Hamilton Mundialization Committee

Wednesday, December 2, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

Revised Minutes

Present: Rein Ende, Soloman Ngan, Margaret Firth, Eileen Noronha, Bob Semkow, Anne Termaten, Winston Manuel, Stan Li

Also Present: Eddie Lee, Edward Xing Dai, Jonathan Yao Ju

Regrets: Justina Ku, Jane Wanamaker, Jeff Bonner, Pat Semkow, Jane Lee,

1. Call to order

Rein Ende called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of agenda & appointment of recording secretary

The distributed agenda was approved by consensus.

Winston Manuel agreed to record the minutes.

3. Declaration of conflict of interest

None declared

4. Approval of Minutes

(Bob Semkow/Anne Termaten) “That the Mundialization Committee minutes of November 4th, 2009 be approved” CARRIED

5. Reports

5.1 Chairman

Rein reported he had attended a planning meeting with Anne Termaten and Rob Winninger to discuss plans for Sarasota.

5.2 Treasurer

Anne Termaten and Margaret Firth reported that three membership fees had been received and deposited. Otherwise no change since last report.

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6. Matters for Discussion

6.1 Sarasota Work group update, Anne Termaten

Rob Winninger is making contacts with local schools about Young Playwright Competition. A suggestion was made, that the winner of the contest could be sent to Sarasota to see his work performed. Rob will manage this initiative while Anne is away.

The committee brainstormed ideas for more projects in conjunction with Sarasota

Eddie Lee has contacts, through the Mayor’s office, with parts of the business community. Perhaps a meeting could be set up with Neil Emerson to discuss opportunities for cooperation? The Ambassador program has a USB stick showing business opportunities in Hamilton

Ann would like to take promo material down to Sarasota next time she goes there.

6.2 World Citizenship Award 2010, Joan Browning

Discussions have occurred re: Who will be the speaker, a children’s author at a breakfast meeting. Two new programmes have picked up this idea recently. Keynote speaker can be expensive. We would need to do some fundraising. How much budget from the committee?

One suggestion was to present the nominees and winner to City Council, maybe at the end of March or in April. The City Hall is scheduled to be available again in June or July.

Rein suggested, use the city council meeting. One idea might be to combine the presentation with the Diversity event or the UN anniversary in the fall. The committee was reminded to be aware this is an election year for Council. The committee was concerned about costs at the Convention Centre, but agreed the most recent event went well.

An event at City Hall would be a good opportunity for exposure. The cafeteria is being redone. But the committee concluded that using the Convention Centre would be the wisest plan.

Joan is exploring names for the speaker, including Samantha Nutt (Globe and Mail: “one of 100 most influential women in Canada”), Neil and Cathy Pead (director of YWCA), Rama Singh.

6.3 Photo Contest 2010

Rein distributed copies of our notice of the previous version, with the suggestion that members review and revise for this year.

The committee agreed to do it again for 2010. We could include Sarasota for entries. As to timelines, we do not have the Kaga event this year. Maybe a Unity and Diversity event this fall? Deadline should be correlated to an expected announcement date. We need to remember this is an election year. Members of the committee volunteered to help with a mailout.
6.4 Possible visits coming up

A group from Maanshan arrived 2 days ago. They remarked that we have not sent a group to China for a visit there.

6.5 Seasonal Dinner Meeting

The committee agreed to take the same format as last time, potluck dinner at Rein’s home. Suggested arrival after 6. Dinner at 7 p.m.

6.6 Updates

Margaret Firth had contact with Sumi Nogami who used to be on the committee, and was the contact for Fukuyama. She said that she would give two names for contact.

6.7 Additional Items

Sister city contact information list is semi complete. Still missing some contact information.

7. Future Meeting Dates

December 16, 2009, Pot-luck dinner at Rein’s home.

January 20, 2010

February 17, 2010

March 17, 2010

April 21, 2010

May 19, 2010 (AGM)

June 16, 2010

These are all third Wednesday of the month. Room 207 at HCC is booked.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.