

Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2015

Harmon Conference Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

Attendance: Ed Klimek, Liz Beikmann, Glen Lojka, Sara Vytlacil, Mary Ann Buhler, Eva Zurek, and Susan Enns. Staff: Gary Fees.

At 4:10 p.m., Chair Ed Klimek called the meeting to order.

After discussion, Glen Lojka moved to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2015, meeting. Liz Beikmann seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Klimek welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Klimek announced that the December 2, 2015, meeting would be with the K-State students and asked those present to attend the meeting and to consider bringing a dessert dish to share. He stated that the meeting would be held in the City Commission Room, providing it is available.

Sara Vytlacil reported that the Republic County Fall Festival will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary on October 25, 2015, in Cuba, Kansas.

Liz Beikmann provided an update on the status of the Joe and Elizabeth Barton-Dobenin International Exchange Scholarship program. She highlighted her discussions with Tracy Robinson, Director of Development, University Programs, Kansas State University Foundation; a close friend of Elizabeth's; and with Joe Milostan, Director of Study Abroad at K-State. She then responded to questions from the Committee and was thanked for her work in finding out information on the current status of the program.

Lojka, Program Committee Chair, introduced Eva Zurek as today's presenter.

Zurek presented "The History of Roma" and people in the Czech Republic. She highlighted information from 1240 to 1416 referring to the Gypsy people from the local chronicles. She provided information from 1417 to 1550 regarding the travels from the Hungarian region through Slovakia to France, where they were called "les Bohemians." She also provided a historical perspective of the gypsies and varying time periods from 1550 through 1944. She cited Dr. Ctibor Necas as the leading historian studying gypsies in the Czech Republic for her research information. The Committee and friends thanked Eva for an excellent and informative program.

Fees announced that the next meeting would be November 4, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., in the Harmon Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.