

# Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2016

Harmon Conference Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

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Attendance: Ed Klimek, Glen Lojka, Dolly Anderson, Liz Beikmann, Sara Vytlacil, Mila Valenta, Vern Wirka, Jan Janasek, Ron Janasek, Barry Michie, David Fiser, Bill Smriga, Lynn Kasper, and students attending Kansas State University including Michaela Koletova, Ondrej Kores, Martin Patrman, and Simon Kopsa. Staff: Gary Fees.

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

Klimek welcomed everyone to the meeting.

After discussion, Beikmann moved to approve the October 5, 2016, Partner City Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Vytlacil seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Committee and students discussed their recent experiences attending the Czech Festival in Cuba and the Festival in Mundon. Several individuals spoke about the sculptures created by Lojka and one of the students experienced his first trip to the Janasek's family farm and riding in a large combine.

Lojka discussed future programs and stated that a Czech speaking class with Ondrej and Simon would be planned for the February 2017 meeting. He then announced the program for today and introduced Vern Wirka.

Wirka's presentation was titled, "Czech Music: Kansas and Nebraska." His presentation highlighted the Czech polka origin from Central Europe to the United States; Kansas and Nebraska polka; musicians in Kansas and Nebraska; and provided music videos and various genres of Czech music. He then responded to questions and was thanked for his excellent presentation and historical perspective on Czech music in Kansas and Nebraska.

Lynn Kasper from Wilson, Kansas, distributed and discussed the Miss Czech Slovak Kansas Pageant Fund. She then responded to questions and discussed fundraising events and efforts. She encouraged everyone to visit and plan to attend the annual Czech Fest in Wilson.

Klimek stated the next meeting would be on Wednesday, December 7, at 4:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room. He reminded everyone that the students would be presenting information about their home land and that committee members, host families and friends are encouraged to attend and to bring a favorite food dish or dessert to share. He informed the group that there would not be a Partner City meeting in January 2017.

After further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.