

Fredericksburg Welsh Society  
Minutes from October 15, 2017

The monthly meeting was held at Faulkner Hall in St. George's Episcopal Church.

In attendance were president Jeannette Episcopo, treasurer Myra Wiggins, Bob Roser, John Gwynn, Richard Schwartz and Trip Wiggins.

The president called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

The minutes from the June business meeting were read and approved.

This year the December 17th Noson Lawen/potluck will be held at the American Legion Hall on Woodford Street in Fredericksburg. Bob and Cindy Roser will be out of town, so Bob asked who might be able to cook the traditional Welsh lamb. The president said someone had tentatively volunteered. Jeannette will collect the raffle items from the Rosers and run the raffle in Cindy's absence. Members are encouraged to buy tickets! The prizes are very nice.

Discussion moved on to our 28<sup>th</sup> Welsh festival. Everyone agreed that it was a big success. The sunny weather helped to draw a very good crowd. The "experiment" of having the Red Dragon Brewery sell their wares went well. People stayed within the designated area to enjoy the beer and the music. Brewmaster Tom Evans has requested a larger space for next year, but our space is very limited. We will discuss the possibility at a festival planning meeting.

The general festival comments were very positive. Bob, John and Trip had very good crowds for their garden talks. There were very few people for the last two presentations, but the rugby guy answered questions with enthusiasm.

The trolley was replaced by vans, but passengers were dropped off at the William Street entrance as usual. The crowds came in spurts all day. A lot more people came in the George Street entrance this year. Many attendees were University of Mary Washington students and their families. One

woman came from St. Louis, Missouri; several people came from Pennsylvania. People liked the "Feed the Dragon" stickers.

The society purchased its own Square to facilitate credit card sales at the Welsh Market. It was a worthwhile investment and can also be used for people who want to pay their dues. We should have two Squares for next year's festival to better assist customers.

Bob said we were very low on shirts. He will contact the man at Iron Shirts to see what kind of discount we might get. He will report what he learns at a festival meeting.

Bob had a difficult time contacting the son of John Luskin prior to the festival to see what we needed to do with the merchandise from last year. Bob kept it and that's what

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we sold this year. We sent the commission check as usual. Mr. Luskin is officially out of business. Another vendor is planning to buy his stock. She might let us sell merchandise on consignment. Details will come later.

A suggestion was made to have flyers from the National Park Service and the Fredericksburg City Tourism Department on our information table.

We had a successful festival, so there was a short discussion about making donations to various Welsh groups as we had done before. Bob will include the choices in the November newsletter so we can vote at the next meeting.

John Gwynn mentioned that he had gone to the Delta, Pennsylvania Gymnafa Gani. He was surprised to see Sean Fick there. She had undergone surgery for lung cancer and said she was cancer-free. We were all happy to hear that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by acting secretary Jeannette Episcopo