Hamilton Mundialization Committee

Minutes of Wednesday, September 22, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Room 222, Hamilton City Hall

Present: Rein Ende, Eileen Noronha, Bob Semkow, Pat Semkow, Lan Whiting, Gloria Jackson, Jan Lukas, Anne Termaten, Justina Ku, Eddie Lee, Tiffany Lu, Anne Ferguson, Ida DeJesus, Verna Fletcher and guest from Sarasota Florida, Gloria Grenier

Regrets: Jane Lee, Margaret Firth

1. Call to Order by Rein Ende. A minute of silence was held in memory of Derek Firth, a former secretary of the committee, who passed away in the summer.

2. Approval of the agenda and the appointment of the secretary for the meeting: Moved by Eddie Lee, Seconded by Bob Semkow, Carried. Gloria Jackson is recording secretary.

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

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Moved by Justina Ku, Seconded by Anne Termaten, Carried.

5. Reports:

5.1 Chairman:

Welcome to our guest Gloria Grenier and new members, Anne Ferguson and Tiffany Lu.
Jeff Bonner has been given a leave of absence from the committee, to avoid any conflict of interest, to pursue election to city council for ward eight.
A brief account was given of how committee members have taken turns to show Gloria Grenier Hamilton and area.
A letter was received from Italy earthquake fundraising stating that over $400,000 was raised and is being directed to the Faculty of Humanities at the University of L'Aquila, San Salvatore Civil Hospital and San Sebastiano Community Centre in Fagnano Alto.
Kaga exchange: Students from Japan were here and a welcome luncheon and meeting with the Mayor took place.
United Nations Day of Peace was celebrated on Tuesday, September 21, at the Hamilton Peace Garden at the corner of Hunter and Bay Streets with a peaceful poster display. Open Streets, James Street N, will take place on Sunday, September 26 from 10 to 3. Ida DeJesus volunteered if needed. Gandhi Peace Festival will take place on Saturday, October 2, 10 - 3. We are encouraged to support the Festival.

5.2 Treasurer:

Expenditures were $200 to the Indo Canadian Networking Council, Gifts for the judges of the WCA, $100 in memory of Derek Firth.

6. Matters for discussion:

6.1 Sarasota:

Gloria Grenier presented a video on Sarasota, our twin sister city. Discussion ensued about encouraging participation in a play-writing contest. There are two categories (grade 6 and under; grade 6 and over). The winners are invited to Florida and their play is performed. The due date for submissions is March 1, 2011. Participation in a sports competition in 2012 was discussed (possibly rowing, volley ball or basketball). Westfield Village will be participating in a project at the heritage village in Florida. Rein presented Gloria with a gift (a book) from the city and Gloria in turn presented a gift (also a book, named 'Sarasota Reflections') to the committee.

6.2 Photo Contest:

The deadline is September 30th. We have one judge but we need two more which should include a photographer.

7. Future Meetings:


8. Adjournment: 7:10 p.m.