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To	Mr Nelson Llewellyn	From:	Dave Williams
Fax	330 652 1292	Pages:	2 including this sheet.
Phone:		Date:	15/04/98
Re	Milwaukee '97	CC:	Mike Penny, Gerraint Wilkes, Gary Davies

Dear Nelson,

It is now almost eight months since the Milwaukee '97 committee welcomed the 66th national to Milwaukee. As we look back on our planning and preparation I don't think we would change a thing. Our goal was to bring the state of the art in Welsh culture and music to Milwaukee and we believe we accomplished that goal. We as a group of individuals, without a Milwaukee Welsh organization to work with, had no desire to make a profit from the event. Our plan was to break even and give our attendees full value for their money. It is a little disappointing that we face a small loss although we will pay back all loans made to us. Mike Penny will provide a more detailed report.

Our plan to house the Choir and Band in local homes was the critical breakdown in our budgeting. We incurred significant additional expense in putting the musicians in hotels. We did house approx. 18 members of the Choir in nine local households. It is interesting that only two of the hoist families had

I feel there are two points to take away from our experiences. Any Welsh connections. The majorities were simply friends and neighbors who stepped up in our hour of need.

1. The Welsh communities are aging and we have not renewed ourselves in the next generation. The Welsh World For Youth part of our program was a good start that has to be continued. These sort of activities need the encouragement of the board or we'll see holding the event in small chapels around the country and the Hyatt hotels of big cities.
2. The warmth and hospitality of the state of Wisconsin and the city of Milwaukee. The non-Welsh stepped forward and gave us great support. It's a shame that the age of the local Welsh limited their contribution in many areas. Our hoist families continue to correspond with their guests and have become great friends.

Your Milwaukee '97 committee basically came down to approx. nine people who made it happen and I want to recognize them here.

Pat and Gerraint Wilkes

Mary and Gary Davies

Mike Penny

Jan Batty

Trevor Williams

Jane Williams

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It's hard to believe so few were responsible for so much, all without any formal structure or knowledge of what we were to do.

Again I regret that we did not break even or turn a small profit, but do not feel we failed in anyway. I personally believe the Milwaukee event will have a significant afterglow and benefit the organization for many years to come.

I write this report on an airplane from Chicago to Heathrow as I return to the UK to take up a new position with a new company. We are based in Great Malvern, Worcestershire. While not in God's country I can be in Wales in 45 min. Not too bad!!

If you or any of the board are planning a trip to the UK or would like more thoughts on the future role of the W.N.G.G. I would be happy to hear from anyone.

In closing I want to thank once again the team that brought you "A Great Sound On A Great Lake" and wish Mary Ellen and her team all the best in Columbus.

D T Williams

5/9/98

Mr. Nelson L. Llewellyn
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May 4, 1998

Dear Mr. Llewellyn,

Yesterday while attending Wisconsin's first Gymanfa of the year in Sheboygan, Arline Barsamian gave me a copy of the letter that David Williams wrote to you. It was about the National Gymanfa held in Milwaukee last year.

Among other things, David mentioned that only nine people made things happen on the Milwaukee '97 committee. That you know is incorrect, because you and Dr. Lewis met with many of us before David and the others he mentioned were on the committee.

I would like the following names to be added to the nine that David gave you.

Arline Barsamian was co-chair and she was responsible for getting the Gymanfa in Milwaukee in the first place. Dilys Spransy, Secretary, Jan Batty & Eloise Morris, Registration

General Committee: Nick Barsamian, John Morris, Charles Spransy, and Gwen Tausend, Eunice Evans and Marjorie Wickert Schowalter and the late Jack Wickert, Gwenth Yound & her late father Rev. Wm.T. Jones.

I am sorry that David chose to ignore us. We all worked hard to make that event a good one. I am sorry that problems arose but none of the Gymanfa would have taken place without the leaders and the people who did alot of the little things like signs & easels, schedules, room assignments, greeters, people to answer questions, the Dragon backdrop & Celtic Cross for the stage. I know that people in Industry like things to proceed in an orderly fashion but life doesn't always work that way.

I am sorry for all the problems that arose. I was not in the inner circle so I do not know exactly what happened. However, for over four years, much of my husband, John's and my life was taken up with the Milwaukee Gamanfa and I find it hard to believe that we were not mentioned along with the others.

I like David and all the heads of the various committees but to say that basically only nine people made it happen is way out of line.

Sincerely,



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4/23/98

April 23, 1998

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Dear Arline,

Good to talk with you yesterday.

I want to thank you for all your help from beginning to end.

I am enclosing a fax, (report), from David T. Williams.

As I indicated to you on the phone, I was unhappy that some names were missing, especially yours. This was emphasized to the Board, and asked that your name be included in the report, and reflected in the minutes.

Again, good to talk with you, and we hope to see you in Columbus.

Sincerely,

Nelson L. Llewellyn,
Executive Director

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5/20/98

May 20, 1998

Eloise W. Morris
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Dear Eloise Morris;

We received your letter of May 4, 1998, and we thank you. We are extremely concerned and sorry that a good many people were not included in the 1997 Milwaukee Committee and Volunteer list furnished to us.

We certainly appreciated the work that everyone did to make the Gymanfa a success. We assure you that their names will be added to our records.

Again, the 1997 Milwaukee National Gymanfa Ganu was a big success with talent of excellent quality. We understand the displeasure of the people omitted. We certainly want each and every one of them to know how much their efforts are appreciated.

You are to be commended for bringing this to our attention and for your concern and effort.

Sincerely,

Nelson L. Llewellyn,
Executive Director

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cc: Rev. Dr. R. Cerwyn Davies, President
Col. Alfred J. Reese Jr., Vice President