Hamilton Mundialization Executive Committee  
Wednesday, February 18, 6:00 p.m.  
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

Present: Rein Ende, Margaret Firth, Bob Semkow, Eileen Noronha, Pat Semkow, Jane Wanamaker, Rui Zou

Also Present: Jane Lee, Customer Service, Access & Equity Division

Regrets: Joan Browning, Anne Termaten, Steve Shanlian, Justina Ku, Heng Chan, Rob Winninger

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

(Jane Wanamaker/Margaret Firth)
That the agenda be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from November 19, 2008
Typos noted and corrected.

(Bob Semkow/Pat Semkow)
That the Mundialization Committee minutes of November 19, 2008 be approved as amended. CARRIED.

5. REPORTS
5.1 Chairman
A delegation from Ma’anshan was in Hamilton in December 2008. They spent approximately ½ hour with the Mayor.

5.2 Treasurer
Financial update was provided. There is a year-end deficit of $162 which will be taken from the reserve. The 2009 budget will be going to
Committee of the Whole for final approval in March or April 2009.

5.3 **Update: Peace Garden – Gloria Jackson**
No update was provided.

5.4 **Update: World Citizenship Award – Joan Browning**
Discussion by members with ideas, format and nomination process. A subcommittee consisting of Joan Browning, Anne Termaten and Rein Ende will put forward recommendations on proposals to the committee members. It was suggested that the date should coordinate with an important date, i.e. March 23, May 8 or September 28.

6. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

6.1 **Racalmuto Visit – June 2009**
A discussion took place about the request for supports. The committee noted that they have a limited budget, so are not in a position of meeting all of the request. They also noted that they are not always in position to provide support. They did note that they would like to support the visit, provided that their contribution was payable to a recognizable local host organization in support of the visit. They also requested details of the events or an invitation, so that hopefully some of the members can attend or participate.

(Pat Semkow/Rui Zou)
That the Hamilton Mundialization Committee contribute $250.00 towards the Racamultese Festival visit in June 2009. **CARRIED.**

6.2 **Sarasota Visit**
It was noted that the Committee’s involvement would be acting as local hosts 1 day at a time; with each of the members hosting a different day. The date is not yet confirmed, but is expected to be in September 2009.

6.3 **Website – [www.mundialization.ca](http://www.mundialization.ca)**
The website liaison coordinator will work with Sergie.
Congratulate and thank Rob Winninger for his contribution.

6.4 Additional events to be planned for the year?

6.5 **Westfield Heritage Village – Margaret Firth**
Margaret noted that Westfield Heritage Village is twinned with Okado Village in Japan, and that there are currently a few members from Japan visiting, including a visit to Westfield.
7. SPECIAL VIEWING: Kaga/Dundas Event DVD
   A special slide show presentation of Kaga events, prepared by Rob Winninger 
   was enjoyed by the members.

8. FUTURE MEETING DATES
   March 18, April 15, May 20 (AGM), June 17

9. ADJOURNMENT
   The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.