

# Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2015

Harmon Conference Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

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**Attendance:** Ed Klimek, Glen Lojka, Liz Beikmann, Mary Ann Buhler, Sara Vytlacil, Barry Michie, Jan Janasek, Ron Janasek, Eva Zurek, Amy Rosine, and international K-State students Pavel Janovsky and Ondrey Kollert. 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.

Glen Lojka moved to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2014, meeting. Liz Beikmann seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Klimek distributed a Christmas card received from our Partner City Dobrichovice. He also distributed a news article in the Czech Slavnosti newspaper about a Czech music concert in Cleveland, Ohio and a photography spread featuring the national Czech Queen competition, including a photo of Sara Vytlacil.

Amy Rosine, School of Music, Theatre and Drama, Kansas State University, informed the group that she has performed vocal recitals in Dobrichovice and Cesky Krumlov and was planning a return trip to Prague from May 23 through June 6, 2015. She stated that there were seven individuals planning to go from K-State and wanted to make connections with Vaclav and others in Dobrichovice. Rosine and the committee members and students discussed networking opportunities and the need for additional conversation to take place before the group left for Prague and the Czech Republic.

Lojka introduced Sara Vytlacil to present information on the traditional Czech attire, the Kroje.

Sara Vytlacil presented the history of the Kroje and attire worn from different areas of the Czech Republic including Bohemia, Moravia, and Slovakia. She also distributed a doll dressed in the traditional Kroje and provided additional information on the use of the Kroje today and costumes worn in the Czech Queen competitions. She then responded to additional questions. The committee and friends thanked Sara for an excellent presentation.

Lojka provided additional information on the Kroje and discussed additional topics for future educational programs. The committee and friends discussed topics on egg decorating, glass blowing, Christmas ornaments, information on Charles University, and background on the history and people of the Czech Republic.

Barry Michie provided information on the Riley County Genealogical Society and potential articles that could focus on why the Czechs came to this area and also provide background information on families living in the region with Czech heritage.

Eva Zurek presented an overview of information and current happenings highlighted from the January 2015 newsletter from Dobrichovice. Current items included upgrading the water treatment facility, street reconstruction and maintenance, street light installation, completing a

new school for kindergartners, strengthening the flood levee system, consider building a new multicultural center, and maintenance of existing businesses. She also highlighted articles about a proposed bicycle trail and petitions against the use of the land for the trail, political debates and party affiliations, firefighters, a local girl participating in the ice hockey Girls World Cup, and concert information.

After the presentation, the committee and friends thanked Eva for translating the events happening in Dobrichovice. Several commented that many of their news items highlighted are similar to what is happening in Manhattan.

Klimek announced that the next Partner City Advisory Committee meeting would be at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.