

Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – August 6, 2014

City Commission Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

Attendance: Ed Klimek, Liz Beikmann, Glen Lojka, Dolly Anderson, Bill Smriga, Mary Ann Buhler, Ron Janasek, Jan Janasek, Ken Buyle, Linda Rice, Kathy Buyle, Sara Vytlacil, Valerie Wright, Eva Zurek, Roni Deeds, and Sladana Hudson. Staff: Gary Fees.

At 4:03 p.m., Chair Ed Klimek called the meeting to order.

Chair Klimek welcomed everyone to the meeting. Liz Beikmann moved to approve the minutes from the June 4 and May 7, 2014, meetings. Dolly Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Sara Vytlacil announced that she was recently named the Czech Queen of Kansas and provided an update on the Czech Festival in Wilson, Kansas. The Committee and friends of the Committee congratulated Sara on her accomplishment and wished her well as she begins a new year at Kansas State University.

Bill Smriga and Glen Lojka also reported on the Czech Festival. Lojka stated that the state Czech flag that was designed earlier was printed in error and the project is on-hold.

Liz Beikmann provided a brief update on the potential trip to the Czech Republic and our Partner City of Dobrichovice in September 2015. She encouraged those interested to let her know as soon as possible. She then introduced Roni Deeds to share additional information for a potential group tour of the Czech Republic.

Roni Deeds, AAA Allied Group Manhattan, presented information on a possible group tour to areas of the Czech Republic and provided an informational handout to those interested. Information included potential sites to visit and approximate cost information for a custom group tour September 15 through 24, 2015. Sites included Prague, Cesky Krumlov, Nizbor-Melnik, Litomerice-Terezin, Pilzen, Dobrichovice, and Kutna Hora. She then responded to questions from those present and provided additional information. Beikmann encouraged those interested to contact her or Roni.

Beikmann reported on the status of Czech students arriving this semester to attend K-State and mentioned several of the host families.

Bill Smriga presented a wonderful slide presentation from his recent trip to the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Several of the slides included meeting with former students that attended K-State and their families. The Committee thanked Bill for an excellent and informative presentation.

Klimek stated that the next meeting would include a discussion and update on the K-State Orchestra performance in October featuring Czech music with Dr. David Littrell.

Mary Ann Buhler provided an update on the Flint Hills Masterworks Chorale. She informed the Committee that Dr. Reginald Pittman has recently been selected to serve on the National Opera Association and will be stepping down as Director of the Flint Hills Masterworks Chorale.

Klimek announced that the next Partner City Advisory Committee meeting would be at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, September 3, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.