

Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2014

Harmon Conference Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

Attendance: Ed Klimek, Glen Lojka, Liz Beikmann, Mary Ann Buhler, Sara Vytlačil, Barry Michie, and international K-State students Pavel Janovsky, Peter Durik, and Marek Frey. Staff: Gary Fees.

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

Klimek welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Liz Beikmann moved to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2014, meeting. Glen Lojka seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Klimek provided a report on the orchestra performance on October 21, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., McCain Auditorium. He expressed his appreciation to everyone that helped make the event a huge success, especially Dr. David Littrell, the Kansas State University Orchestra, the Flint Hills Masterworks Chorale, and the Partner City Committee and Friends. Klimek reported that an audio of the performance could be purchased for \$10 from the Kansas State University Music Department and if interested, to contact Dr. Littrell or Klimek. Klimek stated that he planned to send a copy of the CD to Michael Panek and Vaclav Kratochvil with our Partner City Dobrichovice. He also distributed information on the Miss Czech Slovak Kansas Pageant Fund with the Smokey Hills Charitable Foundation.

Mary Ann Buhler provided an overview on the performance by the Flint Hills Masterworks Chorale.

The Committee and friends discussed having a social meeting in December with the Czech students attending Kansas State University. The tentative plans were to have the meeting at 4:00 p.m., on December 3, 2014, in the City Commission Room, with the students presenting information from their respective cities in the Czech Republic and Committee members and friends bringing kolaches, finger foods and coffee/cider to share.

Glen Lojka discussed potential educational programs that could be incorporated into future Partner City meetings, such as the history and background on the Kroje attire worn by the Czech queens or a session on how to make kolaches or sausage.

Sara Vytlačil talked about the Kroje worn at the concert.

The students attending discussed their experiences at Kansas State University and Manhattan.

Barry Michie provided information on the connection between Kansas State University international programs with Czech Tech and other universities in the Czech Republic.

Klimek and Liz Beikmann talked about the role and importance of the host families with international students attending Kansas State University.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.