MINUTES

Present: Rein Ende as Chairman, Eileen Noronha, Margaret Firth, Jan Lukas, Yvonne Ricciardone, Bob Semkow, Pat Semkow, Jeff Bonner, Eileen Noronha, Mabel Young.

Also present: Jane Lee (City of Hamilton)


1. Call to Order: Rein Ende, at 6:10 p.m. Margaret Firth volunteered to record minutes.

2. Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Pat Semkow, seconded by Jan Lukas. Approved as distributed.

3. Declaration of conflict of interest: none

4. Approval of minutes from February 15: Moved by Eileen Noronha, seconded by Pat Semkow. Carried.

5. Reports

5.1 Chairman
- Rein Ende attended a Peace Luncheon, along with Yvonne Ricciardone. This was an opportunity to talk with representatives of other organizations.
- Sent letter to chair of the Flint, Michigan committee re. celebration of 25 years of twinning.
- Hiroshima/Nagasaki remembrance event. Two possible dates, August 6 or 9. This year August 6 is Monday, Civic Holiday. Proposal to co-sponsor, along with Ploughshares group. Desired time for use of Council Chamber, noon to 2 p.m. Refreshments in foyer.

Motion: That the Mundialization Committee co-sponsor this year’s Hiroshima/Nagasaki remembrance event on Thursday, August 9. Moved by Rein Ende, seconded by Eileen Noronha. Carried.

- Website: on-going discussion on update.

5.2 Treasurer: As of February 29, the balance in the TD Canada Trust account was $843.24. (no change from previous report)
6. **Matters for discussion**

6.1 **World Citizenship Award:** Jeff Bonner is working on finalizing the refreshments and entertainment.

6.2 **Twinning anniversary plans:**
- **Ma’anshan:** Mabel Young reported that the Chinese Consul-General is interested in coming to Hamilton for a celebration event. No date has been arranged. Justina and Solomon have been planning some kind of plaque for presentation, with one copy for Ma’anshan, and one for Hamilton. Jane Lee will try to research the date that this twinning was formalized.

  **Motion:** That the plaque to be presented to Ma’anshan be made in the Hamilton area.

  Moved by Margaret Firth, seconded by Eileen Noronha. Carried.

- **Flint, Michigan:** It was agreed that it would be sensible to do a ceremony in conjunction with the Canusa games, the second weekend of August, 2012.

- **Racalmuto, Italy:** Something should be coordinated with the local community during Festitalia in September.

6.3 **Japan Earthquake follow-up:** Rob Winninger is doing a remembrance with Channel 14. Details will be advised.

6.4 **Website update:** No further information. Recommended that Rein follow-up with Sergei.

6.5 **New business:** Jane Lee suggested that the Mundialization Committee help identify the gifts in storage that were presented to the City, so that these could go on display. Jane will arrange a meeting. Rein and Margaret volunteered to attend.

7. **Adjournment.**

  **Motion:** That the meeting be adjourned.

  Moved by Bob Semkow, seconded by Pat Semkow. Carried. (7:05 p.m.)

**Meeting date reminders:**
- World Citizenship Award Presentation: Tuesday, May 8, 2012
- Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, May 23, 2012
- Remaining regular meeting this year: June 20, 2012