

# Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2015

Harmon Conference Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

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**Attendance:** Ed Klimek, Liz Beikmann, Pamela Hatesohl, Barry Michie, Mary Ann Buhler, Sara Vytlacil, and Amy Rosine. **Staff:** Gary Fees.

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

After discussion and an adjustment to Barry Michie's former title at Kansas State University, Liz Beikmann moved to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2015, meeting. Pamela Hatesohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Klimek thanked Sara Vytlacil for her Facebook updates and photos to help promote the partnership between the City of Manhattan and our Partner City Dobřichovice.

Amy Rosine, School of Music, Theatre and Drama, from Kansas State University, presented an overview and shared experiences from their recent student and faculty trip to Prague and the Czech Republic. She highlighted sites and photographs including the Church of St. Ignacius of Loyola, György Liget: Concert; National Marionette Theatre; Prague Underground Tour; The Estates Theatre; Town Hall Tour; Hamlet with Evropska' Premie'va Opera; The Communist Museum; The Chapel of the Mirrors; Bedřich Smetana Museum; The Cathedral of Our Lady; Apostles at Town Hall; Karlstejn Castle; Dvorak Museum; Smetana Museum and Grave; Wenceslas Square; Lenin Wall; musicians at the Old Town Square; Tyn Church; Wenceslas Square; Zizkov Tower; Cerny Horse; the Bone Church; and additional photographs of the students and faculty during their stay in the Czech Republic. Rosine stated that she planned to make this a cultural event and develop a program to Prague again in two years. She responded to questions and everyone thanked Rosine for her presentation.

Klimek read an email that he received from Vaclav Kratochvil. Vaclav provided an update on the community and announced that Michael Panek was the new Deputy Mayor and Peter Hampl was named Mayor.

Vytlacil announced that she would be competing at the Czech National Queen Pageant on August 1 and 2, 2015.

Barry Michie informed the group that Glen Lojka, Partner City Committee Member, presented background information on the Czech movement to Kansas during the Riley County Genealogical Society meeting held Sunday, August 28, 2015, at the Manhattan Public Library. He also stated that a member from the Office of International Programs at Kansas State University, likely Brent Holliday, would be coming to a future Partner City meeting.

Klimek wished Vytlacil well on her upcoming pageant competition at nationals and asked her to provide a report at the next meeting. After discussion and review of calendars, it was determined that there would not be a Partner City meeting in August and that the next meeting would be at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.