

Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2014

Harmon Conference Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

Attendance: Ed Klimek, Liz Beikmann, Glen Lojka, Pamela Hatesohl, Jan Janasek, Ron Janasek, Mary Ann Buehler, Barry Mitchie, Bill Smriga, Candy White, Jessie Brockway, and Czech students attending Kansas State University George and Monty. Staff: Gary Fees.

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

Chair Klimek welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

K-State students George and Monty provided an update on their recent trip to New Orleans.

Liz Beikmann provided an update on the Helping International Students (HIS) annual banquet held at the Houston Street Ballroom. She stated that 27 nations were represented with students attending Kansas State University.

Beikmann and Bill Smriga discussed reactions from students that recently attended the rodeo hosted at K-State.

Klimek provided an update on the announcement last month that Dr. David Littrell, Kansas State University Professor, was planning on putting together a concert featuring Czech music as part of their annual concert series at McCain Auditorium.

Beikmann reported that a student, Janka Krajieova, would be doing a piano recital in October 2014.

Mary Ann Buehler informed the group that the Flint Hills Masterworks Chorale was excited to be part of the concert.

Klimek stated that Dr. Littrell is planning the concert on Tuesday evening, October 21, and asked for ideas to recognize Dr. Joe Barton-Dobenin for his professional work at Kansas State University and for his vital role in the selection of the Partner City between Manhattan and Dobrichovice. The committee and friends of the committee discussed ideas that would include a picture of Dr. Barton-Dobenin and his wife in the McCain lobby, information in the program, ushers for the concert to include the Czech queens from Kansas and students from the Czech Republic, and discussed different Czech groups and individuals to invite them to the event and encourage them to also promote the event.

Beikmann provided information on a potential trip to the Czech Republic. She informed the group that she contacted Sam's Travel in Salina for additional information. She stated that the best time would be to target September 2015, that would include a 10-day trip planned to the city of Dobrichovice, to Prague and to nearby areas of interest in the Czech Republic. She stated that a minimum of 10 people would be needed to receive a group discount and wanted to know how many people would be interested in traveling to the Czech Republic. She said that additional information would be provided as more details are available.

Glen Lojka reported that the Rock-a-Thon would be in Cuba, Kansas for one week with the last day including a benefit auction on Saturday, March 22, 2014.

Klimek thanked everyone for attending and stated that the next Partner City Advisory Committee meeting would be at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.