Hamilton Mundialization Executive Committee
February 20th, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Board Room, 9th Floor Standard Life Building

Minutes (Revised)

Present: Rein Ende-Chairman, Jane Lee, Bob Semkow, Pat Semkow, Jane Wanamaker, Gloria Jackson, Robert Winninger, Heng Chan, Margaret Firth, Joan Browning, Justina Ku, Rui Zou, Shirley Zou, Shirley Lau,

Regrets: Solomon Ngan

1. **Call to Order:** Rein Ende, 6:15 pm. **Appointment of Secretary:** Robert Winninger.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Pat Semkow, Heng Chan seconded. Carried. **Round Table Introduction of Committee Members and Guests.**

3. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** None.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Pat Semkow, seconded by Heng Chan. Carried.

5. **5.1 Financial Report:** not available to give report.

5.2 **Chairman’s Report:** Rein met with Joan to plan the World Citizenship Event. He attended the Bollywood event on Jan 26. Eileen, Bob and Pat also attended. He attended the talk by the Japanese Council General. It was well attended.

6. **Matters for Discussion:**

6.1 **World Citizenship Award Update…** Joan Browning.
No hard copy report prepared. Joan, Rein and Ida have been having several meetings.
Stephen Lewis Foundation to be the beneficiary of the event, Grandmothers to Grandmothers to receive award. Joan reaffirmed Stephen Lewis will be guest speaker.

The event will on May 8th and have a 7 pm start. Joan and Rein to open the event, politicians to greet, and Grandmothers of Steel will get the plaque for the award. The Grandmothers of Steel will take over the running of the event from this point. The event will serve as their fundraiser.

Carmen’s Banquet Centre is the event location.

There will be a pre-reception in order for special guest supporters to meet Stephen Lewis. The Mundialization Committee will be spending $3,000.00 to cover the costs of this special reception.

April 3rd will be the date of a special press conference announcing the event. The location TBA. It may be a downtown restaurant or the Art Gallery of Hamilton. Ulana Lewis, daughter of Stephen Lewis and director of the foundation, will be there to meet and greet. Members of the Mundialization Committee are invited to attend. The media release is out and a notice on the website will be coming soon. The times are as follows: 11 am to 12 noon for media. 12 noon to 1 pm for lunch. Members of the Mundialization Committee who attend will have to pay for their own lunch.

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During the May 8th event, the Mundialization Committee will have purchased two tables as a contribution. It was suggested that former World Citizenship Award winners will sit at the table (5-6 people expected). Each seat is $50. There is a cash bar. Members are asked to spread the word and sell seats. There is room for 10 people per table. There is an expectation that the event will draw 1,000 guests. There will be no tax receipt for tickets. It should be a great evening!!!!

A decision should be made if the 50/50 split for the price of tickets should be applied to the Mundialization Committee members. The 50/50 split is a standard practice for the City of Hamilton committees. Politicians will be invited as well. A decision will have to be made by the March meeting.

Past award winners will have to pay the entire ticket price.

A package presentation can be made to City Council. Jane Lee can make a draft for Rein.

6.2 Kids for Kaga… Heng Chan

Heng presented a document outlining an Anniversary Ceremony for the Kids for Kaga project to be held at the Dundas Town Hall in October. His committee members are looking into an exhibit, fireworks (at the Dundas Driving Park) and a cherry tree planting ceremony. The Japanese Consulate has promised the donation of a cherry tree.

Joan pointed out the Driving Park will be closed for renovations from June to November. There will also be renovations done at the town hall.

Heng has said there has been little contact with the Japanese Cultural Centre at this time. He hopes the City could produce a framed document in the form of a Mayor’s proclamation. Heng can provide the wording.

The date of the event would be a weekday in the 1st week of October, perhaps Wednesday, October 1st, in the evening. Jane Lee will check the City calendar to see if the Mayor and Russ Powers are available.

If the Committee agrees to his plan, Heng will send it to the Japanese Cultural Centre and ask for participation.

Rob will contact Tammy Sadonoja with the City of Hamilton’s Forestry Department and see what are the costs, what materials are available (i.e., shovels) and what hoops we need to jump through. Joan Browning will forward the contact info to Rob.

Rein said to proceed with the project.

Heng said that it is official… we can use the official 80th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Canada Logo.

6.3 Strategy for Sarasota.

Anne and Solomon have been in Sarasota and have been meeting with the Sister
City Committee. They will be back in the spring. The committee wants to make something happen between us. (See document with Proposed Projects).

Rein pointed out that we are going ahead with a photo contest. Sarasota could be the 4th co-operating city in the contest.

It was suggested that a working sub-committee can be established to look at the plans for this or next year. Anne and Solomon should be on this committee. Steve and Jane Wanamaker will be available to help in April. Justina and Shirley can also help as a resource regarding any exchanges.

The committee looked at the ideas presented in the planning document and will be guided by the sub-committee.

6.4 Photo Contest.

Rein and Ida make up the photo contest sub-committee. They decided to continue the contest and will involve three anniversary cities. Dates need to be established. Jane Lee asked the IT department of the City for their help. The trick will be to get participating schools to get involved early otherwise the youth will tend not to get involved. Categories will have to be reconsidered because prizes could add up quickly.

6.5 Additional Items.

- Margaret pointed out that Doug Davis (a co-founder of the Mundialization Committee) died. We should send a card. We should also make a donation to the Children’s International Learning Centre. Rein made a motion to make a donation of $100.00 to the CILC. Bob Semkow seconded. Carried. Andy will prepare the cheque.

- Indo-Canadian Networking Council. Saturday May 3rd special event coming up. We can do a sponsorship. It is the 40th anniversary. A package will come to the committee soon.

7. Adjournment… no motion and no seconder. Next Meeting, March 19th, Location TBA.