

Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2015

City Commission Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

Attendance: Ed Klimek, Glen Lojka, Liz Beikmann, Sara Vytlacil, Mary Ann Buhler, Eva Zurek, Vern Wirka, Jan Janasek, Ron Janasek, Dave Fiser, Martha Seaton, Veronika Repkova, Milan Zelenka, Pavlina Behounkova, Robert Sebek, and Matej Petrlik. Staff: Gary Fees.

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

Klimek welcomed those in attendance and introductions were made.

After discussion and recap of the last meeting, Liz Beikmann moved to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2015, meeting. Glen Lojka seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Sara Vytlacil provided an update on her work to create a Czech informational brochure to help promote our Partner City relationship. She discussed the annual Czech event in Cuba, Kansas and informed the group that Christy Dowling, Former Czech Queen and friend of the Partner City committee, was coordinating a Christmas cookie fundraiser in Wilson on December 12. She asked that those interested, to contact her for more information.

Klimek discussed future meeting dates for January or February 2016. After discussion, the consensus was to not have a January meeting, but meet on February 3, 2016, for the next Partner City meeting.

Glen Lojka encouraged committee members to let him know if anyone was interested in presenting at a future meetings or if they know of someone that would like to present a program to the Committee and friends. After discussion, Jan Janasek stated that she could present information on decorating Czech eggs. Lojka informed the group that his wife, Barb, attended a Czech opera event at the Kaufmann Center in Kansas City.

Mary Ann Buhler announced an upcoming event in December with the Flint Hills Masterworks Chorale and K-State Orchestra at McCain.

The students attending Kansas State University presented information about their respective cities and the Czech Republic. They also shared photographs from their trips in the United States, primarily Colorado and Utah. Presentations were provided from Veronika, Milan, Pavlina, Robert, and Matej. The Committee and friends shared delicious kolaches, Czech dishes and desserts.

After the student presentations, the students were congratulated on attending K-State, spending their time in Manhattan, and for being a significant part of the Partner City program.

Klimek announced that the next Partner City Advisory Committee meeting would be at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 3, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.