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Date: Tue, 8 Dec 1998 09:16:59 -0600
To: ellis[REDACTED]
From: ydryc[REDACTED] (Mary Morris Mergenthal)
Subject: Hello & request

Hi,
I'm back & hard at it again (as hard at it as I can be when I have to keep checking out the grandson photos again).

UNFORTUNATELY, at some point I failed to update the phone number in the WNGGA and you didn't inform me of that. PLEASE do not assume that everything I print is absolutely correct. Megan Jones in Chicago, again, has been very frustrated because she's tried & tried to reach the WNGGA office using the number in the Drych ad. I'm sick about how many others might be in that book & not have called me to inquire or complain.

Nonetheless, she had 2 questions which I said I'd relay since she was now going to be away (at Mayo) for few days.
1 - She'd like listing of people who have sent contributions to '99 National in memory of her sister Bessie (Elizabeth) Jones. I know you had more than mine & she'd like to mention it to them when she writes, even if you have acknowledged them officially (which I assume you have). She did acknowledge my gift already but I had noted it on the card to the family for their information.

I told her I'd ask you to send her a list of names (she's not so concerned about addresses because feels sure she'd have those for anyone who would have chosen this route...but it wouldn't hurt to include them if you have them I assume). Her address is Megan Jones, 5107 Lincoln Ave., Lisle, IL 60532-2121.

2 - She wanted to know what our dollar figures are for larger donations to the '99 National (patron, donor, etc., etc.) I told her that, unfortunately, we had not yet discussed that as a committee but thanked her for reminding us that we'd have to do that at our next meeting. She said she did not need to know before first of year but as soon as we have finalized that she'd like to know. Now if that is something local venue committee is not allowed to determine, then please get the WNGGA group moving on verifying those levels so we have them to communicate to others who might inquire & to include in our registration info.

On to other matters:

Since I'm barely back from Chicago I've not had chance to do much on our gymanfa but David has managed to miss yet another meeting with me, Judith & I have met to review Jonathan Padelford contract Howard Davies got (I'll be faxing this to you soon but want to check with company about some questions Judith & I have first.) Holly & Richard & I had good talk about some concert issues after the Christmas Tea on Sunday. They're clearly good ones to be shepherding details on that but we have to do some quick political footwork to ease things between that committee & David I think. How when David doesn't appear to talk, I don't know, but we'll see. Alan Upshall has e-mailed me couple of times to remind me that we have no contract for the choir either since that just got sort of assumed in the beginning & the choir has basically, most likely improperly, been calling its own shots so far. I'll talk with Trilby & her group about that now. She's in last week of classes & I'm in production now for few days so it won't be done immediately either.

That's it for now.
Mary

MEMO

January 12, 1998

From: Mae Howells Anderson
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To: John Schultz, Chairman
Worship Committee
Central Lutheran Church

I write in my capacity as chairman of the Committee for the planning of the morning worship service at the 68th Annual Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu which is to be held in the city of Minneapolis on September 3,4,5,&6 of 1999.

The organizing committee chaired by Mary Morris Mergenthal and Dr. Ellis Jones has met with Ms. Joan Brennan and has been given permission to hold the afternoon and evening singing sessions at Central. As you will note when reading the enclosed information we also have a morning worship service and we would like to have this take place at Central as well. In past years we have worked with churches in whatever city we were meeting in integrating our service with theirs. There a few things we would wish to incorporate ie: the use of Welsh hymns (there are 17 Welsh Hymns in the Lutheran Book of Worship), a memorial service for members of our organization who have died in the past year, and a preaching minister of our choice (since he/she must be bi-lingual). In this regard we have at this time a commitment from The Reverend Vivian Jones, the former senior pastor of Plymouth Church here in Minneapolis, he is retired and lives in Wales. His honorarium would be our responsibility. We would estimate from six to seven hundred of our registrants would attend this service.

I would appreciate your consideration of this request and notification of your decision as soon as possible. I will be out of town from January 19 through February 11.

Just as a matter of information the above mentioned co-chairs are Lutherans in good standing, Mary Morris Mergenthal is a member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran and very active in other phases of the Lutheran Church at large, Dr. Ellis Jones is a member of First Lutheran Church, St. Peter MN. and is also on the staff of Gustavus Adolphus College there.

Sincerely

Mae Howells Anderson

Attachment E-3

WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU
(GU-MAHN-VA GAH-NEE)
(Hymn Singing Festival)

The Gymanfa Ganu began in the chapels and churches of Wales over a century ago and was brought to America by the immigrants who have come here over the years. It has been kept alive on this side of the Atlantic due in great part to the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association and it's annual sponsorship of a four day event held in a different city each year in the U.S. or Canada. The Gymanfa is planned and organized by a local committee and has been held in Minnesota twice before, in Minneapolis in 1978 and in St. Paul in 1987.

Those who attend come mostly from the U.S. and Canada and some from Great Britian, the numbers vary with the venue. Since there are large concentrations of Welsh in New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania the numbers are greater when it is held in those states. The committee for 1999 anticipates our numbers will range between 1000 and 1300.

The four day event consists of seminars, a concert, a banquet, children's activities etc. most of which take place at the headquarters hotel. However Sunday's schedule, which includes a bi-lingual (Welsh/English) morning worship service is very often held in a church if there is a large enough one in the vicinity of the hotel.

The culmination of the weekend, which begins on Thursday, is the Gymanfa Ganu itself on Sunday afternoon and evening and consists of two singing sessions each lasting 2 to 2½ hours. The congregation who are the singers many of whom may chose to sit in voice sections (SATB) will be led in the singing of the hymns in Welsh and English by a conductor. To us this is also a worship service.

The 1999 dates will be Sept., 3, 4, 5, & 6 - Thurs. thru Sun.
(Labor Day Weekend)

The 1999 Gymanfa Ganu will be the 68th Annual

The 1999 Organizing Committee

Mary Morris Mergenthal, St. Paul
Dr. Ellis Jones, St. Peter Co-Chairs
Marveen Evans Minish, Mpls. Secretary
David Edwards, Mpls. Treasurer
Sub Committee for the Sunday A.M. Worship Service

Mae Howells Anderson, Mpls. Chair
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Dr. John Morrison, St. Paul (PHD)

The Rev. Margaret J. Thomas, Mpls.

Ellis -> (Rev. Thomas is a retired Presbyterian minister and a past Director of the Minnesota Council of Churches)

In case anyone asks