MINUTES

Present: Rein Ende as Chairman, Margaret Firth, Ida DeJesus, Yvonne Ricciardone, Bob Semkow, Pat Semkow, Jeff Bonner, Eileen Noronha.  
Also present: Jane Lee (City of Hamilton)  
Regrets: Justina Ku, Solomon Ngan, Jan Lukas.

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

2. Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Ida DeJesus. Seconded by Yvonne Ricciardone. Approved as distributed.

3. Declaration of conflict of interest: none

4. Approval of minutes from December 14: Moved by Pat Semkow, Seconded by Margaret Firth. Carried.

5. Reports

5.1 Chairman

- Rein Ende needs to meet with the Mayor regarding plans for this year 's twin cities' anniversaries
- Rein Ende attended an event on February 4 whose purpose was to discuss a private members' bill to establish a Department of Peace. Ida DeJesus and Yvonne Ricciardone attended as well. They found the speakers to be knowledgeable. The initiative was by the Culture of Peace group, who is also organizing the peace luncheon on Tuesday, February 28.

5.2 Treasurer: As of January 31, the balance in the TD Canada Trust account was $843.24.
6. Matters for discussion

6.1 World Citizenship Award: Jeff Bonner has the nomination package ready and will send it out on request. He reported that everything was in place for the WCA event except for catering and entertainment arrangements.

6.2 Ma’anshan anniversary plans: A workgroup is discussing plans. We need to keep the mayor’s office informed of any possible visit of a delegation.

6.3 Other Twinning Anniversaries this year: It was considered important to recognize two other upcoming anniversaries: Flint (25th) and Racalmuto (25th). It was suggested that Flint be recognized during Flint's visit to Hamilton and that Racalmuto be recognized during Festitalia (in September).

6.4 Hamilton Culture of Peace: It was generally felt that we should be cooperating more with this group.

6.4 Website update: No progress since the last meeting.

6.5 Culture Division: Jane Lee reported that the Culture Division had inquired about our involved in changing displays of our artifacts in the display cabinets. The items are in storage, and we are willing to assist with identification and cataloguing.

6.6 Parking Passes: Several members have indicated a preference for parking in the City Hall lot during meetings, because of concerns about the underground facility across the road. Apparently there will be no change on this in the foreseeable future.

7. Adjournment. With the completion of the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.