

# Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2015

Harmon Conference Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

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**Attendance:** Ed Klimek, Glen Lojka, Liz Beikmann, Pamela Hatesohl, Mary Ann Buhler, Jan Janasek, Ron Janasek, Martha Seaton, Dave Fiser, Sara Vytlacil, and international K-State student Pavel Janovsky. 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.

Liz Beikmann moved to approve the minutes from February 4, 2015, meeting. Pamela Hatesohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Glen Lojka presented an update on future programs including an update from Amy Rosine, from the School of Music, Theatre and Drama, Kansas State University, in April regarding her past experiences in the Czech Republic and future travel plans and performances scheduled in Dobrichovice and Prague from May 23 through June 6, 2015; a program on Charles University in May; and a program on egg decorating in June.

Lojka presented information on the history of the Route 66 Highway and the Czech people that traveled on Route 66. He cited much of his presentation from a 2013 Kansas City Star newspaper article, talked about the Czech Festival held in Concordia, Kansas and responded to questions. Everyone thanked Lojka for his historical presentation about Route 66 Highway and for sharing his perspectives.

Beikmann and Jan and Ron Janasek shared their experiences with the Czech Republic River Cruise near Prague and the group discussed other river cruises and their experiences. Martha Seaton also shared her experience with the ferry rides and remembering the fruit trees along the roadsides near Prague.

Sara Vytlacil provided an update on Czech events that she has or plans to attend, including a Valentine's dinner and presentation on the Kroje dress, the Republic Czech Fest in April, a trip to the Czech Embassy in Washington, DC, the Sugar Creek Slavic Festival, Missouri, in June, the Wilson Czech Festival in July, and the Wilbur Czech Festival, Nebraska, in August.

Lojka informed the group that Cuba's annual Rock-A-Thon will be held in March. He also reported that his longtime Czech friend Dale Huncovsky passed away. Dale and his spouse, Laverna, are the owners the Cuba Cash Store that specializes in their Czech ring bologna and smoked meats. He also provided an update on the state Czech Constitution.

Klimek talked about his memories meeting Dale in Cuba many years ago and sharing old photographs of his dad.

Davie Fiser informed the group that he was co-chairing the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium fundraising efforts and provided an update on the plans for the Auditorium. He discussed the possibility of having a Czech event with music, dancing and food in late 2016.

The committee discussed possible entertainment venues and activities for the event and agreed to continue the discussions.

Klimek announced that the next Partner City Advisory Committee meeting would be at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.