

Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2014

City Commission Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

Attendance: Ed Klimek, Liz Beikmann, Dolly Anderson, Glen Lojka, Bill Smriga, Barry Mitchie, Martha Seaton, Howard Beikmann, Jessie Brockway, Eva Zurek, Sara Vytlačil, and Czech Republic students attending Kansas State University including Tomas Trepka, Juraj Bencvr, Jakub Lackovic, Martin Gula, and Victor Hubina. Staff: Gary Fees.

At 4:08 p.m., Chair Ed Klimek called the meeting to order.

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

Glen Lojka reported on the Czech festivals held at Blue Rapids and Cuba, Kansas.

Liz Beikmann provided an update and feedback that she has received regarding a possible trip to Dobrichovice and Prague in October 2015.

Dolly Anderson presented a framed photograph of Joe and Elizabeth Barton-Dobenin that was taken prior to their move from Manhattan to Texas. The committee discussed using the photograph in the lobby of McCain and in the program for the October Czech concert being coordinated by Dr. David Littrell at Kansas State University. She then highlighted her most recent trip to the Czech Republic with Elizabeth and prior trips with the Barton-Dobenin's.

Klimek provided a historical perspective on the Czech heritage of Pilsen, Kansas. The committee discussed the Czech National Cemetery and familiar names with Czech backgrounds.

The committee and friends enjoyed delicious desserts and punch provided by members of the group to celebrate the final meeting of several of the Czech Republic students. These students were hosted by members or friends of the committee, attended prior Partner City meetings and were engaged in various activities and studies while attending Kansas State University.

Tomas Trepka, Martin Gula, Victor Hubina, Jakub Lackovic, and Juraj Bencvr presented a PowerPoint presentation with information on their respective families and hometowns in the Czech Republic.

The Committee members and friends thanked the students for their excellent presentations and wished them well as many were traveling to other areas in the United States before returning home to the Czech Republic.

Klimek announced that the next Partner City Advisory Committee meeting would be at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, June 4, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.