

# Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2017

City Commission Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

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**Attendance:** Vern Wirka, Ed Klimek, Liz Beikmann, Dolly Anderson, Karen Wirka, Mila Valenta, Jan Janasek, Ron Janasek, Dave Fiser, Kay Fiser, Jan Mrazek, Marketa Pecanova, Lucie Svitakova, Petr Urban, Jan Cerna, Stepanka Cerna, and Martin Horejs. Staff: Gary Fees.

At 4:05 p.m., Chair Vern Wirka called the meeting to order.

Wirka welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

After discussion, Beikmann moved to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2017, meeting. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Wirka updated the Committee on pursuing a potential visit from the Czech Republic Consulate in Chicago. He stated that he has contacted a representative at Kansas State University and that additional information would be provided in the future.

The committee and students from the Czech Republic discussed additional ideas to strengthen our communications and exchange with the City of Dobřichovice. Holiday greeting cards were distributed for everyone to sign, with one of the cards for Mayor Petr Hampl and the council with the City of Dobřichovice and the other card to be sent to former mayor Vaclav Kratochvil and his family.

Several committee members and friends provided the students with updates on their family heritage in Czech Republic. The committee thanked the students for participating with the Partner City. Wirka presented each student with a certificate of appreciation. Everyone enjoyed homemade kolaches and treats.

A flyer was distributed on behalf of Mary Ann Buhler for the Flint Hills Masterworks Chorale Requiem Gloria event to be held on December 8, 2017.

The students attending K-State presented information about themselves, their experiences at Kansas State University, and information on their home city/town in the Czech Republic. Presentations were provided by Jan Cerna, Stepanka Cerna, Jan Mrazek, Petr Urban, Marketa Pecanova, Martin Horejs, and Lucie Svitakova. After the presentation, the committee thanked the students for participating in the Partner City meeting and wished them well on their travels home. A group photograph was taken with the students and those in attendance.

Wirka announced there would not be a Partner City meeting in January and the next meeting would be February 7, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.