

Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2018

Harmon Conference Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

Attendance: Vern Wirka, Liz Beikmann, Ed Klimek, Karen Wirka, Barry Michie, Mary Ann Buhler, Jan Janasek, Ron Janasek, and Kathy Huser. Staff: Gary Fees.

At 4:05 p.m., Chair Vern Wirka called the meeting to order.

Wirka welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

After discussion, Beikmann moved to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2018, meeting. Klimek seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Wirka discussed the goals that were prioritized during the last meeting. He provided an overview on information received, possible dates, and proposed costs associated for a potential visit to the National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Committee discussed the possibility of the trip and interest level from those attending the meeting. There was also discussion on how to promote the trip, paperwork that would be required, insurance requirements, and associated issues that would need further evaluation.

Beikmann discussed the elementary school exchange program and informed the Committee that she would provide an update at the next meeting.

Klimek stated that Sara Vytlačil was also working on the school exchange program.

Michie provided information on the Riley County Genealogical Society and discussed promotion of the club. The Committee discussed listings of clubs and groups with the Manhattan Public Library.

Janasek's provided an update on the Cuba, Kansas Festival and Rock-A-Thon.

Buhler provided an update on Committee member Glen Lojka.

The Committee discussed future program ideas. Klimek suggested that we invite Dr. David Littrell to present at a future Partner City Meeting.

Wirka and the Committee discussed the agenda for the May Partner City meeting and asked that we encourage students attending K-State from the Czech Republic to attend and present on their respective community. He encouraged members to bring a food dish to share with the group.

Wirka stated that the next Partner City meeting would be Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room, at City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.