



Menter Iaith Maelor

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting

Held at Ebeneser Chapel, Wrexham on the 21st April, 2010.

Present

Trefor Jones-Morris (Chairman), Alun Emanuel, Gwenan Emanuel, Sion Aled Owen, Gwawr Cordiner, Nia Evans, Sian Edwards, Ellie Pritchard, Ann Hughes, David James, Gareth R Williams, R.D.Jones, Rosemary Ralphes, Judith Bartley, Huw Garmon (Guest Speaker)

Apologies

Michelle Murphy, Frances Dawson, Carys Gwyn, Iddon Edwards, Haf Wyn Hughes

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and referred to the year as a very different one as the Menter procured services of staff from Menter Iaith Sir y Fflint through a Service Level Agreement. The Menter is now facing a new era with the appointment of Sian Edwards as a Community Development Officer, Nia Evans as the Youth Development Officer and Michelle Murphy continuing with her role of Research and Development Officer for the Welsh language.

2. Minutes from the 2010 Annual General Meeting

It was accepted that the minutes were correct.

3. Arising issues

No matters arising.

4. Managers' Report

The Manager thanked everyone for all the support she and the staff received whilst undertaking the work of the Menter. She described 2009 as a very busy year with many objectives achieved.

Funding from the Rural Development Plan meant that the Menter could hold many activities which included community activities and workshops to teach children about the history and culture of Wales. 6-7 work areas were prioritized which included working with young people, young families and learners. Young people are one of the main groups that the Welsh Language Board focuses on with the Menter working with this specific group by organising a trip to Alton Towers and Rock workshops.

During the next stage a marketing strategy needs to be developed to support local appeal committees especially with the upcoming arrival of the Eisteddfod. Staff of the Menter also need to concentrate on collaborating with other organizations and partners.

The Manager said that it was important that not one appeal committee would be distinguished against the others. An idea was raised whereby the Menter could organize a big event for all the appeal committees. Gwawr felt this would be hard to arrange as the Menter had decided not to intervene in any of the fundraising but said the Menter would support in any way possible. The Menter have been in close contact with Alwyn (Deputy Organiser of the Eisteddfod Genedlaethol) and we have organized activities for the Proclamation for the Eisteddfod and Wythnos Iaith ar Daith.

The Menter supports the local appeal Committee by promoting and marketing on their behalf. Once the data base is complete it will be possible to send a text message to update people with current news and upcoming activities organized by the Menter.

In order to continue with the good work that has been done so far a new Community Development Officer has been appointed, Sian Edwards and she will be working in the community to promote and raise awareness of the Welsh language by organizing events and activities. Gwawr thanked Trefor for his leadership and Eleri for taking the minutes at Board meetings. She ended by saying she wished to build on what had already been accomplished.

5. Treasurers Report

In the last financial year the Menter received an income of £46,300 and expenditure was £52,500 which includes expenditure of the last period where expenditure was much more than the income. In the future more emphasis needs to be made on looking for different resources of money, especially as many are now looking to save money in these difficult economic times.

Trefor thanked David for all his detailed work as treasurer.

6. Electing members of the Directors Board

All members were re-elected. Trefor said that in the future he felt someone from Glyn Ceiriog should be on the Board.

7. Electing a Chairman

Trefor was re-elected as Chairman

8. Any other matter

No other items were discussed other than those on the Agenda

Guest Speaker

Huw Garmon spoke about his career as an actor, concentrating on the successful film Hedd Wyn and the beautiful location in Wales in which he worked on whilst filming. He also spoke about his experience of being nominated for an Oscar and attending the Oscars. He also discussed the various dialect here in Wales which he noticed more and more moving as he travelled from North to South Wales. He currently lectures in Glyndwr University and thoroughly enjoys the new direction in his career but was not sure how long he would be in the post.