

Partner City Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2018

City Commission Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

Attendance: Vern Wirka, Liz Beikmann, Ed Klimek, Dolly Anderson, Barry Michie, Mila Valenta, Jan Janasek, Ron Janasek, Howard Beikmann, Karen Wirka, Lucille Hoover, Tracy Weaver, Sara Vytlacil and students attending Kansas State University from the Czech Republic Dominik Sivale, Jan Bednar, Petra Smolkova, and Filip Marek. 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, Liz Beikmann moved to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2018, meeting. Ed Klimek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The committee and students discussed additional information about themselves and the students shared their experiences at Kansas State University and those that traveled to other areas of the United States. Homemade kolaches and delicious food dishes were shared. Tracy Weaver provided his musical talents on the accordion.

Presentations from the students included information, photos, and videos about the history of their home country and respective city, sports, foods, buildings, castles, and their families. Presentations were provided from Filip Marek, Jan Bednar, Petra Smolkova, and Dominik Sivale. After the presentations, the committee and those attending thanked the students for participating in the Partner City meeting and wished them well.

Chair Wirka presented each student with a certificate of appreciation and a group photograph was taken. The committee and students signed holiday cards to send to former mayor Vaclav Kratochvil and to Mayor Petr Hampl and council members in Dobřichovice.

Wirka thanked everyone for attending and announced there would not be a Partner City meeting in January and the next meeting would be February 6, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.