Hamilton Mundialization Committee
Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Boardroom A, 9th Floor, Standard Life Bldg.

MINUTES

Present: Rein Ende, Margaret Firth, Eileen Noronha, Bob Semkow, Pat Semkow, Anne Termaten

Also Present: Eddie Lee, Jane Lee

1. CALL TO ORDER
Rein Ende called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY
Jane Lee agreed to record the minutes.

   Additions to agenda:
   - Resignation
   - Position of Membership Secretary

   Moved by Pat Semkow
   Seconded by Bob Semkow

   That the September 16, 2009 Mundialization Committee agenda be approved as amended. CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
None declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 15, 2009

   Moved by Margaret Firth
   Seconded by Eileen Noronha

   That the Mundialization Committee minutes of April 15, 2009 be approved. CARRIED

   Minutes from the May 20, 2009 Annual General Meeting will be provided for the next meeting, if available.
5. **REPORTS**

5.1 **Chairman**  
Rein Ende noted that a letter had been received from Abruzzo Earthquake Fund re: the contribution from the Mundialization Committee to the rebuilding efforts. Receipt for contribution given to Treasurer.

Financial matters for the bank account have been transferred to Anne Termaten, Margaret Firth, Rein Ende, and Solomon Ngan.

Informal meeting held in June. Resolution to attend Indian Networking Council Dinner in August.

5.2 **Treasurer**  
Jane Lee reported that committee has used $4,128.41 of the $5,890.00 City's Mundialization budget and has a reserve balance of $4,195.65.

Anne Termaten will forward receipt from dinner with Sarasota delegation to Carolyn Bish.

5.3 **Re-alignments of Responsibilities**  
Correction to results of elections at AGM held May 20, 2009. Anne Termaten is the Treasurer and Margaret Firth is the Assistant Treasurer.

Heng Chan has resigned. Eileen Noronha elected as Membership Secretary. Rein is to send a letter of thanks to Heng for his participation and contribution to the work of the committee.

5.4 **Indian Networking Dinner – August 2009**  
Table of 10 reserved but not filled. It was suggested that people pay in advance prior to next event.

6. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

6.1 **Sarasota Visit**  
The committee hosted Bill & Jean Wallace from Sarasota, Florida. A tour of the City was undertaken with Margaret Firth and Anne Termaten and a reception was held at the Hamilton Yacht Club.

The Wallace’s passed on a concern from the Chair of the Sarasota Sister Cities Committee about Hamilton’s commitment. The Mundialization Committee agreed to explore the possibilities for continuing the relationship and future exchanges and to define sister city goals as well expectations we have for continuing the relationship.

A task force was developed with Anne Termaten as Chair to look at the Sarasota twinning; what we can do to revive it; activities to participate in next year. It was felt that a member from the school system should participate. Rein Ende to contact Bill Ferris.
The task force will report at the November meeting of the Mundialization Committee.

6.2 Important Anniversaries
Upcoming anniversaries are:
   2010 – Fukuyama (35 years)
   2011 – Sarasota and Valle Peligna
   2012 – Racalmuto, Ma’anshan, Flint

6.3 October Meeting Date
Following discussion it was decided to cancel the October meeting and change the November meeting to the 4th and the December meeting to the 2nd. A seasonal get together will be held on December 16th.

6.4 Additional Items
a) 2010 Budget / Business Plan
Draft 2010 Budget/Business Plan was discussed.

Moved by Margaret Firth
Seconded by Anne Termaten

That the Mundialization Committee’s 2010 Budget/Business Plan submission in the amount of $5,890 be approved and forwarded to Council for consideration.

   CARRIED

b) The committee was advised that Rob Winninger and Lan Whiting had participated in the Dundas Cactus Festival Parade representing the Kids for Kaga. They were dressed in Japanese costumes and took first prize. Photos have been forwarded to committee members.

Rein Ende will send a letter of congratulations to Rob & Lan.

7. FUTURE MEETING DATES:
   Wednesday November 4, 2009 – Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre
   Wednesday December 2, 2009 – Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre
   Wednesday December 16, 2009 – Get Together – location TBD

8. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.