

Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2017

Harmon Conference Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

Attendance: Ed Klimek, Glen Lojka, Dolly Anderson, Liz Beikmann, Vern Wirka, Jan Janasek, Ron Janasek, Barry Michie, Mary Ann Buhler, and student Jana Errezerava. Staff: Gary Fees.

At 4:05 p.m., Chair Ed Klimek called the meeting to order.

Klimek welcomed everyone to the meeting, followed by introductions.

Klimek and Fees introduced the newest Advisory Committee Member, Vern Wirka. Vern was recently appointed by the Commission and will fill the unexpired term of Sara Vytlačil.

Beikmann introduced Jana to the group. Jana provided information about herself. She is a computer science major at Kansas State University and is from Prague.

The meeting minutes from the last meeting and December 7, 2016, were discussed. Beikmann moved to approve the Partner City Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Wirka provided information on his work at Kansas State University. He also discussed his interests with the amateur radio club and discussed the potential to communicate with our Partner City Dobřichovice. There was discussion that this could be a potential program in the future.

Lojka provided background information regarding the Kansas and National Czech Queen contest in Wilbur, Nebraska, and commented about his experience being a judge at the national level. He highlighted prior programs with Ondrej and Simon leading classes about the Czech language and discussed another class at the next meeting and invited Jana to present to the Committee as well.

After discussion of activities and upcoming events, Lojka invited everyone to attend the Cuba Rock-A-Thon event March 12-18, 2017. (Later clarification that the event is March 19-25, with the luncheon and accordion jam on Tuesday, March 21, 2017). Lojka also presented information to the Committee and friends regarding the state of the Czech membership and community activity in Kansas. He provided information on activities being conducted by former Partner City friend, National Czech Queen, and K-State alum, Christy Dowling. Lojka stated that Dowling is doing a great job and actively involved in a quarterly Czech newsletter.

Klimek announced that the next meeting would be April 5, 2017, and would plan on students presenting during the May 3, 2017, meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.