

Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – August 2, 2017

City Commission Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

Attendance: Ed Klimek, Glen Lojka, Liz Beikmann, Vern Wirka, David Fiser, and Barry Michie.
Staff: Gary Fees.

At 4:10 p.m., Chair Ed Klimek called the meeting to order.

After welcomes and discussion, Lojka moved to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2017, meeting. Beikmann seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Beikmann provided an update on the students anticipated to enroll at Kansas State University for the fall semester from the Czech Republic.

Klimek encouraged Beikmann and others to invite students to the September Partner City meeting. He discussed the potential of a school exchange program with our Partner City Dobřichovice. He also asked Committee members to consider leadership positions and future programs to be discussed at the November meeting.

Lojka provided an update on the Czech Festival in Wilson, Kansas. He stated that the event and parade was well attended. He discussed the state meeting that he attended and informed the Committee that Christy Dowling and her family worked very hard to make this a great Festival.

Wirka reported that he attended the Festival too. He stated the event was well-organized and highlighted activities and vendors at the Festival.

Lojka and Klimek reported that they plan to attend the National Czech Festival in Wilbur, Nebraska and to extend their support to Sara Vytlačil, Kansas Czech Queen, and former member of the Partner City Advisory Committee, during the pageant competition.

Wirka provided an update on his amateur radio communications with Stepan Klicka in Dobřichovice. He presented a photo of the antenna near Stepan's bed and breakfast and on his vehicle. He stated that he planned to continue communicating with him again in the fall.

Lojka shared information cited from, "Remembering Mom's Close line."

Michie reported that the Riley County Genealogical Society History Fair would be held Saturday, August 19, at Pottorf Hall, CiCo Park, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He provided additional information and encouraged everyone to attend.

Fiser updated the Committee on the Peace Memorial Auditorium activities and fundraising. He encouraged the group to consider using the facilities after its completion.

Klimek announced that the next Partner City meeting would be at 4:00 p.m., on September 6, 2017, and encouraged everyone to invite students to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.