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To: 9 [REDACTED]
From: ydr [REDACTED] (Mary Morris Mergenthal)
Subject: Celtic procession

Just got this e-mail from Audrey regarding what she and Frank have done. I'm way too swamped with program booklet problems (I know you're wildly busy too...but) and I simply cannot think about this until I get the Eisteddfod committee mtg done in Nfld and several other mtgs here this week plus get the booklet off to Madelia.

I told her I'd passed the message along to you and that you'd respond to her. Copy me, I guess, so I know where we are. Please let me know ASAP how this will impact the program booklet. I already have some changes on that page because Audrey's description of the twmpath reached Bob weekend the book came to me.

Mary,
Here's what Frank and I have worked out for the Celtic part of the opening ceremony:

We will ask Bob (of Iona) to pipe the Celtic reps in. They will march down the center aisle, across in front of the stage, up the stairs and form a semi-circle around Frank, who will be at the podium. He will deliver a welcome to the Welsh in the six Celtic languages.

We have lined up so far: Manx (Joan Gill), Cornish (Barb Roberts and Barb Anderson), Scottish (Mike and Audrey). No Bretons in town and so far we've not got an Irish, but Frank will speak to a person he knows. I am thinking, too, that Laurel, as St. David's prez, should be in the procession too.

What we'd like to know is can we offer free tickets to the concert for the above folks who are coming in just to do this for us? It's a lot to ask of people to come downtown, pay for parking, etc., just for a brief ceremony. If we could do this I have someone in mind to ask to represent the Bretons. She's done a lot of work with their music and dance.

Is the above what you have in mind? I assume others are arranging for the national anthems, the opening prayers, etc., and all you wanted us to do was the Celtic part.

Also, can you give me a brief description of the room ... I assume it's the one for the folk concert. Then I'd know if the route I envision the procession taking is right.
thanks ... regards, audreym

OK

yes let me know, I have papers

It is Ballroom D we need to let Hotel know seating arrangement.

To: audre [REDACTED]
From: Ellis Jones <el [REDACTED]>
Subject: Opening Procession
Cc:
Bcc:

Audrey and Michael: Mary Mergenthal has forwarded to me your e-mail about the opening procession for the folk song concert and asked me to work with you. Several items:

Item 1. Can you take charge of the whole procession--In addition to the celtic representatives, there needs to be the 3 flags--Canada, USA, Wales. (Ron Adams has them and is making arrangements to have them at the special programs where they are needed--his home phone number is 612-929-9302.

Item 2. The WNGGA Board of Trustees led by International President Col. Alfred J. Reese, Jr. should be in the procession--how about after the celtic representatives?

Item 3. When the procession gets to the front of the room, Col. Reese is to give a very brief Welcome on behalf of the WNGGA followed by a statement that "The 1999 National Gymanfa Ganu is now open!" Then he and the Board members can move to wherever they are wanting to sit. We won't need reserved places for them.

Item 4. Under separate cover I'm sending you a copy of the 3d floor layout. The folk concert is in Ballroom D-E-F-G. Ballroom A-B-C are for the marketplace. In Ballroom D-E-F-G, we will need a center aisle down which the procession will walk. The people in the procession should gather in the Foyer at 6:30 to 6:45 outside the Ballroom D doors or outside the Ballroom F doors. The procession should start promptly at 7:00.

Item 5. Yes, we should give the celtic folks free concert tickets. You are correct in calling attention to the expense they have to bear to be a part of the opening session. Let me know how many and we'll have them set aside.

Item 6. If the above plans are OK with you, I'll notify the WNGGA Board about details for the procession.

My address is the WNGGA Headquarters, 500 West College Avenue, St. Peter, MN [REDACTED]
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X-From: Mary.C.Siegle-2 [REDACTED] Sun Aug 22 19:59:25 1999
Return-Path: <[REDACTED]>
From: "Siegle" <[REDACTED]>
Reply-To: "Siegle" <[REDACTED]>
To: ellis [REDACTED]
Subject: procession
Date: Sun, 22 Aug 1999 19:59:24 -0500

Dear Ellis,

Here's the shot.

Representing Ireland will be Ethna McKiernan.
Representing Cornwall will be Barbara Andersen
Representing the Isle of Man will be Norman and Joan Gill
Representing Brittany will be Jane Peck
The McClellans will, of course, represent Scotland.

Now after I talked with them at the St. David's board meeting, and firming up the people involved, I started thinking about scenario. We've got the procession of the Celts and Col. Reese and the board and the national anthems and Col. Reese's declaration. I guess the anthems are last, right? Anyway, at the St. David's meeting we decided that it would be too difficult to ensure there were identifying flags for the nations and would be tough to do, anyway. But I think that, outside of Scotland whose garb is instantly recognizable, the others are probably not. And Ireland has no traditional garb, anyway. So a little time is going to need to be taken to introduce them and the nations they represent. I expect that I will probably come in with Ethna, or at the end if we want me to do a brief one sentence greeting in the other languages. Audrey or I could introduce the others and then I could give the greeting. Then should she or I introduce you so you can introduce Col. Reese? That seems to me to be the thing to do. I know you're busier than a crow in the corn, but if you would get back to me on this with your input, I'd appreciate it.

Frank

To: "Siegle" <Mary. [REDACTED]>
From: Ellis Jones <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: procession
Cc: mlbradsha [REDACTED], afreese [REDACTED] aupshall [REDACTED]
Bcc:

Frank: I like your description of being busier than "a crow in the corn!" Ha!
Regarding the procession--looks good. My understanding is that the order for the procession will be as follows: column of two persons abreast:

- Ethna McKierman (Ireland) and Frank *Brittany*
- Barbara Anderson (Cornwall) and Jane Peck (Isle of Man)
- Norman and Joan Gill (Isle of Man)
- Mike and Audrey McClellan (Scotland)
- President Reese and Executive Director Jones
- Remainder of Board of Trustees, two abreast

Flags of USA, Canada, Wales (Ron Adams is making arrangements--needs to be contacted--telephone number is [REDACTED]) (Find out from Ron if protocol allows flags to be back in procession or should they lead)

Sequence of Program:

Frank--Welcome with brief explanation which country each person represents with a brief statement in that country's language, followed by one sentence introduction of WNGGA International President Col Alfred J. Reese Jr. (you can do that so it takes less time.)

Col Reese will step to microphone to Welcome everyone and then conclude with "I now declare the 1999 National Gymanfa Ganu open"
THEN, the three national anthems--USA first, Canada second, Wales third.
And Then on with the show--Iona

And then everyone in the procession can head back to their seats--no reserved seats in front for the Board of Trustees. A copy of this is going to Laurie and to President Reese and to Vice President Alan Upshall.

Ellis J.

To: Laurel Bradshaw <[REDACTED]>
From: Ellis Jones <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: procession
Cc: Mary.C.Siegle <[REDACTED]>, afreesejr <[REDACTED]>, aupshal <[REDACTED]>, aud <[REDACTED]>@com
Bcc:

Laurie: Thanks for the reply. I had not been told but I think it is a superb idea to have you representing Wales. You would walk by yourself just after Mike and Audrey and in front of Col. Reese and me. Is that OK? There was also another error in the list--Jane Peck should be identified as representing Brittany.
Copies of this are going to President Reese, Frank, Audrey, and Vice Pres. Upshall.
Ellis J.

At 09:01 PM 8/25/99 -0500, you wrote:

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>> Remainder of Board of Trustees, two abreast
>> Flags of USA, Canada, Wales

>> I had been told I was representing Wales in the procession, but maybe that is you and Col. Reese??

>> Laurie Bradshaw