

Welsh Society of Fredericksburg

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2018

I. In Attendance: Rik Rice, Myra and Trip Wiggins, Beth Spragins, Richard Schwartz, Bill Reese, Bob and Cindy Roser, David Rich, Mary Triola. Jeannette Episcopo arrived later

II. Call to Order

Vice President Rik Rice called the meeting to order at 7:49 pm in Faulkner Hall.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

After Jeannette arrived, secretary Mary Triola read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. New business

*Treasurer's Report: Myra reported that our beginning balance in the account was \$7,219.89 and, with expenses and deposits, the ending balance at this time was \$8,151.74

*Apparently the storage company where the Society pays for a unit is now requiring that customers show proof of insurance of the contents of the storage unit. If there is no coverage the company will charge \$9.00 a month for \$2,000-worth of coverage. Discussion was taken up about this issue. It was the general consensus that the festival should cover storage but it may be necessary to find more funds to pay for our storage unit.

Myra asked for a motion to pay the \$9.00 insurance rather than get our own separate policy. Cindy moved that we do so and Bill seconded the motion.

*Myra said she is sending out reminders to members who have not paid their dues yet.

*Mary spoke about the successful Scottish Welsh Harp Day and thanked the Society for their \$100 donation to help with expenses.

*Cindy reported that out of 10 Garden slots, 8 were already committed. The author of a book about the Tredigger Iron Works will be at the festival. She has not yet received an answer from the rugby club as to whether or not they will do their program in the Garden

this year.

Bob has contacted Welsh Government officials to see if they will send someone to speak in the Garden. Cindy mentioned that she could fill in the last slot with poetry if it is otherwise unfilled.

*Jane Roser is going to take off from work to help with face painting at the Festival. Faith is also willing to help our again this year. Rik mentioned he could ask the Evans brothers at Red Dragon Brewery if they have connections to the Fredericksburg, Christian Academy to find students who might help with face painting.

*Rik brought up rack cards, which cost \$389.00 last year, and pointed out that we had printed up too many. Richard said that there is no point putting rack cards at the Visitor Center because no one who goes to there during a visit to the city is going to come back for the Welsh Festival. He recommended that we just put a sign up in the Visitor Center.

*Putting an ad in Ninnau came up. Bob suggested we put in an ad to welcome visitors coming for NAFOW to Fredericksburg. Bill agreed. Rik preferred that we stay on message to promote the Festival.

Trip moved that we put a 2-part ad in the program for NAFOW. Bill seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

*There was discussion of continuing our ad in the Riverside Dinner Theater program. There was a general consensus that we should continue to do so.

*Rik has asked Red Dragon if they want to sell beer at the Festival again this year. Jeannette mailed out invitations to vendors to return this year. She has heard from Bryn Hull.

V. The next meeting will be held June 24 to avoid Father's Day.

VI.Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Mary Triola