

# Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2014

Harmon Conference Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

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**Attendance:** Ed Klimek, Liz Beikmann, Pamela Hatesohl, Dolly Anderson, Glen Lojka, Jan Janasek, Ron Janasek, Mary Ann Buehler, Candy White, Angela Powers, Jessie Brockway, and Czech Republic students attending Kansas State University George, Martin and Thomas. Staff: Gary Fees.

At 4:00 p.m., Chair Ed Klimek called the meeting to order.

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

K-State students in attendance provided an update of their experiences on their recent spring break trips to Florida, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado.

Committee members discussed the upcoming Cuba Festival and Blue Rapids Festival.

Glen Lojka provided an update on the State of Kansas Czech Association and presented the approved State flag design.

Klimek discussed the upcoming concert featuring Czech music in October at McCain Auditorium that will be arranged by Dr. David Littrell, Professor, Kansas State University.

Liz Beikmann informed the group that pianist Janka Krajcivova would be performing as part of the orchestra concert. She also provided an update on Elizabeth Barton-Dobenin and informed the committee that she is not traveling and would probably not be able to attend the concert.

Klimek reiterated that the Dr. Littrell's orchestra concert would be held on Tuesday, October 21 and would be free to the general public. He stated that the focus of the evening would be on the music and would include the Czech queens in their festive attire handing out programs. He also discussed arranging for a photograph of Joe and Elizabeth Barton-Dobenin to be displayed in the McCain lobby and to work with Dr. Littrell to feature the Dobenin's in the program for their contributions to Kansas State University and in being instrumental in establishing the Partner City with Dobrichovice.

Dolly Anderson stated that she would follow-up on getting a photograph of the Dobenin's to use for the concert.

Mary Ann Buehler stated that the Flint Hills Masterworks Chorale was working on their selections as part of the concert. She invited everyone to attend the Masterworks Chorale concert on May 6 at the First United Methodist Church.

Beikmann provided an update on a potential trip to the Czech Republic in September 2015. She asked that those interested to contact her so that she has an idea of how many are interested. There was discussion about potential sites to visit and points of interest that should be included as part of the itinerary.

Klimek suggested that the itinerary also include reuniting with current and former Czech students that attended Kansas State University. He suggested that people bring food to the next meeting to recognize the Czech Republic students who are finishing their semester at K-State and some who are traveling back home. He announced that the next Partner City Advisory Committee meeting would be at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 7, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.