Present: Rein Ende-Chairman, Bob Semkow, Pat Semkow, Rob Winninger, Joan Browning, Ida De Jesus, Rui Zou, Margaret Firth, Heng Chan

Regrets: Solomon Ngan, Andy Chen, Anne Termaten, Jane Lee

1. Call to Order – Rein Ende 6:15pm

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Declaration of Conflict of interest: none

4. Approval of minutes: With corrections:
   - Lan not present maybe should be Justina
   - 7.1 anniversary event with Kaga
   - 7.3 Margaret Firth for Shawinigan
   - 7.2 Grandmothers to Grandmothers
   - 7.4 Rob Winninger not on the Manglore subcommittee.

   Motion: Minutes approved as amended.

5. Reports of Officers

   5.1 Rein Ende reported he was please with the turnout at the December meeting and with the enthusiasm shown. Andy and Solomon are in China. There were no financial transactions to report.

6. Events and Subcommittees

   6.1 World Citizenship Award
   Joan Browning met with officers from the Grandmothers to Grandmothers (specifically Grandmothers of Steel) they worked with communicating with the executive secretary of Stephen Lewis. He will be coming to the awards presentation and giving a talk. Dates and venue were uncertain at this time.
   Grandmothers were a big group of approximately 80 members and they were committed to sit on the committee and do a lot of work. The event will be a fundraiser for Grandmothers to Grandmother and the Stephen Lewis Foundation.
   Rein: Congratulated Joan and getting Stephen Lewis to come to the event

   6.2 Anniversaries

   6.2.1 Kaga
   Heng Chan reviewed the Tentative Schedule of Events prepared by himself in conjunction with the Kaga subcommittee. Rein very pleased with the summary of the possible events and the work that went into it.
   - Met with Lan Whiting and they decided to combine the 80th Anniversary of Japanese-Canadian Diplomatic Relations with the Kaga Anniversary.
   - Possible Location discussed the Dundas City Hall, Westfield Heritage Village
   - On the issue of Picnic people questioned how many would attend
   - Joan Browning said that the Consulate General will provide cherry blossom trees for free but a plaque was required from City Hall to go with them in the value of approximately $3,000.00.
   This has been done before.
- Fireworks would cost about $650.00 could be held a Dundas Driving Park or Westfield Heritage Village.
- Addition to table on the Summary is the gift exchange between Kaga and Hamilton
- Would invite Consul General and Dr. Hanna Newcombe.

There was a suggestion that the event could take place in the fall. We already had the World Citizenship Event in the spring.

Two possible events discussed:

a) Event a Dundas City Hall celebrating the 80th anniversary of Japanese-Canadian Diplomatic Relations and Kaga Anniversary
b) Picnic at Westfield Village

Decided event (a) more comprehensive could plant cherry trees at anytime
Discussion of possible event in the late afternoon or early evening.

Discussed the need to contact the following:
- Japanese Consulate,
- Our Mayor, (also need to write letter to Kaga Mayor)
- Dundas City Councillor Russ Powers
- Forestry Department at City Hall

6.2.2 Shawinigan
- Margaret Firth possible plans having met with her subcommittee.
- Needed date for official celebration
- Article in the Spectator about Mundialization
- Need to draft a letter to the Mayor of Shawinigan about the Anniversary. Julie Giroux could translate the English letter. The draft would be written by the committee.
- Shawinigan would be included in the Photo Contest
- Contact of French Canadian Groups in the City
- Question asked about the possibility of inviting weekend delegation
- Planting of McQuesten Rose Bush
- Idea of our Mayor writing to them reminding of anniversary and to see their level of commitment.

6.2.3 Mangalore
- Eileen lead person and she has a conflict on the third Wednesday of the month with the networking group.

6.2.4 Photo Contest
- Rein prepared to take the lead
- Would include Mangalore, Kaga, and Shawinigan
- Would run on the website at City Hall process in place since Flint contest

6.3 Additional Items
- Discussion of Bollywood Nite and if members were interested in attending
- Discussion of Events for Chinese New Year: Feb.9/10 at Royal Botanical Gardens Jan. 26 Mohawk College

6.4 Next Meeting Feb. 20 Hamilton Convention Centre Room 207

6.5 Meeting adjourned meeting at 8:25 pm