

From: "DavidThomas" <dthoma[REDACTED].com>
To: "Mary Morris Mergenthal" <ydryc[REDACTED]>, "Ellis Jones" <[REDACTED].du>
Subject: Program booklet
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 1999 11:22:03 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0
X-Priority: 3
X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V4.71.1712.3

Hi Mary,

Attached is the essential information that Bob Williams needs from me but I am not sending it to him until the two of you have a chance to look it over.

Some additional items related to the sessions:

1. I feel strongly about not breaking the reverent sprit of the services by reading announcements.
In my mind it would be better to have the president of the sessions read these during the call to order.
2. I will be happy to participate if you want a welcome from our committee, want me to read announcements, or whatever. I don't mind doing that kind of thing.
3. I would like to see the order for the end of the evening session done as on the attachment. The closing ceremony is an essential part of the weekend but it is secular and should follow the benediction. Whether or not you want previous venue Chairmen to come up there is up to you. I know some of them do not like it while others relish the attention.
4. I still do not have an accompanist for the Informal Singing. Can you think of anyone local that may be interested?
5. As to the meeting at Central. I will be out of town during the first week of August but may be back on Friday, it's 50-50 at this point. I will be available the next week. Although there is a chance I would not be available on Monday nor Tuesday. The next week I will in Connecticut on Monday and Tuesday but will return Tuesday night. Let me know if you get a meeting set up.
6. Our committee has done nothing about recording the sessions nor making arrangements to sell recordings. At the last meeting I attended, (I think it was in January) I was told to hold on since someone else might be handling this.
7. No, I have not done anything about a nursery. On the one hand I am not sure

here would be
enough "customers" to justify it but then again I think it is a nice service.

Dave

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD W3 HTML//EN">
```

```
<HTML>
```

```
<HEAD>
```

```
<META content=text/html;charset=iso-8859-1
```

```
http-equiv=Content-Type><!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD W3
```

```
HTML//EN">
```

```
<META content="MSHTML 4.71.1712.3" name=GENERATOR>
```

X-Sender: ell [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1999 13:31:28 -0500
To: "DavidThomas" <dthom[REDACTED]@corp.com>
From: Ellis Jones <ell[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Resend
Cc: yd[REDACTED]
Mime-Version: 1.0

Dave: Here are my answers. Hope they are the same as Mary's. If not, then we need to negotiate. I hope my responses match your points.
Ellis J.

1. Reading the announcements at the beginning is a good idea.
2. Thanks for the offer to participate in the program. We do need to be cautious about getting too many persons on the stage - it might detract from the Director.
3. No attachment arrived. Could you send a hard copy. I'm having a difficult time getting attachments printed out. Received one from national secretary last week and finally she send a hard copy because even the best folks at our Info Tech center were not able to get it to come on the screen in anything but machine code.
4. There was a fellow from down here who is now an organist in the Twin Cities who has played for the Minnesota Gymanfa a couple times and who contacted me early on expressing his willingness to accompany. He might be someone who could come over to the hotel. He attended Gustavus and is familiar with Welsh hymns and this would give him a chance. Sorry I don't have his name but if I come up with it, I'll let you know.
5. I think we are all set for the 29th at the Hotel. Sorry you can't be with us if that is the date you were talking about. I wasn't sure which Monday, Tuesday you were talking about.
6. Contract has been signed about recording the sessions to make cassettes and CDs. We're now deciding on how much to charge and to put together the order blank.
7. This is the first time I've heard about any plans for a nursery. Because of the very few persons requiring a nursery, I favor not having one.

P.S. Will there be a podium for the directors to stand on so those in the back can see the directors at the Informal Singing. Since we'll be in the Ballroom Foyer, the podium could be kept in the Coat Room--registration area when not needed.

At 12:56 PM 7/22/99 -0500, you wrote:

> Not sure if the following went through, found out this morning that
> our e-mail server was flaky yesterday: & Ellis, Attached is the
> essential information that Bob Williams needs from me but I am not sending

>it to him until the two of you have a chance to look it over. Some
>additional items related to the sessions: In my mind it would be better
>to have the president of the sessions read these during the call to
>order. I don't mind doing that kind of thing. I know some of
>them do not like it while others relish the attention. 4. I still do not
>have an accompanist for the Informal Can you think of anyone local that
>may be interested? Let me know if you get a meeting set up. At
>the last meeting I attended, (I think it was in January) I was told to
>hold on since someone else might be handling this. "" to justify it
>but then again I think it is a nice service. Dave

To: "DavidThomas" <dtthom[REDACTED]>
From: ydryd[REDACTED] (Mary Morris Mergenthal)
Subject: Re: Program booklet
Cc:
Bcc:
X-Attachments:

Hi, David,

It's been several days of panic here finishing the August issue because I've been laid up with a virus for 10 days so I couldn't respond yesterday.

Generally the attachment looks OK and BOB NEEDS IT PRONTO...HE GOES TO PRESS MONDAY.

HOWEVER, Meirwyn's name is spelled wrong. Ellis had indicated he'd take the evening but I don't care one bit so go with whatever you and he decide upon. I think if there's any space a city should be listed for the ministers. Those who come fairly regularly to the gymanfa know Alan & Alf but I've never heard of Pastor Yueill and don't know where Pastor James is from. However, of course, visitors won't know where any of the participants are from and space is very tight so probably this is a moot question. I agree no bios of them are nec or appropriate but if room, town and church would be informative.

Your closing sequence looks good to me. I think it will be best if you make announcements since they will relate to local matters (meal and bus or weather crises that might arise) and you can make them short. What does the president of the session do then? We MUST limit Alf to 3 minutes if he's to be up there.

Closing ceremony - no I don't want anybody more up there. Getting up there is going to be difficult anyway because we'll have an additional platform up with 2 sets of risers.

Accompanist for informal singing - Some state of affairs we get to, isn't it? You could try Mindy Way-Johnson, my church organist who has played for the gymanfa at my church a couple of times and has accompanied the Nat. Choir for some of its rehearsals. She lives Mpls up by Apache Plaza so it wouldn't be so far if she were willing to commit late nights several nights in a row (questionable since she teaches but it's worth the questions, I suppose). We certainly would have to pay her or offer her tickets to the concert plus parking or something to sweeten the pot. She'd love it but her energy has limits like all of ours. Her number is (612) 782-8608. Her e-mail is mwayjohn@mail.3d.roseville.k12.mn.us and though it's at school she's at a year-round school so think she'd get it. You might want to visit with her in person (via phone) first though. Up to you. I don't think Trilby could/would do it, Ruth Jones is out-of-the country and would drive us all nuts if she played, Priscilla Burt is no longer strong enough. Things are tough!

Recordings - Things are set for the recording - I'm not sure where we actually stand for taking orders at the door, though we have an ad in the program booklet and will make another for the packet. I think we'll probably stop with that but I'll check with Ellis.

Nursery - I just posed the question out of curiosity but I agree it's a question with several sides. Let's just leave it until we meet with the Central woman anyway because we'd have to do that first. I doubt it will work out but we can ask.

About the meeting. I've had no time to call her since I could speak again. I'll try for

Wed., Aug 11 or Thurs., Aug 12. Will get back to you as soon as I know. SINCE MY E-MAIL WAS DOWN BRIEFLY AN HOUR OR SO AGO THIS DIDN'T GO THROUGH AND I'VE SINCE READ ELLIS' REPLIES TO YOU. HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE MEETING AT CENTRAL YET SINCE IT DOESN'T ABSOLUTELY REQUIRE HE ATTEND AND DRIVE UP...IT'S FOR THOSE IN CHARGE OF FUNCTIONS HAPPENING THERE AND SINCE I HAVE WORKED WITH THEM ON MOST OF THEM I WILL ATTEND. I'LL CLARIFY THAT WITH ELLIS. The meeting he is talking about is a meeting for all volunteers on Sun. afternoon, Aug. 29 at the hotel 2-4 p.m. but we're sending all concert ushers over to Central with Holly and it seems to me it would be wise for you to take gymanfa ushers (whom Lois Anderson is locating) over there, too, to give them you priorities and review the location. Can you come then and do that? I haven't in fact checked with Central yet because I've been sick and am praying they don't have a big service there that afternoon. I'll be in touch.

I will see what I can do about getting the gymanfa pages to you for proof. I just found out Bob is going to printer Monday so our only chance will be final proof -- the first week of August when you are gone, unfortunately.

Meirwyn has asked to see them, too, if possible. Fortunately, he questioned the bio bits we've been using in various pieces yesterday and I asked him to rush me something more complete which I have now sent down to Bob. It's much better than the bits and pieces I'd been using in various bits of publicity.

Mary