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BRYN SEION CHURCH and PORTLAND CAMBRIAN SOCIETY

Invites you to the 53rd Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu on August 30 and 31 and September 1 and 2, 1984

October 20, 1984

10/20/84

Mr. Jonathan Jones,
Overseas Marketing Director
Wales Tourist Board
Brunel House
Fitzalan Rd.
Cardiff, Wales CF2 1UY

Dear Mr. Jones:

The Board of Trustees of The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association was happy to receive your gracious communication by way of Mr. Iwan Edwards concerning the venue of The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu for 1986. Iwan made a most impressive presentation and his remarks were well received and greatly appreciated. The Board had already received an invitation for the 1986 venue from an eligible sponsor in Columbus, Ohio and this invitation was accepted. Your kind invitation must be regretfully declined.

At this time we feel that you should be provided with pertinent information concerning the selection of venue as it is mandated by the Constitution of The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association. The venue must be selected from invitations tendered by eligible sponsors as such sponsors are defined by the Constitution. The organizations suggested as sponsoring organizations in your invitation do not meet the definition of "eligible sponsors." If groups or organizations in Wales wish to sponsor a Gymanfa Ganu to be held in Wales for people of Welsh descent living in the United States that, of course, is their privilege. However, such a Gymanfa Ganu could not be termed THE "Gymanfa Ganu of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association."

Enclosed is a copy of the Constitution with appropriate sections marked for your attention. Please refer to Article IV a), page 3, and Article V a) and c), pages 4 and 5.

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We thank you for your great interest in our Association. We sincerely trust that our friendly relationship will continue so that together we can continue to strive to preserve, develop and promote our great Welsh religious and cultural heritage.

Sincerely yours,



Nelson L. Llewellyn, Secretary
662 Melwood Dr. N. E.
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cc Miss. Gwenfyl E. Jones
Mr. David E. Thomas

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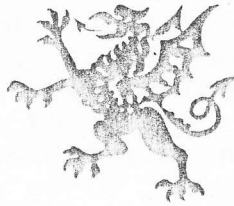
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August 24, 1984

Miss. Gwenfyl E. Jones, V. President

With reference to your question concerning Venue and the invitation extended by Stella Mair Thomas for the Wales Tourist Board.

The following information is extracted from minutes of meetings:

Trustees Meeting - Sept. 4, 1981

Item 9 - Stella Mair Thomas, representing the Wales Tourist Board, then extended an invitation to hold the Gymanfa in Wales in 1983. She presented a formal invitation signed by the Hon. George Thomas, M.P. The site and date of the Gymanfa would be our choice. They felt that Cardiff, with its St. David's Center with 2000 seats, would be an ideal place. Alternatively, the National Eisteddfod would be in Llangefni the first full week of August 1983, and the Gymanfa could be held in the Pavilion immediately after the Eisteddfod. There would be a "Festival of Castles" in Wales in 1983 and they felt this would be of interest to those attending the Gymanfa, especially since they expected St. David's would be a part of the festival. The Rev. Jones thanked her for the invitation.

One Trustee felt that we should be very sure, if the invitation were accepted, that there would be no dilution of our efforts in arranging the annual Gymanfa in North America. Another Trustee did not favor the Wales Tourist Board involving itself in both the National Eisteddfod and the Gymanfa; since each is such a large undertaking, he questioned their being able to handle both well. Mrs. Thomas was asked about the distribution of profits from the Gymanfa, since, after the one held in Swansea in 1974 from which the WNGGA was to get 60% of the surplus, it had taken three years to get a statement of any sort from the WT.B. Mrs. Thomas replied that she had not been working with the WT.B at that time, and was not able to explain the delay. The WT.B had been in operation for only about five years at that time and she hoped they would be more efficient by now. The financial arrangements, however, would have to be considered carefully in advance, and agreed to by both sides.

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Annual Meeting - Sept 5, 1981

Item 15 - Discussion followed about future venues for the Gymanfa. Mr. Jones stated that Stella Mair Thomas, on behalf of the Wales Tourist Board, had extended an invitation for the Gymanfa to go to Wales in 1983. A question was asked about the invitation from Salt Lake City. Ann Davies Thomas stated that the invitation had been for 1982 and there were no plans to extend the invitation for another year. The President then asked for a show of hands on whether there was interest in arranging to go to Wales in 1983. There seemed to be an enthusiastic show of hands in response to this query.

Trustees Meeting - Sept. 5, 1981

There followed a discussion of the invitation to visit Wales in 1983. It was emphasized that this would be a extra Gymanfa, comparable to a Regional. There were comments about the improved air service to Cardiff, and also comments favoring one city over another as the site for the proposed Gymanfa. Dr. Mandry moved that the WNGGA accept the invitation to a Gymanfa Ganu in Cardiff in 1983, seconded by David Edwards. Consensus of the discussion which followed seemed to be that the Gymanfa held that year in North America would be adversely affected by the acceptance of the invitation to Wales, since most people would not attend both. Cleveland in 1974 was cited as an example of this, in that 500 people went to Wales while there were only 465 registrations in Cleveland. Gwenfyl Jones spoke of the help received from the WTB in Vancouver in 1980. She felt it wise to keep the lines of communication open by accepting the invitation. In reply to a question about the financial benefit derived by going to Wales, Mr. Edwards replied that in 1969 the profit had been split 50-50 with the WNGGA. Another Trustee stated that there had been no surplus from the 1974 Swansea Gymanfa. Responding to a suggestion, Dr. Mandry modified the motion so that it would not specify "Cardiff" nor the year. After the motion was seconded, the result was 11 in favor and 8 against the motion.

David Thomas stated that if the WnGGA were to sponsor a Gymanfa in Wales for 1983, or if we merely furnished the WTB our mailing list thereby endorsing the Gymanfa, it would be unfair to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Committee since they were unaware that there might be another Gymanfa. He therefore moved that the WB/S Committee be given an opportunity to rescind their invitation. At that point the President declared the motion invalid since we had already accepted the invitation.

It was moved (Neal Lloyd) to accept an invitation for 1984 or later, seconded by David Thomas. It was suggested that this would hurt our efforts to get invitations from organizations on this continent.

It was then moved (Neal Lloyd) that the President, with the Executive Committee, work with the WTB to come up with an invitation next year that would be mutually acceptable. Motion was seconded by Iorwerth Watkins and passed.

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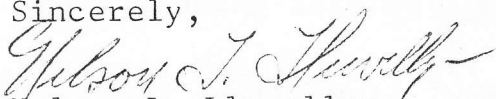
Trustees Meeting - Sept. 4, 1982

Item 1 - The matter of the invitation to visit Wales and hold Gymanfa Ganu there was discussed. Neal Lloyd moved that we do not hold a Gymanfa in Wales. Tom Edwards seconded, Jack Meadows proposed an amendment to the motion to table the matter. N. Lloyd agreed to the amendment to his motion, Eluned Thomas seconded the motion as amended by J. Meadows which stated we would not go Wales prior to 1986. The amended motion carried.

I did not find any reference to this matter in the 1983 minutes.

Gwen I trust this is what you had in mind to give us both a broad view of the Wales invitation and action taken.

Sincerely,


Nelson L. Llewellyn,
Secretary