

Welsh Society of Fredericksburg

Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Welsh Society of Fredericksburg was called to order at 7:38 pm in Faulkner Hall by President Jeannette Episcopo.

Present

Jeannette Episcopo, Bill Reese, Beth Spragins, Richard Schwartz, Bob and Cindy Roser, Trip and Myra Wiggins, John Gwyn, and Mary Triola

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were read and unanimously approved.

Open Issues

Welsh Goods

Cindy reminded the members that we had talked about purchasing John Luskin's Welsh goods. We had agreed that we could spend up to \$1500. Bob mentioned that some of the articles we have been trying to sell for the past 2 years, such as rugby shirts and children's clothes, would be good to send back to John. It is possible that John's son could pick them up on his way to visit his dad in the rehabilitation center, saving us the cost of returning unsold goods. But if we do send goods back to John it may cost less than \$150, according to Bob's estimate.

Richard recommended we stick with the \$1500 allowance for purchasing the goods.

Correspondence

Cindy read a letter from Janet Hineman, who is quite ill but, on a happier note, is expecting the birth of a grandchild.

Ad and Vendor Money

Trip mentioned that we are still awaiting the ad fee from the Colonial Dancers. Jeannette has written to Avril Bishop about the forthcoming ad fee for the Scottish Society. She did not think we had received the \$100 ad money from the Red Dragon Brewery and she still had not received a donation from them for vending at the festival.

New Business

Treasurer's Report

According to Myra our account balance is \$11,318.82

Our income from the Festival was \$7,483.81 and our net profit was \$2,933.87.

James Monroe Museum spent \$4,411 but some of that will be refunded bringing their actual outlay to \$3,011. The Museum will receive half of our net profit, according to our partnership agreement.

Myra found that we had not paid for the use of Faulkner Hall in 2016 or 2017. We will send \$200 to St. George's for our use of the hall for the last 2 years.

Donations from Welsh Society

We discussed organizations to which we would like to send donations. They and the amounts we decided upon are as follows:

\$100 Cwrs Cymraeg

\$75 Friends of Ninnau

\$100 Friends of St. David's Cathedral

\$100 WNAA

\$100 Welsh Harp and Heritage Society for Welsh Heritage Week

\$75 Great Plains Welsh Heritage Project

\$75 Rehoboth Welsh Church

\$75 WAGS (Welsh American Genealogical Society)

\$700 Total Welsh Charity Donations

By-Laws

Myra worked very hard to write in necessary changes to the By-Laws as suggested by the members of the Society.

In Article III, Section 1, there will now be three appointed officers. The Media Coordinator (a task Bill has been performing for several years now) is the third officer.

In Section 3 the duties of the Secretary were changed to include sending out minutes by email and/or posting them on the website.

The Treasurer will need a receipt signed by the receiver if a person/entity is paid in cash.

Several other additions to the Treasurer's duties were added, including the filing of the appropriate version of the 990 form with the IRS before the deadline. This is to be done online.

The Treasurer will also continually update dues payments and contact information for

members and will coordinate with the Secretary on maintaining the list of current members.

Article IV Welsh Festival was added to reflect the partnership of the Welsh Society with the James Monroe Museum. Several new duties of officers, especially the Treasurer, were outlined.

Article V Meetings under Section 1 was changed to require 10 meetings of the Society each year.

In Section 2 only five active and physically present voting members of the Society constitute a quorum. Voting may also take place by email.

Section 4 requires only five members of the Society to call a special meeting.

Article VI Board of Directors added the Media Coordinator to the list of Directors.

Article VII concerns committees.

Article VIII Nominations and Elections added electronic/absentee voting.

Article IX concerns Parliamentary Authority.

Article X is Amendment of By-Laws and added that amendments may be sent out by email for consideration by the Society.

Article XI concerns Dissolution of the Society

We most heartily thank Myra for thoroughly analyzing and adding corrections to the By-Laws. It was a heroic task that needed to be done!

All corrections were unanimously accepted. The new By-Laws should appear on the Society website soon.

Other Business

Cindy recommended that Society members consider going for at least one day to the 2018 NAFOW since it is being held in Alexandria.

Jeannette reminded the members of the upcoming Noson Lawen on the 3rd Sunday in December at the American Legion Hall from 2:00 to 5:30. (This date was later changed to January 21.)

Cindy asked anyone with donations for the raffle to contact her.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm by President Jeannette Episcopo.

Minutes submitted by: Mary Triola

Approved by: [Name]