

Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2016

Harmon Conference Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

Attendance: Ed Klimek, Liz Beikmann, Dolly Anderson, Sara Vytlacil, Vern Wirka, Jan Janasek, Ron Janasek, Dave Fiser, Randi Dale, Susan Enns, Barry Michie, Mila Valenta, and Eva Zurek. 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.

Klimek and Barry Michie discussed an overview on the history of our Partner City Dobřichovice and the Czech Republic.

After discussion and recap of the last meeting, Liz Beikmann moved to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2016, meeting. Sara Vytlacil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Klimek informed the Committee and friends that he had been in correspondence with Petr Hampl, Mayor of the City of Dobřichovice. He provided background information on Mayor Hampl and their elected officials. He stated that he hoped to connect with Mayor Hampl via telephone during our next Partner City meeting and to bring your questions for the Mayor.

Jan Janasek presented information on the significance of decorating Czech eggs. She provided several fantastic decorated eggs that she purchased in the Czech Republic and several that she crafted herself. Several members also talked about their childhood experiences with Czech eggs. Jan responded to questions and was thanked for her informative and excellent presentation.

Sara Vytlacil provided background information on the application and process to be selected as a Czech queen. She also distributed an informational brochure she developed for the Partner City and distributed flyers for the upcoming Czech Festival in Cuba, Kansas on April 3, 2016.

Barry Michie provided background information on the Riley County Genealogical Society and encouraged people to submit articles. He stated that Glen Lojka gave a marvelous presentation several months ago at one of our meetings.

Dolly Anderson talked about the Small Towns exhibit at the Flint Hills Discovery Center and encouraged those interested to attend.

Dave Fiser presented an update on the Peace Memorial Committee fundraising efforts for the auditorium and foyer. He stated the Committee is looking for events and ideas and would like to consider working with the Partner City group for a Czech Festival in the Peace Memorial Auditorium. After discussion, there was consensus to further explore the idea and to look at a possible event sometime in 2017.

Randi Dale presented ideas for programs using the stage the auditorium.

Klimek announced that the next Partner City Advisory Committee meeting would be at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.