

Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2016

Harmon Conference Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

Attendance: Ed Klimek, Glen Lojka, Liz Beikmann, Dolly Anderson, Sara Vytlacil, Mary Ann Buhler, Eva Zurek, Vern Wirka, Jan Janasek, Ron Janasek, Bill Smriga, Martha Seaton, Dave Fiser, Randi Dale, Petra Jureckova, Kamiva Mesncka, Adam Caramosta, and Milan Zelenka.
Staff: Gary Fees.

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

Klimek welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

After discussion and recap of the last meeting, Liz Beikmann moved to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2015, meeting. Glen Lojka seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Sara Vytlacil provided an update on the upcoming Czech event in Cuba, Kansas on Sunday, April 3, 2016. She stated that there would be a dinner, polka dance and contest, and a translator from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln as well. She encouraged everyone to attend and enjoy the annual event. She also talked about the annual Czech event in Wilbur, Nebraska, and said that the small town of Wilbur increases by 10,000 in population during this national event.

Glen Lojka provided his perspective on the Cuba festival. He also discussed the annual festival in Wilbur and his experience as past judge for the National Czech Queen competition. He encouraged everyone to attend the event, especially, if you have not attended before.

Klimek provided an update from our Partner City Dobřichovice and shared an email that he received and Christmas card. He stated that the new mayor of Dobřichovice is Peter Hampl and provided information on their elected officials.

Mary Ann Buhler distributed a book of recipes called Czech & Slovak Food and Cookies.

Liz Beikmann provided her experience tasting and making with sauerkraut soup in the Czech Republic and in Kansas.

Lojka presented his collection of Czech glass, which was a deep blood red cut glass. He stated that the glass was produced in the 1920s and contained approximately 24 percent lead in the glass. He also discussed other types of glass produced in the Czech Republic and responded to questions from the committee and friends. Several committee members that have been to the Czech Republic shared their experiences with glass making shops. It was also mentioned that Dr. Joe and Elizabeth Barton-Dobenin donated glass from the Czech Republic to the Beach Museum on the K-State campus. Glen was thanked for his informative and excellent presentation. He informed the committee and friends that Jan Janasek would be presenting information on decorating Czech eggs at the next meeting.

Dave Fiser provided an update on the Peace Memorial Auditorium Fundraising efforts and introduced Randi Dale. They discussed the possibility of hosting a Czech event in late 2016 or in 2017 in the renovated Auditorium with music (Flint Hills Masterworks Chorale or Czech band),

students, food, and entertainment. They asked the committee to think about it and would discuss the topic again at a future meeting.

Klimek thanked the K-State students for attending and announced that the next Partner City Advisory Committee meeting would be at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.