

Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2014

City Commission Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

Attendance: Ed Klimek, Dolly Anderson, Glen Lojka, Liz Beikmann, Mary Ann Buhler, Bill Smruga, Sara Vytlacil, Sladana Hudson, Eva Zurek, Dave Fiser, and international K-State students Martin Patrman, Ondrej Kollert, and Pavel Janovsky. 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.

Dolly Anderson moved to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2014, and September 3, 2014, meetings. Glen Lojka seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Klimek provided an update on the Partner City sign that was located on K-18 and future plans to coordinate with the Kansas Department of Transportation and the City's Public Works Department to reinstall the sign. He also updated the committee on the upcoming orchestra performance on October 21, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., McCain Auditorium and activities to be completed by Dr. David Littrell and K-State.

The committee and friends discussed responsibilities for the concert, including: news release, website information, media contacts, name tags, student greeters, display of Joe and Elizabeth Barton-Dobenin's photo, and the outline planned for the concert program. The students presented a video showcasing the Czech Republic and their plans to show the video in the lobby of McCain Auditorium prior to the concert.

Mary Ann Buhler discussed the program and performance by the Flint Hills Masterworks Chorale.

Klimek stated that a copy of the orchestra performance would be available and could be shared with our Partner City of Dobrichovice.

Sara Vytlacil informed the group that she would be wearing her Kroje and would be handing out programs with others dressed in Kroje attire. The committee discussed the concert itinerary and their responsibilities, with plans for Klimek to present background information about the Partner City relationship during the concert performance. Klimek would also recognize the Partner City committee and friends, as well as introduce the Czech queens and international students attending Kansas State University from the Czech Republic with him on the stage.

Bill Smruga presented a video highlighting an international student from the Czech Republic, Marcela Ruzickova, attending Kansas State University on the Salina campus this semester. The video is from her university promoting their international buddies program.

Liz Beikmann reported on her trip to the Czech Republic and reunion with many former students and families that attended Kansas State University. She informed the committee that there was not enough interest to pursue a group tour to the Czech Republic in 2015.

After discussion of the committee, Klimek announced that the next Partner City Advisory Committee meeting would be at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 5, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.