23-81.

BALLOTS MAILED FOR 1982 NATIONAL TORONTO Vs S, LAKE CITY, (TORONTO)  
ATTENDED G.Gs IN WILKES-BARRE A BID WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR 1983 AT  
THE ANNUAL MEETING, ALSO ATTENDED G.Gs. IN PITTSBURGH, CLEVELAND,  
AND SLATINGTON PA.\*\*\*\*\*

HYMNALS SOLD 2779, ON HAND 7,859.

PHONETICS SOLD 13, ON HAND 126.

LIFE MEMBERS AS OF TIS DATE	1115	IN U.S.	)	
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NONE MEMBERS ON REG MAILING LIST,	2627		)	3839.

REGULAR LIST SHOULD BE ABOLISHED, MAIL ONLY TO LIFE MEMBERS  
THERE BY SAVING APPROX, \$470:00 in POSTAGE

THERE WERE 28 DECEASED MEMBERS THIS PAST YEAR ??

AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY FAMILY FOR ALL THE HELP  
THEY GAVE ME WHILE I WAS HOSPITALIZED, NOT ONE LETTER WAS OVER LOOKED  
OR, ONE HYMNAL DELAYED, I THINK DAVE EDWARDS CAN ATTEST TO THAT BY  
THE LETTERS I MAILED TO HIM FROM PEOPLE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

THANK YOU.

JACK MEADOWS, SECRETARY  
W.N.G.G.A.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association held in Utica, New York, on Friday, September 4, 1981 at 2:30 P.M.

Present: The Rev. J. Humphreys Jones, President  
Mr. Norman Williams, Vice-President  
Mr. Jack Meadows, Secretary  
Mr. David M. Edwards, Treasurer  
Mr. Nelson H. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary  
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Miss Gwenfair Walters, W.A.Y. President  
Mr. Cyril Watkins  
Mr. Iorwerth Watkins  
Mr. Morris Wrench

The President welcomed the Trustees and others who were present. He expressed pleasure at seeing Mr. Meadows there and extended sympathy in his illness and in the recent and untimely death of his granddaughter. He then opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Minutes of the Board of Trustees' meetings held in August 1980 were then distributed. It was moved (Cyril Watkins), seconded (Mr. Meadows) and passed that the minutes be accepted.

Mr. David Edwards said that he had received \$200 for the Golden Jubilee Gymanfa tapes, and Mr. Meadows reported there were about 100 tapes left.

Mr. Stevens, in reply to a question about Government grants, said that he had made a preliminary application for the Folk Grant. The response had been that the Grant was designed to help small local groups but not large organizations such as the WNGGA. Upon application for the Challenge Grant, he was told that this was designed to help large organizations, but that none had ever been given to an international group. He said that he had written a letter to be sent to the Membership of the WNGGA requesting gifts to the Endowment Fund, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

2. Mr. Robert A. Jones, with Mr. Wilbert Roberts as Co-Chairman of the Utica Committee, welcomed the Gymanfa to Utica. He reported there had been 1240 pre-registrations and by that time the number was well over 1300.
3. Miss Gwenfyl Jones reported on the Vancouver 1980 Gymanfa. Copies of the report and financial statement are attached to these minutes. She corrected the last line of page 2, in which "first" mailing should have been "second" mailing. A grant received from the Government was returned because they had made a profit. One of the Trustees then commented about Note II on the Financial State-

ment regarding disposition of the Sunday morning offering. This amount should properly have been included in the total receipts for the Gymanfa. The President agreed that this was correct. There was no wish that the statement be changed but the matter was mentioned only so that it might be properly handled in the future. Gwenfyl extended greetings from Mr. Glyndwr Abraham as well as others from Vancouver, and also from Mrs. Angharad Lloyd Roberts. It was moved (Mr. Meadows), seconded (Neal Lloyd) and passed to accept the report of the Vancouver Gymanfa.

4. Mr. D. M. Edwards then reviewed the financial report of the WNGGA, copies of which had been handed to those present (copy attached to these minutes) and moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Mr. Cyril Watkins. There was a question concerning the fact that there were no honoraria listed under disbursements, but it was determined that these had been omitted by the typist, because the amount (\$700) was included in the total. The Rev. Jones mentioned that he had neglected to do any advertising during the year, but, thanks largely to Mr. Jack Morgans, the WNGGA had received excellent publicity. It was mentioned that a contribution to Undeb y Cymry ar Wasgar had not been made. It was moved (Norman Williams), seconded and passed that the appropriate amount be forwarded, both for this year and last. Mr. Edwards said that he would send a check to cover both years. It was moved (Eluned Thomas), seconded and passed that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as amended.
5. Mr. Stevens reported on the Endowment Fund (included on the financial report of the WNGGA). He mentioned that he had received two contributions since coming to Utica. Mr. Stevens moved acceptance of the report, seconded (Alice Deisroth) and passed. A Board Member asked that the purpose of the Endowment Fund be clarified, so that when contributions were solicited, we would know just how it was being used. Reference was made to Paragraph (e) of Article XIX on page 16 of the Constitution, stating how income from the Fund might be used. Mr. Edwards said that scholarships could be given if the Executive Committee were to decide to use it for that purpose. Mr. Stevens was asked for comment and he replied that he could obtain more specific information on how income from the Fund might be used. It was moved (Jack Meadows), seconded (Gwenfyl Jones) and passed that he check further to determine how much flexibility there is in disbursing income from the Fund.
6. Mr. Meadows presented the Secretary's Report, copy of which is attached to these minutes. He then questioned the practice of keeping names of non-members on the mailing list indefinitely. He felt that we could effect a saving of perhaps \$470 annually if the present mailing list were abolished, and he moved that we do this, seconded by Morris Wrench. Several members felt that money used for postage could mean an increase in attendance, thereby increasing income. Mrs. Deisroth moved that one more notice be sent to non-members saying that no more mailings would be sent to non-members. Another Trustee said she understood that, when someone had not attended the Gymanfa for a period of three to five years, the name would be removed from the mailing list. The decision was finally made to leave it to the discretion of the Secretary to remove those names where there was apparently no further interest in the Gymanfa. Moved, seconded and passed that the Secretary's report be accepted.

7. It was moved (Emmaline Davies), seconded (Iorwerth Watkins) and passed that the ballots of the vote on the venue of the 1982 Gymanfa be destroyed. The President requested the Secretary to do this.
8. The Rev. Jones then called on Eluned Thomas as General Chairman of the 1982 Gymanfa to report on the plans for Toronto. She thanked the Trustees for their vote for Toronto. She said they were not out to break any records, but were aiming for a good Gymanfa and good fellowship. The Westin Hotel, formerly the Hotel Toronto, would be the headquarters. The Gymanfa sessions would be at Convocation Hall on the Campus of the University of Toronto, about two miles from the Hotel. An English service would be held at the Hotel on Sunday morning, and a Welsh service at Dewi Sant Church (about six miles from the Hotel). A pageant would be performed on the Saturday evening, depicting the 75-year history of Dewi Sant Church. The Rev. Jones explained that the pageant would be written so that it could be the story of any Welsh church on the continent, but focusing on Dewi Sant. There would be an Awr y Plant on the Saturday afternoon. A Banquet and Concert would be held on Friday evening. The Committee did not plan to seek any Government grants. She then asked for permission to charge a \$4 registration fee. Owen Roberts moved that permission be granted, seconded by Mr. Isaac and passed. The President thanked Eluned for the report.
9. Stella Mair Thomas, representing the Wales Tourist Board, then extended an invitation to hold the Gymanfa in Wales in 1983. She presented a formal invitation signed by the Hon. George Thomas, M.P. The site and date of the Gymanfa would be our choice. They felt that Cardiff, with its St. David's Center with 2000 seats, would be an ideal place. Alternatively, the National Eisteddfod would be in Llangefni the first full week of August 1983, and the Gymanfa could be held in the Pavilion immediately after the Eisteddfod. There would be a "Festival of Castles" in Wales in 1983 and they felt this would be of interest to those attending the Gymanfa, especially since they expected St. David's would be a part of the Festival. The Rev. Jones thanked her for the invitation.

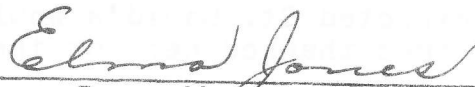
One Trustee felt that we should be very sure, if the invitation were accepted, that there would be no dilution of our efforts in arranging the annual Gymanfa in North America. Another Trustee did not favor the Wales Tourist Board involving itself in both the National Eisteddfod and the Gymanfa; since each is such a large undertaking he questioned their being able to handle both well. Mrs. Thomas was asked about the distribution of profits from the Gymanfa, since, after the one held in Swansea in 1974 from which the WNGGA was to get 60% of the surplus, it had taken three years to get a statement of any sort from the WTB. Mrs. Thomas replied that she had not been working with the WTB at that time, and was not able to explain the delay. The WTB had been in operation for only about five years at that time and she hoped they would be more efficient by now. The financial arrangements, however, would have to be considered carefully in advance, and agreed to by both sides.

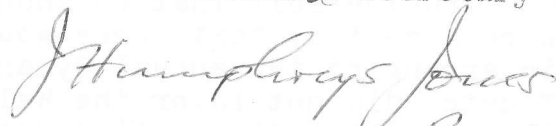
10. At this point the President asked if there were any invitations to host the 1983 Gymanfa. Someone mentioned that the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area was considering extending an invitation for

1983, and that the Rev. Bill Lewis of Wilkes-Barre would be at the Annual Meeting on Saturday to extend the invitation. Mrs. Deisroth said that she had been trying to get Baltimore to sponsor the Gymanfa. Another Trustee stated that some people felt that thought should be given to the invitation of Salt Lake City, while another felt attendance drops when the Gymanfa is in the West and he thought it would be wiser to stay in the East. It was then moved (Dr. Mandry) that we accept the invitation from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area, seconded by Dr. Islyn Thomas. The President suggested that our acceptance of the invitation be conditional upon the information regarding the hotel situation in the area. Motion was passed as amended. One Trustee stated that the Constitution required that an invitation be presented to the Board of Trustees and not to the Annual Meeting.

11. The President called on Gwenfair Walters, W.A.Y. President. She presented a report which included their financial status, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Dr. Thomas said he felt there was no need for a Liaison Officer now since the W.A.Y. organization was in good hands. It was moved (Gwenfyl Jones), seconded (Cyril Watkins) and passed that the W.A.Y. Report be accepted.
12. Mr. Owen Roberts mentioned that he would be retiring from the Board, and that he had enjoyed being a member, holding various positions for the previous 12 years. Donna Davies also mentioned that her second term was expiring. She felt that more life members were needed and, with the aid of the new Welsh-American Society in Washington, we should be able to contact all the Welsh Societies in existence, and make the blue flyers available to all those interested in joining.

It was moved (D. Edwards), seconded (Neal Lloyd) that the meeting adjourn. Motion was passed and meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

  
Recording Secretary

  
President

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association held in Utica, New York on Saturday, September 5, 1981 at 2:30 P.M.

Present: The Rev. J. Humphreys Jones, President  
Mr. Norman Williams, Vice-President  
Mr. Jack Meadows, Secretary  
Mr. David Edwards, Treasurer  
Mr. Nelson Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary  
Miss Catherine Dodd, Assistant Treasurer  
Mrs. Emmaline Davies  
Mrs. Alice Deisroth, President, Women's Welsh Clubs  
Mr. Tom Edwards  
Miss Gwenfyl Jones  
The Rev. Neal Lloyd, Member-at-large of Exec. Comm.  
Dr. David L. Mandry, Immediate Past President  
Mrs. Mary E. Pierce  
Mrs. Irene Pritchard  
Mr. Paul Stevens, Chairman, Endowment Fund  
Mr. David Thomas  
Miss Eluned Thomas  
Mr. Cyril Watkins  
Mr. Iorwerth Watkins  
Mr. Morris Wrench  
Miss Elma Jones, Recording Secretary

The President opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of August 30, 1980 were considered briefly and it was the opinion of the President that these minutes had been accepted the previous day, along with those of August 29, 1980.
2. The President mentioned that permission had been given at the Annual Meeting for the Secretary and Treasurer to be elected for another term. Dr. Mandry moved that Mr. Meadows be elected to the position of Secretary for the next three years. Motion was seconded by Paul Stevens. The President said that Mr. Jack Meadows had promised that Mr. Nelson Llewellyn would be initiated into the work immediately. Mr. Meadows then offered his resignation to be effective at the Gymanfa in Toronto in 1982. He said that he had equipment acquired over the years which he would turn over to the organization upon his retirement. Mr. Meadows was given a round of applause as he finished speaking. Mr. Meadows was reelected Secretary for a three-year term. The President suggested to Mr. Meadows that, should he feel the burden of the work too heavy, it would be up to him to relinquish the work to his Assistant. It was then moved (Paul Stevens) that Mr. David Edwards be reelected Treasurer for another three years, seconded by Alice Deisroth. The President commented that Catherine Dodd had been elected Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Edwards said that this would be his last year as Treasurer and he would give most of the work to Catherine Dodd. Mr. Edwards was reelected for a three-year term. The Rev. Jones said it was a measure of our appreciation of their work that Mr. Meadows and Mr. Edwards were being reelected for a further term of three years. As with Mr. Meadows, it would be up to Mr. Edwards to relinquish the work to Miss Dodd when he chose to do so.

3. At this time a delegation consisting of the Rev. William P. Lewis, Emrys Jones and David Morgan of Scranton entered the meeting to extend an invitation to the WNGGA for 1983. The Rev. Lewis, speaking for the delegation, said they would plan to have the Gymanfa in the city of Wilkes-Barre. There they had the Gianetti Motor Inn with 60 guest rooms, and which could serve as headquarters for the Gymanfa. Nearby was the Cross Gates Motel with 150 guest rooms; they estimated about 300 rooms in downtown Wilkes-Barre and those having downtown hotel rooms would be able to walk to the Gymanfa activities. There were other motels north of Wilkes-Barre, as well as those of Scranton, so they estimated there would be space for 800 or 900 people in the area. There were two large auditoriums with seating capacity of over 2000, either of which could be used for the Gymanfa Sessions. They were considering the Irem Temple nearby which would have room for the concert and worship service. The President thanked the gentlemen for the invitation and they then left the meeting.

Neal Lloyd moved acceptance of the invitation, seconded (Catherine Dodd) and passed.

4. There followed a discussion of the invitation to visit Wales in 1983. It was emphasized that this would be an extra Gymanfa, comparable to a Regional. There were comments about the improved air service to Cardiff, and also comments favoring one city over another as the site of the proposed Gymanfa. Dr. Mandry moved that the WNGGA accept the invitation to a Gymanfa Ganu in Cardiff in 1983, seconded by David Edwards. Consensus of the discussion which followed seemed to be that the Gymanfa held that year in North America would be adversely affected by the acceptance of the invitation to Wales, since most people would not attend both. Cleveland in 1974 was cited as an example of this, in that 500 people went to Wales while there were only 465 registrations in Cleveland. Gwenfyl Jones spoke of the help received from the WTB in Vancouver in 1980. She felt it wise to keep the lines of communication open by accepting the invitation. In reply to a question about the financial benefit derived by going to Wales, Mr. Edwards replied that in 1969 the profit had been split 50-50 with the WNGGA. Another Trustee stated that there had been no surplus from the 1974 Swansea Gymanfa. Responding to a suggestion, Dr. Mandry modified the motion so that it would not specify "Cardiff" nor the year. After the motion was seconded, the result was 11 in favor and 8 against the motion.

David Thomas stated that if the WNGGA were to sponsor a Gymanfa in Wales for 1983, or if we merely furnished the WTB our mailing list thereby endorsing the Gymanfa, it would be unfair to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Committee since they were unaware that there might be another Gymanfa. He therefore moved that the WB-S Committee be given an opportunity to rescind their invitation. At that point the President declared the motion invalid since we had already accepted the invitation.

It was moved (Neal Lloyd) to accept an invitation for 1984 or later, seconded by David Thomas. It was suggested that this would hurt our efforts to get invitations from organizations on this continent.

It was then moved (Neal Lloyd) that the President, with the Executive Committee, work with the WTB to come up with an invitation next year that would be mutually acceptable. Motion was seconded by Iorwerth Watkins and passed.

5. Dr. Mandry moved that the committee appointed to publish the new hymnal be reactivated for the purpose of producing a book of folk music, possibly with guitar accompaniment, the type of book that could be used by W.A.Y. and at a Noson Lawen. It was suggested that it should also contain Welsh carols and some modern numbers. Motion was seconded (Neal Lloyd) and passed. The consensus was that the book should be published with money from the Endowment Fund and an amount of \$2,000 was suggested. It was agreed that it should be a new committee appointed by the President rather than the former Hymnal Committee. One Trustee expressed concern that the folk song book might encourage the WNGGA to become a secular organization. It was also mentioned that Olwen Welk of Wisconsin had published a book of Welsh Folk Music and might be helpful in working on the Committee. The President felt that we should not rush into this immediately but perhaps give it further thought.
6. Tom Edwards moved that the same Nominating Committee be reelected for 1982--Mrs. Irene Pritchard, Eluned Thomas and Cyril Watkins. (Owen Roberts had also served in 1981 but was no longer a Trustee). Motion was seconded by Norman Williams and the Committee was unanimously reelected.
7. The President read a report from the auditors stating that the books of the WNGGA had been audited and, to the best of their knowledge, had been found in order. It was moved (Tom Edwards) seconded (Dr. Mandry) and passed that the report be accepted.
8. Alice Deisroth stated that she was happy to have been on the Board. However, her term as President of the WWC would expire in June 1982 and Dorothy Feeley would succeed her as President.
9. Neal Lloyd suggested that the Board thank the Utica Committee for their efforts in arranging the 1981 Gymanfa.
10. The President expressed his appreciation of Mr. Jack Morgans' untiring efforts in publicizing the Gymanfa and other Welsh events. It was moved (Eluned Thomas), seconded (Nelson Llewellyn) and passed that a letter should be sent to him to express our thanks.
11. Mr. Meadows stated that there were several cities considering hosting the WNGGA and among these were Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Los Angeles.
12. Norman Williams moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded (Cyril Watkins) and passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

*Eluned Jones*  
Recording Secretary

*J. Humphrey Jones*  
President