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The Women's Welsh Club of Baltimore

and

The Saint David's Welsh-American Society of Baltimore

Welcome you to Baltimore

For The 57th Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu, September 1, 2, 3 and 4, 1988

April 20, 1988

Ms. Barbara A. Morgan
[redacted] Fernhill Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Barbara:

In reply to your request as to the actual cost of the first mailing to your committee and a projected cost for the second mailing.

The figures indicate actual cost for the first mailing and a projected cost based on pro-rated actual cost for the second mailing.

Your actual cost of the first mailing amounted to \$1,511.78 for slightly over 3,600 pieces of mail.

The projected cost for a second mailing would amount to approx. \$1,010.28 for 2,500 pieces of mail and \$1,376.58 for 3,500 pieces of mail.

The reason for projecting two figures is that I plan on not mailing to many non-members who have not attended the National for a few years. However should you want to send everyone the mailing, I would be happy to make up the mailing accordingly.

I trust this information will help and please keep in mind I have put the numbers together rather quickly and will double check. Should there be and change I will notify you.

Sincerely,


Nelson L. Llewellyn, Secretary

ps Just a thought, should you wish to eliminate the Hotel Reservation form from the mailing the reduction would be \$137.00 for the 2,500 pieces and \$191.00 for the 3,500 pieces. NLL



Correspondence

Baltimore '88 W.N.G.G., P. O. Box [redacted] Baltimore, MD 21208
Chairman, Barbara A. Morgan
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Secretary, Bette Davis Ermer
(301) 32 [redacted]

July 4, 1989

7/8/89

Paul E. Stevens, Esq.
President
The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu
Association, Inc.
[REDACTED] North Lima Road
Poland, Ohio 44514

Re: '88 W.N.G.G. at Baltimore

Dear Mr. Stevens:

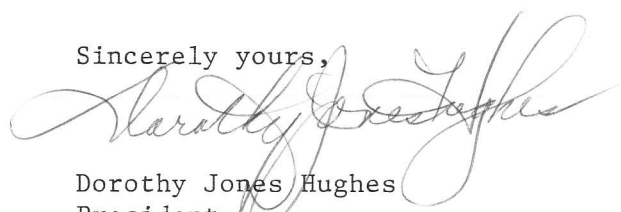
My husband brought to my attention your letter of June 15th, in which you advise local sponsoring organizations must file a financial report with The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc.

While The Women's Welsh Club of Baltimore was listed in the program and elsewhere as one of the "sponsoring organizations", our sole activity was the operation of the Tearoom in the Marketplace. At no time was The Women's Welsh Club of Baltimore told it would be required to submit a financial report. Our organization was not privy to financial affairs of the '88 W.N.G.G. and, to date, has not been informed of the outcome. Incidentally, The Women's Welsh Club of Baltimore has not received any monies from the '88 event.

It is our understanding a Maryland corporation by the name of "1988 Baltimore Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Committee, Inc." was formed by Barbara A. Morgan for the purpose of conducting the '88 W.N.G.G. at Baltimore. It therefore appears this entity should submit the financial report for the '88 W.N.G.G.

I trust this letter will clarify the relationship of The Women's Welsh Club of Baltimore to the '88 W.N.G.G. and explain why our organization cannot submit a financial report.

Sincerely yours,



Dorothy Jones Hughes
President
The Women's Welsh Club of Baltimore

DEH/wh

[REDACTED] Middletown Road
Parkton, Maryland 21120

cc: ✓ Mr. Nelson L. Llewellyn
Mr. Frank Feeley

██████████ Midletown Road
Parkton, Maryland 21120
October 9, 1988

Ms. Barbara A. Morgan
██████████ Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Dear Barbara:

I have been completely ignored by you since the National Gymanfa Ganu concluded a month ago. Yesterday, at the Women's Welsh Club meeting, you gave my wife an envelope to give to me. It contained the check book for Signet Bank Account No. 256-45979, which had been in the possession of Asst. Treasurer Ethel Schipferling. The balance as of 9/29/88 is \$465.64.

In the pocket of the check book were invoices from Ninnau Publications in the amount of \$1,179.76, invoices from Travel Destinations Unltd., Inc. in the amounts of \$878.00 and \$200.00, an envelope with two checks totaling \$325.00 and \$26.00 in cash, Check No. 0544 marked void with a notation "Paid \$54.39-\$491.00 Due", deposit slips for \$12,751.74 and \$240.14 and various letters, photostats and adding machine tapes.

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I subsequently spoke with Robert I. Catlin (who was responsible for housing the choir) and learned that on 9/5/88, he, you, your mother and John Griffith met at the Omni Hotel and counted the money. He said it amounted to approximately \$13,000.00 and assumed a deposit was made the following day. Mr. Catlin said that because of the commingling of receipts it was impossible to determine where the money came from. I was told you paid Mr. Catlin "\$700.00 something" in cash for rooms for the choir, food for the choir and taxi fare for a choir member. He also advised you are to give him a letter in order to claim a tax deduction for additional expenses he incurred.

You are the author of this debacle. It is unconscionable for you to expect me to resume my duties as Treasurer. Only you have a knowledge of all the facts and thus in a position to render a Financial Report to The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc. I will, of course, assist the auditors in every possible way regarding my limited knowledge of the facts and involvement.

For the reasons set forth above and the potential insolvency of the corporation (1988 Baltimore Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu, Inc.) you and John Griffith formed, I am returning herewith the check book with enclosures you gave to my wife yesterday.

Very truly yours,

WLH/h
Encl.

William L. Hughes

cc: Nelson L. Llewellyn, Secretary
The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc.

P.S. On 10/8/88 I issued Check No. 0563 to reimburse me for an expenditure of \$30.00 that had been approved to purchase three (3) video tapes of the worship service.

██████ Middletown Road
Parkton, MD 21120
October 13, 1988

1-301/357-5570

10/15/88

Dear Nelson,

Enclosed are a copy of my letter of 10/9/88 to Ms. Barbara Morgan and a video tape of the Sunday worship service. While the video tape was done by an amateur it does preserve Dr. Walters' fine sermon.

I deeply regret the outcome of events pertaining to the 88 National Gymanfa Ganu. The total lack of communication and now the apparent insufficiency of funds has created a wretched situation. For all intents and purposes my duties as Treasurer have been usurped by Barbara Morgan. She is the only person who knows what disposition was made of the cash and other receipts, payments made in cash and bills paid/owing.

Why she did what she did is beyond me. Of course, I will cooperate in every way concerning matters handled by me.

In view of the above and the enclosed letter you may want to contact Barbara Morgan for an explanation of receipts and expenditures. As mentioned in my letter of 10/9/88, this Gymanfa Ganu was arranged by "1988 Baltimore Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu, Inc.", a Maryland corporation formed by Barbara Morgan and Attorney John Griffith.

Very truly yours,


William L. Hughes

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10/15/88

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Parkton, Maryland 21120
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[Faint signature]

██████████ Middletown Road
Parkton, Maryland 21120
November 8, 1988

11/12/88

Dear Nelson,

This has reference to our telephone conversation on October 30th.

Yesterday I received the bank statement for the period 10/3/88 - 10/31/88. Today I am mailing this statement and the prior two statements for Account No. 256-45979 to Barbara Morgan.

Although this account was setup with Ethel Schipferling and I as the persons authorized to write checks, I note that commencing 10/17/88 Barbara's mother, Bette D. Ermer, is now writing checks. See Check Nos. 0564, 0565 and 0566. I presume Barbara had the account changed.

While the balance as of 10/31/88 is shown as \$10,626.11, an examination of the bank statements indicate several checks have not been deposited. On 8/31/88, at Barbara's request, I prepared numerous checks to individuals for overpayment. These checks were given to Barbara and were to have been handed to the parties at the time of registration. I now wonder whether that was done. The following checks are open: Nos. 0517, 0518, 0519, 0521, 0522, 0523, 0524, 0525, 0526, 0527, 0528, 0530, 0531, 0532, 0533, 0534, 0535, 0536, 0537, 0540 and 0541.

I recently spoke with John Lewis at Travel Destinations Unltd., Inc. He said he has been paid in full. He also said they continue to receive requests/inquiries about refunds.

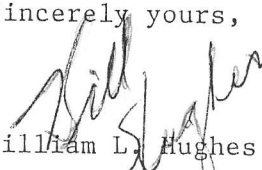
Of significance are outstanding bills. As I previously stated, I do not have this information. I do know that money is owed to Rehoboth Welsh Church for the tours to Delta, PA. Last evening I spoke with Rev. Baskwill and was told they are owed \$1,220.

I have not seen any payments for insurance. Enclosed is a copy of the contract with the Lyric Opera House. Your particular attention is directed to Paragraph Nos. 4, 7, 10, 11, 12, 17 and 19. This lease was signed sometime after 6/28/88.

In my letter of 10/9/88 to Barbara Morgan, with a copy to you, I described various items that were in the pocket of the check book. It included two checks totaling \$325.00 and \$26.00 in cash. The bank statements do not reflect deposits for these amounts. Also included was Check No. 0544 marked void with a notation "Paid \$54.39-\$491.00 Due". I still do not have an idea what this is all about.

In view of the facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc. request an accounting from Ms. Barbara A. Morgan. I will be pleased to assist the auditors.

Sincerely yours,


William L. Hughes

WLH/h
Encl.

██████ Middletown Road
Parkton, Maryland 21120
November 8, 1988

Dear Barbara:

Enclosed are copies of the three bank statements pertaining to Signet Bank Account No. 256-45979 with copies of cancelled checks and a debit for a transfer of \$269.15 from the prior account. As you are aware, the bank does not provide copies of deposit slips with the monthly statement. The ending balance as of 10/31/88 is \$10,626.11.

Very truly yours,

WLH/h
Enclosures:

William L. Hughes

Statement dated 8/31/88, received 9/3/88. (Account opened 8/15/88.)
Statement dated 9/30/88, received 10/7/88.
Statement dated 10/31/88, received 11/7/88.

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For The 57th Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu, September 1, 2, 3 and 4, 1988

Fernhill Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21215

November 23, 1988

Nelson Llewellyn

Melwood Drive NE

Warren, OH 44483

Dear Nelson,

Enclosed is our check for \$3,175.73, which includes \$2,615.73 for the mailings plus \$560 for 28 life memberships. The St. David's Society decided at its Board meeting on November 18 to purchase the remaining hymnals. I have sent them an invoice, and once we have been paid, I will send you a separate check for all the hymnals.

I also enclose copies of letters to George Jones and Mrs. Williams (re Mrs. Droppa). Bill Hughes was supposed to have taken care of Mrs. Droppa's check. There's no question that she was entitled to the refund.

We are finally almost sorted out and hope to have things essentially wrapped up in the next couple of weeks. There are a few other refund requests that were temporarily lost in the shuffle, and we still have one or two accounts receivable that we're trying to collect.

I'd like to pass on one observation for your consideration in the future. We took your advice about having two closely related people serve as chairman and secretary and there were definite advantages to that system. However, when a family crisis strikes, it distracts two key people at the same time. There were some difficulties in May when my grandfather had his heart attack. It's been even more difficult since he had the kidney infection, and subsequent bladder cancer scare, in September and October. Losing Ethel at the same time was another blow. And I don't want to even think about Bill Hughes.



Correspondence

Baltimore '88 W.N.G.G., P. O. Box [redacted] Baltimore, MD 21208

Chairman, Barbara A. Morgan

(301) [redacted] (Home)

Secretary, Bette Davis Ermer

(301) [redacted] (Home)

11/30/88

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Catherine Dodd, Treas
12/1/88

Nelson Llewellyn
November 23, 1988

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I have been both disappointed and baffled by Bill's behavior, and offer the same apology to you for appointing him treasurer that I offered John Griffith. Bill treated Ethel badly. He brought a negative attitude to committee meetings (Ethel called it "poison"). He seemed to resent the presence of two practicing attorneys and a banker on the committee. And in the end it seemed that he created difficulties and misunderstandings where none should have existed. John and I can give you a whole laundry list of problems, but at this point I'd rather just get everything straightened out and put it behind us.

I'll be in touch soon about Kay Roberts, etc., which is requiring a bit more research. We should be able to resolve that in another couple of days. We're paying Richland-Knowles directly for the liability coverage. That did work out very well, and we're glad the National did that. I'm sure other committees will also appreciate being able to handle liability in that way.

I hope you and Betty have lovely Thanksgiving holidays.

All the best to you both,

Barbara

Barbara

P.S.

- ① We have sent thank you letters.
- ② We gave the PO my forwarding address when we closed the box, and they still have the forwarding order on file.

██████ Middletown Road
Parkton, Maryland 21120
December 28, 1988

12/30/88

Dear Nelson,

It's been almost 4 months since the '88 National Gymanfa Ganu at Baltimore and I still have not heard from Barbara Morgan.

Earlier this month, when the bank statement was not delivered at the usual date, I contacted the Signet Bank and learned they received instructions to make a change from me to Bette D. Ermer (Barbara's mother). Although my wife has spoken with Barbara and her mother on two recent occasions, neither said anything about the bank statement change or any other matters pertaining to the '88 National Gymanfa Ganu.

Because of the commingling of monies and cash payments without obtaining receipts by other than the Treasurer or Asst. Treasurer, there is no way for anyone to prepare an accurate accounting of income/expenses of the '88 National Gymanfa Ganu.

On a related matter, in an agreement between Barbara Morgan and John L. Lewis and not known to anyone else, Travel Destinations Unltd., Inc. received a commission on all lodging, air and local bus transportation, in exchange for handling registrations. The nature of this arrangement should be disclosed in order that a decision can be made as to whether it is in the best interest of The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc. As you know from many individual complaints, the registration process left a lot to be desired.

The deliberate refusal of Barbara Morgan to purchase insurance required by the written contract with the Lyric Opera House, discussed in my letter of 11/18/88, is a serious matter and should be given careful consideration in future events. I shudder to think of the consequences if someone was injured.

The '88 National Gymanfa Ganu illustrates the problems when an individual, for personal gratification, runs the entire event. The program and other literature described this event as being sponsored by The Women's Welsh Club of Baltimore and The St. David's Welsh-American Society of Baltimore. These organizations were sponsors in name only. \$1,294 was collected at the Sunday worship service. None of this collection was given to the "sponsoring organizations"; instead, Barbara Morgan decided to give one-half of the collection (\$647.00) to Capel Cymraeg Rehoboth in Delta, PA. Further, while Dr. Gwyn Walters was to receive \$500.00 for the Sunday worship service, Barbara Morgan arbitrarily decided to pay him only \$100.00.

The '88 National Gymanfa Ganu at Baltimore was a fiasco and almost a disaster. There are lessons to be learned from it. I sincerely hope that a committee will be formed to examine what went wrong in Baltimore and take steps to prevent it from happening again.

Sincerely yours,


William L. Hughes

WLH/h

cc: Paul E. Stevens, Esq.
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The 58th Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu

August 31, September 1, 2 and 3, 1989

June 15, 1989

Mr. William L. Hughes
19239 Middletown Road
Parkton, MD 21120

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 12, 1989. In reviewing its contents, it appears that the problem involved is an internal matter which must be resolved within the local sponsoring organizations. The WNGGA does not have such control over sponsoring organizations that would allow it to demand an audit of the records.

The local sponsoring organizations must file a report with the National Association and, as is done every year, this report will be reviewed carefully. However, if there is any indication that the National organization is being subjected to any potential liability by reason of any actions or omissions of the sponsoring organizations, I should be notified immediately to determine whether an investigation should be initiated by the National.

I appreciate your contacting me.

Sincerely yours,

Paul E. Stevens
President

PES:mjn

c: Nelson Llewellyn



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6/16/89

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June 12, 1989

6/17/89

Paul E. Stevens, Esq.
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Dear Mr. Stevens:

As you no doubt know by this time, the '88 W.N.G.G. at Baltimore was run by Barbara Morgan.

At the outset, I was named Treasurer and Ethel Schipferling Asst. Treasurer of the Baltimore event.

Early on, I became concerned with Ms. Morgan's method of operation and brought it to the attention of Nelson L. Llewellyn. In addition to several phone calls, I corresponded with Nelson. Attached for background information are copies of various letters. I planned to resign, but at the urging of Nelson remained a member of the so-called Executive Committee.

While I and other "officers", committee chairpersons and committee members met on occasion we neither had a voice (vote) in matters assigned to us nor were we made aware of what (negotiations/contracts) Ms. Morgan was doing until after-the-fact. In short, we were a mere facade for Ms. Morgan to satisfy the organization requirements of the W.N.G.G.

Neither I nor the Assistant Treasurer wrote many checks. In fact, I stopped receiving bills and was not advised of accounts payable. At the Gymanfa Ganu, monies (particularly cash) from various sources were comingled, making a later accounting impossible. Further, without any advice to the Assistant Treasurer or I, various payments were made in cash by Ms. Morgan.

Initially, Ms. Schipferling and I were the only persons authorized to write checks. On or about October 17, 1988, Ms. Morgan notified the Signet Bank, without any notice to Ms. Schipferling or I, to add her mother (Bette Davis Ermer) as a person authorized to write checks. Shortly thereafter, I stopped receiving the bank statement.

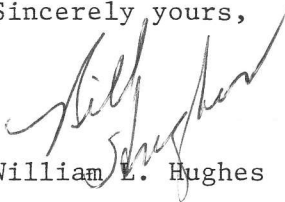
Since the Baltimore event there have not been any meetings. Several persons reportedly have made inquiries regarding the outcome and not received any definitive answer. Ms. Morgan has not spoken to me since September 4, 1988. No one but Ms. Morgan knows what money was taken in, how it was spent (by check and cash) and what is owed.

The Women's Welsh Society of Baltimore and The St. David's Welsh-American Society of Baltimore were advertised as being "sponsoring organizations". As of yesterday, neither organization has received a cent from Ms. Morgan. It is of particular interest to note that as of February 14, 1989 there was a balance of \$5,453.08 in the bank account and as of today there is a balance of \$4,107.55.

In view of the above, supplemented with advice in the attachments, it is requested that an independent audit be conducted of the '88 W.N.G.G. prior to the forthcoming event at Pittsburgh so that an appropriate statement can be given at the meeting of the general membership. I will fully cooperate in this audit. It is important that my reputation not be tarnished in the slightest as the result of actions by Ms. Barbara A. Morgan.

Finally, the '88 W.N.G.G. could have been a very costly disaster. It is strongly recommended that a standing Oversight Committee be formed and take the necessary steps to prevent a reoccurrence of '88.

Sincerely yours,



William L. Hughes

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