

Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2015

Harmon Conference Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

Attendance: Ed Klimek, Glen Lojka, Liz Beikmann, Dolly Anderson, Barry Michie, Mary Ann Buhler, Jan Janasek, Ron Janasek, Dave Fiser, Amy Rosine Underwood, and K-State students Miles Updike and Caitlyn Frisbie. Staff: Gary Fees.

At 4:07 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 the March 4, 2015, meeting. Glen Lojka seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Lojka introduced Amy Rosine Underwood as the guest presenter to discuss and share her past trip and experiences visiting Dobřichovice and Prague and her return trip.

Amy Rosine Underwood with the School of Music, Theatre and Drama, at Kansas State University, presented “Structures and Music in Prominent European Cultural Center’s.” Her presentation included background information about the Czech Republic and photos from her prior visit to Dobřichovice and Prague in 2010. She provided information regarding their upcoming trip to the Czech Republic from May 23 through June 6, 2015, with another faculty member, Kimberly Kramer, and seven Kansas State University students majoring in music, architecture and engineering. She also highlighted the daily itinerary of sites interest they planned to visit, including spending June 5 in the Partner City of Dobřichovice. She then responded to questions from the committee.

Miles Updike and Caitlyn Frisbie responded to questions about the possibilities to visit the Czech Republic and provided information on their journalism assignments. Updike stated that he has considered attending Czech Tech.

The committee discussed sites of interest to visit, suggested making connections with our Partner City, and encouraged Underwood and her students to visit with the Czech students currently attending K-State.

Lojka and Klimek asked if Underwood would be willing to report back to the committee after their travel experience to Prague and Dobřichovice.

Underwood stated that she would be glad to report back and have made connections with the students with the help of committee members. After further discussion, the tentative plans were for Underwood to discuss with Kim Kramer and her students about presenting at the July 1, 2015, meeting. Everyone thanked Underwood for a wonderful presentation and photography.

Davie Fiser provided an update on the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium fundraising efforts and plans for the Auditorium. He stated that future plans would be discussed regarding a possible Czech Fest event in late 2016.

Lojka distributed a flyer promoting the Republic County Czech Club Spring Czech Festival planned for Sunday, April 12, 2015, at the Cuba Community Hall, Cuba, Kansas, starting at 10:30 a.m. with a Princess Pageant, followed with dinner at 12:30 p.m., and orchestra and dance from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend and stated that our Kansas Czech Queen Sara Vytlačil would be in attendance.

Dolly Anderson distributed signage photography from her trip to Dobřichovice in 2012

Klimek thanked everyone for attending and wished the students well. He announced that the next Partner City Advisory Committee meeting would be at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.