Hamilton Mundialization Executive Committee  
Wednesday, February 16, 2011, 6:00 p.m.  
Room 193, Hamilton City Hall

Minutes

Present: Rein Ende, Jane Lee, Bob Semkow, Pat Semkow, Margaret Firth, Jeff Bonner, Jan Lukas, Eileen Noronha, Ida DeJesus, Lan Whiting

Regrets: Solomon Ngan, Anne Termaten, Justina Ku

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Rein Ende (Chairman) in Room 193 of Hamilton City Hall.

2. Approval of the agenda, and appointment of recording secretary

It was moved by Jeff Bonner, and seconded by Eileen Noronha, that the agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED.

Lan Whiting volunteered to act as the recording secretary.

3. Declaration of (conflict of) interest:

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

Jane Lee suggested that she will bring in two hearing assistance devices for use at the March meeting.

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

It was moved by Bob Semkow, and seconded by Pat Semkow, that the minutes from January 19, 2011 be approved. CARRIED.

5. Reports:

5.1 Chairman’s Report:
In discussion continuing from previous meetings, Jane Lee will look into and report back to our next meeting on the location of the official gifts given in the past to the City of Hamilton from our twin cities. As well, Jane will look into the HMC plaque which had been on our display cabinet on the second floor of City Hall. If the plaque is not found, a replacement might be required. Margaret Firth had a photocopy of the text.

On February 10, Justina Ku organized a luncheon meeting at The Hamilton Yacht Club with Chinese Consul-General and other staff from the Chinese Consulate in Toronto. A meeting with Mayor Bob Bratina followed. Rein was in attendance.

5.2 Treasurer’s Report:
Margaret reported there was no activity since previous meeting.

6. Matters for discussion:

6.1 World Citizenship Award – Jeff Bonner

The 2011 World-Citizen-Award sub-committee chair Jeff reported that the nomination form with the information package for the 2011 World Citizen award and the poster are now available. The award ceremony will take place on the evening of May 10 at the City Hall Council Chamber. Steel City Symphony Quartet will provide musical entertainment. Deadline for nomination is Friday April 15. Cable 14 has been contacted as well.

Jeff will call a sub-committee meeting.

6.2 Sarasota:

Anne Termaten and Margaret Firth visited Sarasota, Florida in February for a sister city exchange. Margaret has just returned from Sarasota, where she represented both the Hamilton Mundialization Committee and Westfield Heritage Village. Her mission of developing linkup between Westfield and the Spanish Point historical village in Sarasota has also been successfully accomplished. Anne and Margaret presented a gift of Joe Hollick’s poster of waterfalls to Sarasota. Margaret reiterated that the Hamilton delegation was received royally, showered with gifts of books on Sarasota and its culture and art.

One of the impressive museums she described was a collection of miniatures of the Ringling Brothers Circus. Margaret demonstrated our traditional way of maple syrup production. She and two volunteers from Westfield also modeled the period costumes, which they wore at the Westfiled Heritage village.
The whole HMC in attendance applauded Margaret wholeheartedly for her wonderful mission accomplished.

Return visits from Sarasota are being planned for September, and there might be a spring visit from Carla of Sarasota.

Sarasota Sister Cities Committee (SSCC) has initiated a One World Award, an international citizen award. Participation of from Hamilton and other sister cities was invited. It was suggested it could be a message from our mayor in the form of an email or cell phone to SSCC.

6.3 **Additional Items**

Dr. David Grant Huber recently died and his obituary was passed around at the meeting. Hamilton’s twinning with Mangalore could be traced to Dr. Huber who in 1965 helped the building of Karnataka Regional Engineering College near Mangalore. The Hamilton Mundialization Committee approved, in honour of Dr. Huber, a memorial donation of $50 to UNICEF.

7. **Future Meeting Dates**

March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, 2011.
May 10, was added for 2011 World Citizenship Award, (5:30 pm).

8. **Adjournment:** 7:25 p.m.