MUNDIALIZATION COMMITTEE
Executive Committee Minutes
January 19th, 2006

Present: Rein Ende, Jane Wanamaker, Margaret Firth, Robert Winninger, Ida De Jesus, Jane Lee

Regrets: Neena Monteiro, Gloria Jackson, Solomon Ngan, Andy Chen, Rebecca Xu,

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Rein at 6:15 p.m. in Room 264 at Hamilton City Hall.

2. Approval of the Agenda: (Wanamaker/Firth) That the agenda of the January 19th, 2006, Executive Meeting be approved. Carried

3. Declaration of (conflict of) interest: (none).

4. Approval of minutes, from meeting of October 19th, 2005: (Firth/Wanamaker)

5. Report on Dinner Meeting of December 14th, 2005: The social function went well. One item that was revisited was the Mandate of the Committee and the Requirements of Subcommittees. The issue was casually discussed including surrounding subjects such as the name “Mundialization.” Solomon informed the group that he sent greetings/flowers/gift basket to corporate sponsors.

6. Treasurer’s Report: To be given officially at next meeting… spent $60.00 over the budget.

   a. Jane is still trying to contact Lisa Wong and has left messages.
   b. Solomon has not received OCA membership renewal to date. He’ll follow up.
   c. The Committee is looking into contacting the Japanese community and will follow up.
   d. Rein will follow up the membership with the Federation of Abrbruzzese.
   e. Members to date… 19 individual, 2 organization, 4 corporate/honorary

8. New Matters:

   8.1 Strategic Discussion on Status of Twinnings, Requested by Jane Lee:

       Jane initiated a work shop examining key areas. The key points discussed are recorded.
a. **Purpose and Vision:** Twinnings require a great deal of effort. It is suggested a work plan for the Mundialization Committee be prepared similar in approach to other committees. It could include Terms of Reference to be created for Twinnings. Questions to be considered… Should we continue towards current Chinese city twinning? Should we have an African twinning project? The committee should examine its role and clarify.

b. **Purpose:** as per brochure… world city, UN work support, twinning programmes, involve citizens. The Committee agreed that these goals are worth supporting. The multi-cultural aspect of the mission statement has historically supported more projects than just twinnings. Twinning projects are more expense than local multi-cultural projects.

c. **Results/Activities:** World Citizenship Awards, Mayors for Peace Initiative.

d. **To Further the Work of the UN:** Support UN Day/Activities, World Citizenship Award, UN Flag, Mayors for Peace Initiative, Unity in Diversity Event (UN Day).

e. **Twinning Programme:** 10 Twin Cities, 2 way exchanges (Kaga), host visitors… (Maanshan), (Fukuyama… no one on the committee this year), (Sarasota). Flint (no involvement by this committee). Encourage connections, i.e. Sarasota and Marine Museum and art galleries of both cities. Exchange symbols, i.e. tree planting, letters. Racalmuto community in greater touch with local community than Mundialization Committee. Valle Peligna in greater touch with local community than Mundialization Committee.

f. **Hamilton Multi-cultural Programmes:** Kids for Kaga exchange, Unity in Diversity Event, display case, Committee participation/support for local cultural events. **Barriers:** Missing links with communities. Time, money, members. Collection of information and artefacts are scattered and ownership in doubt. Stronger connections required… Mangalore, Monterrey, Shawinigan (Federation of Canadian Municipality ’55).

g. **Things to Look At**… History of twinning (information is not thorough). We require information gathering because records are poor. Anniversary celebrations. Look at what kinds of initiatives we can do with twin cities.

9. **Matters to Follow Up:**

9.1 **Business Plan 2006 (Budget submission for City Hall):** The volunteer budget is expected to stay the same and is on track.
10. Reports on Activities:

10.1 Sakura Tree Planting: The reception costs were split three ways and as a result, the expense would be a little less than $300.00. The reception went very well.

10.2 Question re: member involvement: Unclear… Jahan is taking a course but wishes to remain active. Steve needs to be contacted.

10.3 Sarasota Art Exhibit: We do not know if anything is being submitted. Andy Chen to follow up with participating groups including Immigration Art Centre and Columbia College.

10.4 Andy Chen will be in China but will be back for March meeting.

10.5 Mayors for Peace Exhibit is available i.e. Hiroshima Display.

11. Future Dates for Meetings: May 17th is AGM. Rein has a conflict and may have to change the date. Use of City Hall is doubtful considering the move of the City departments to new locations while renovations take place. The movement of Committee artefacts is being discussed. Margaret and City of Hamilton museum staff will have to talk. We will be kept posted. The big move may be this autumn.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was ended by Rein Ende at 7:30 p.m.

Prepared by Robert Winninger