HAMILTON MUNDIALIZATION COMMITTEE

Executive Committee Minutes

January 19, 2005

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. in Room 250 of Hamilton City Hall by the Chairman Solomon Ngan.

Present: Bob Charko, Rein Ende, Margaret Firth, Gloria Jackson, Jane Lee, Solomon Ngan, Jane Wanamaker, Rebecca Xu

Regrets: Andy Chen, Neena Monteiro, Rob Winninger

1. Welcome

Chairman Solomon welcomed the members to our meeting and received approval for the agenda distributed earlier.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: none

3. Approval of minutes

December minutes not available. To be done at the next meeting.


No activity yet this calendar year.

5. Sarasota update - Solomon

Solomon reported on his recent trip in November to Sarasota with Mayor DiIanni. He spoke enthusiastically of the volume of activity in Sarasota. A report to Council has been shared with the committee. Solomon distributed copies of an 8-page newsletter that is issued four times a year by their Sister Cities Association. Follow-up to the visit is continuing.

6. Mangalore update - Solomon for Neena

Jane Lee suggested that our committee needed some kind of strategic planning session to think about our priorities and reflect on the resources available. The suggestion received comments of approval. There was continued discussion of “active” and “dormant” twinnings, and the need for support from the community, as well as issues about financial support from the community and the Mayor’s Office budget. Another matter raised in the discussion was the question surrounding the continued use of the name Mundialization to identify our committee.
Motion:
“That Neena and Francis Monteiro be invited to find members of the community to take on the role of liaison with Mangalore in a more active role”

Moved by Bob Charko, Seconded by Margaret Firth. Carried

Note: Perhaps Eileen Noronha (joel.noronha@sympatico.ca) could be contacted?

At the dinner with Mr Budhya in the fall of 2004, a letter was forwarded from the Mayor of Mangalore to our Mayor Dilanni.

7. CCA Chinese New Year Banquet, February 12 - Solomon

Solomon informed the committee of the invitation to this event. Members of the committee who attend will receive 50% subsidy for the dinner cost, according to our standing arrangement.

Rebecca also explained arrangements for the Chinese Spring Festival Variety Show on February 5, at Sir John A. Macdonald auditorium.

We have heard that another delegation from Ma’anshan is expected at the end of March. It is expected that the Deputy Mayor and several education officials will be included in the group.

8. World Citizenship Award 2005 – Rein

The event will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2005. Our sub-committee includes Jane Wanamaker, Gloria Jackson, Rebecca Xu and Solomon. Nomination forms have been mailed out to our mailing list and selected community contacts. It was suggested that the “vip room” be de-emphasized.

An effort will be made to involve previous winners of the award. There was consensus for the need for a press conference at the close of nominations to announce the nominees.

9. Membership Drive – Jane Wanamaker

Jane asked for direction on what should be done. Bob suggested a special dinner meeting to work on some discussion of directions. One strategy could include bring-a-friend, with the implicit thought of recruitment. The next meeting date is Wednesday, February 16, at the Crystal Dynasty restaurant. Perhaps we need an initiative on marketing? It was mentioned that our pamphlet needs to be redone and/or reprinted.

10. Corporate Sponsorship

Solomon discussed the status quo. He spoke in favour of increased programmes and opening the door to new corporate sponsors, and possibly a simpler sponsorship level. Perhaps businesses connected with our twinned cities might be approached. It was
also suggested that approaches be made after our strategic planning meeting. Solomon is going to take on the Italian community and the Sarasota group. Bob will contact the Japanese community. The rest will look and talk to friends. Possibly some restaurant might want to provide food for an event? The question was asked, what is the benefit to a sponsor? It was stressed that we need to avoid getting too involved in the commercial aspects.

11. Display case update - Margaret

Solomon presented a packet of art prints from the Ringling Museum in Sarasota, received during the visit in November 2004.

Bob presented the official gift, a lacquered box from the Kaga-Dundas student exchange of 2004.

12. Addition to agenda

The next meeting will be on February 16, at the Crystal Dynasty restaurant.

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by Solomon.

Prepared by Rein Ende, Secretary

For approval: _______________________________
Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Crystal Dynasty Restaurant by the Chairman Solomon Ngan.

Present: Bob Charko, Rein Ende, Margaret Firth, Gloria Jackson, Jane Lee, Solomon Ngan, Jane Wanamaker, Rebecca Xu, Andy Chen, Neena Monteiro, Rob Winninger, Ron Ramberran, from Columbia College, as a guest.

1. Welcome

Chairman Solomon welcomed the members to our meeting and received approval for the agenda distributed earlier. He welcomed Ron Ramberran, vice-principal of Columbia College.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: none

3. Approval of minutes.

“That the minutes from our January meeting be approved as distributed”
Moved by Margaret. Seconded by Rebecca. Carried.

4. Follow-up on action items from last meeting: Mangalore rep., Abruzzi rep., sponsorship, display cabinet

4.1 Neena reported that no one had come forward, but the rep. should be someone other than Francis. She will report on any developments at the next meeting.

4.2 Bob will get in touch with the Japanese group

4.3 Solomon has contacted Aldona Ciala (?), head of the Abbruzzi Federation. She is interested in coming to our meetings, but had another commitment this evening. Her organization has been approached for sponsorship, and $500 has been received. “Charlie” will represent Racalmuto.

4.4 Solomon has made contact with our regular sponsors. Columbia College and Burlington Tool & Die have agreed to continue. We are waiting for the others.

4.5 Margaret has been back in touch with Ken Heamon. She is looking for suitable frames for the prints from Sarasota.
4.6 Les and Sandy Rackham have agreed to be reps. for Sarasota. There is interest in some cooperation between our Marine Discovery Museum and the Boat Museum in Sarasota.

5. Financial report - Neena

Printed report distributed.

6. World Schools project – Ron Rambarran

Ron Rambarran sits on a committee with Mayor DiIanni, considering such issues. He proposed that the Mundialization Committee take on as a project the concept of a “World School”. There would be a set of principles that a school should follow. There should be criteria, including participation in our activities, including exchanges. This would be consistent with our approach of ground roots involvement. There would be linkages with our twin cities. For example, Sarasota has two ideas, of young playwrights and young artists.

All educational institutions in Hamilton could be working on this. We have a rich history of student-family involvement. We could become a destination for highly qualified faculty. We could contribute to the development of a world-class research facility, (as McMaster has announced.) Our graduates have made significant contributions in higher education. The challenge is the need to publicize what we are doing. There are spin-off benefits to be derived. A recent study has found that more people are leaving the city of Hamilton than coming in. There are federal immigration strategies to grant special visas to people to work in isolated communities. Ideas could be exchanged through e-mail and marketing strategies. The purpose is to leverage our educational community into support for our economic activities, our airport, bio-tech, etc.? The question: Is there a natural fit for us?

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7. Sarasota – Young Playwrights and Young Artists competition

Solomon told Carol Finlay that we are not in a position to commit at this time, but that we should open it up to the school boards and other schools. Rob will follow up with the two school boards on the playwright aspect. Gloria will pursue the idea with private schools in the area. The deadline is March 25.

Sister Cities International is holding a Young Artists event. The theme is: “Connecting with the Global Village”. One is to selected as our entry. Columbia has an entry. Since this is expected to be an annual event, now is a good time to prepare for next year.
8. World Citizenship Award 2005

The Children’s International Learning Centre has moved to a new location on King William Street.

Motion: “That a contribution of $500 be made to the Children’s International Learning Centre at the World Citizenship Award 2005 presentation.”

Moved by Bob Charko, Seconded by Neena Monteiro. Carried

Margaret volunteered to follow-up with this.

9. Discussion of the Mandate of the Hamilton Mundialization Committee

9.1 The name. “Mundialization” has a history going back many years, involving the United Nations, Japan, etc. This is a branding exercise. There was a Council resolution to establish things. There is a need to keep the name. There should be a PR campaign to inform people about what it means.

9.2 The peace initiative. Gloria mentioned that originally there was a peace initiative originally, that was expanded to include twinned cities and communication. Solomon stated that other than our two events, much of our activity is ad hoc. Perhaps we need a plan. There is a question: Do we continue with the peace initiative? If so, then we need more people. The larger membership is not invited to participate. Maybe we need to structure subcommittees, one of them for peace initiatives? Our current structure is not enough to develop and support activities to promote peace.

9.3 Consensus. We should retain the name as it is.

10. Conclusion

With the completion of the agenda, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at City Hall.

Prepared by Rein Ende, Secretary

For approval: ________________________________
HAMILTON MUNDIALIZATION COMMITTEE

Executive Committee Minutes

April 20, 2005

Present: Bob Charko, Andy Chen, Rein Ende, Margaret Firth, Gloria Jackson, Jane Lee, Solomon Ngan, Jane Wanamaker, Rob Winninger

Regrets: Neena Monteiro

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in Room 250 of Hamilton City Hall by the Vice Chairman, Bob Charko.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: none

3. Approval of minutes, March 2005

Motion: “That the minutes of the Executive Meeting of March 23, 2005 be approved.” Moved by Margaret. Seconded by Rob. Carried.

4. Financial report, Neena

As distributed earlier by e-mail

5. World Citizenship Award 2005 Report, Rein

This year’s event was held on April 6. The winner was Dr. Anne Pearson. Alumabrite is no longer an official sponsor.

6. JNE continued corporate sponsorship

As a result of follow-up by Solomon, JNE has confirmed its intention to continue as a corporate sponsor.

7. Membership update – Jane Wanamaker

An update and detailed report will be made at the Annual General Meeting.

8. Partnership between Mote Marine Laboratory (Sarasota) & Canada Marine Discovery Centre (Hamilton)

As an outgrowth of Solomon’s visit to Sarasota, there is interest in some kind of partnership between these two facilities. A proposal was developed to hold this year’s Annual General Meeting at the Canada Marine Discovery Centre.
9. AGM in May – who’s reporting?

Chairman Solomon reviewed the list of customary reports for this event, and confirmed with those responsible the general nature of these reports.

10. AGM in May – Location arrangements

The Canada Marine Discovery Centre has been confirmed. Our business meeting will be in the auditorium from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Since this is after their normal working hours, we will need to respect the end timeline.

11. Executive Committee Election/Nominating Committee

A meeting of this committee was originally scheduled for April 22, at 6:00 p.m. Instead, it was rescheduled to take place at the end of this Executive Committee meeting.

12. Donation to SISO for their Fund-Raising Breakfast

Motion: “That the donation to SISO be approved.”
Moved by Gloria. Seconded by Jane Wanamaker. Carried

13. Addition to agenda – (none)

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. by Bob Charko.
The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on May 18.
The new executive committee will meet on June 15.

Prepared by Rein Ende, Secretary

For approval: _____________________________
MUNDIALIZATION COMMITTEE

Annual General Meeting Minutes, May 18, 2005

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Solomon Ngan at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Canada Marine Discovery Centre.

Present: At least 25 persons were in attendance, by informal count by the secretary.

1. Welcome

Chairman Solomon Ngan opened the meeting by welcoming those present to the Marine Discovery Centre. He mentioned that it was a new venue for us, and one that would be involved in a continuing partnership. He reported on the twinning activities with Sarasota (Florida) this past year. The report was accomplished through a PowerPoint presentation with photographs from this year’s official visit in November.

2. Greetings, from Mayor Larry Di Ianni

Mayor Di Ianni began by congratulating Chairman Solomon Ngan for his tremendous work with the committee, and with a gift presentation. The Mayor commented on the number of cities with which we are twinned, and on the fact that many cities around the world have expressed an interest in linking with Hamilton. He reviewed some impressions from his visit to Sarasota. He also made reference to the ongoing need for Council to provide support for our activities.

3. Unity in Diversity 2004, Gloria Jackson

Gloria Jackson, the organizer of this event for the last few years, reviewed the structure of the event, showcasing two of our twinned cities each year. This past year we focussed on Japan and Italy with musical numbers connected to these countries.

4. World Citizenship Award 2005, Rein Ende

A written report was circulated, with comments made.
(Excerpted from the report:) “The award was presented at Hamilton City Hall in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 6, 2005. Anne Pearson was named as the recipient for this year. … In reviewing this year’s event, it was proposed that next year’s committee take a critical look at whether to continue the award for 2006.”

5. Kids for Kaga, Bob Charko

In the year 2004 students from Kaga, Japan visited here. Next year the visit will be to Japan. There is a contribution by the City of Hamilton. A significant financial obligation is incurred by each participant, approximately $3500 each. He showed and presented a folder produced for use during the visit last year.
6. **Financial Report, Neena Monteiro, Treasurer**

   Neena Monteiro presented a Summary of Income and Expenses for the calendar year 2004 and an update of activity to date in 2005. She invited all to consider joining as a paid member.

7. **Special guest, Councillor Bob Bratina**

   Councillor Bob Bratina commented on some of his intercultural experiences, including involvement with a tambouritza band. He mentioned a current interest in having a twinned city in the area affected by the Tsunami at the end of 2004.

8. **Membership, Jane Wanamaker**

   In 2004 we had many new members, as well as renewal members. Membership dues for 2005 are now due. Many people have renewed at this meeting.

9. **City Hall Cabinet, Margaret Firth**

   Margaret Firth encouraged all to visit City Hall and view our display cabinet on the second floor. The display of gifts is rotated regularly.

10. **Nominating Committee Report, Robert Charko**

    The proposed slate was presented on behalf of the Nominating Committee:

    President: to be elected at Executive Meeting in June 2005
    Past President: Solomon Ngan
    Vice-President: Rein Ende
    Secretary: Andy Chen
    Membership Chair: Jane Wanamaker
    Treasurer: Neena Monteiro
    Events/Twinning co-ordinator: Gloria Jackson
    Publicity: Sergey Pavlov
    Directors at Large: Margaret Firth, Rob Winninger, Rebecca Yu, Elda Faiella, Ida De Jesus, Steve Shanlion, Jahan Zeb, Robert Charko

11. **Adjournment**

    In conclusion, Solomon Ngan thanked attendees for their support in choosing to attend and participate. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. by Solomon Ngan.

Next Executive meeting date: Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Prepared by Rein Ende, Secretary
MUNDIALIZATION COMMITTEE

June 15, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Past-Chairman Solomon Ngan at 6:05 p.m. in Room 250 at Hamilton City Hall.


Regrets: Bob Charko, Rein Ende, Margaret Firth

1. Welcome new Executive Committee
Welcome new members Ida, Jahan, John.
Gloria presented a nice scarf symbolizing Mangalore culture in Hamilton.
It was suggested by Jahan that a constitution/mandate of the committee be made available on the Mundialization website for new members and general public (tabled till September meeting).

2. Declaration of (conflict of) interest (none)

3. Approval of minutes of meeting for April 20th 2005

(Monteiro/Chen)
That the minutes of the April 20th, 2005 Executive Meeting be approved. Carried

4. Approval of minutes of AGM meeting on May 18th 2005

(Jackson/Zeb)
That the minutes of the AGM meeting on May 18th, 2005 be received and reviewed by the Executive Committee and to be approved by next year’s AGM. Carried

5. Evaluation of feedback on AGM
Positive feedback from all members presented - re: location, space, cost, etc.

6. Mayors for Peace update – Jane and Solomon
Local community members had previously requested Mayor Di Ianni’s support to join the “Mayors for Peace” committee. The Mundialization Committee had also previsouly supported this initiative and Solomon and Jane had discussed the matter
breifly with the Mayor. Mayor Dilanni regretfully turned down the request. It was noted that limited information may have been available.

Background information was provided to the committee regarding the recent discussion of the Non-Proliferation Treaty at the UN Headquarters in New York. 14 Canadian city mayors have signed for support. Solomon and Jane had recently attended a meeting with Councillor McHattie and members of the community to provide information regarding the Mayors for Peace initiative. Jane noted that Councillor McHattie and she had met with Mayor Dilanni regarding this matter again and that Mayor Dilanni plan to join Mayors for Peace this year.

It was requested that the Mundialization Committee reiterate their support for the Mayor, representing the City of Hamilton to join the Mayors for Peace.

(Monteiro/Zeb)

That the committee supports Mayor Dilanni’s participation in the Mayors for Peace. Carried

Solomon & Jane will prepare report to submit to Mayor’s office (due by end of July)

Mayors for Peace website: http://www.pcf.city.hiroshima.jp/mayors/english/

7. Financial report – Neena
Sponsorship of $1000 from JNE handed over to Neena by Solomon.
Receipt of sponsorship/letter of acknowledgement to be composed by Neena to provide to sponsors.

8. Membership update - Jane
13 renewed members and 5 new members this year.
Jane will e-mail previous members to remind contribution of membership fee (Chinese Cultural Association, etc.)
Neena suggested that the e-mail be in the form of newsletter with updates of committee’s current progress.

9. Sarasota twining update – Solomon
Honorable Bob Morrow visited Sarasota and followed up with the twinning of MOTE in Sarasota and Canadian Marine Discovery Centre in Hamilton. Solomon will report status on the Young Artists’ Competition that the committee previously submitted entry for. Twining ties between Sarasota & Hamilton still remains strong.

10. Mangalore twining update – Neena
Neena read an e-mail from Gururaja Budhya re: Mangalore – Hamilton twinning, virtual meeting between mayors, etc. (electronic copy available upon request from Neena)

11. Maanshan delegation coming in September
Dates still to be determined.
12. Chairman of the new Committee
Rein Ende nominated as Chairman and Solomon Ngan as Vice-Chairman. To be determined in September how they might share the tasks.

13. Proposal of Ms. Premo Rao regarding Mangalore twining – refer to emails in May
See e-mail communication as distributed by Jane Lee. It was agreed that Ms. Rao will be informed that the committee has other initiatives they are currently acting upon with respect to the Mangalore twinning, as proposed in recent correspondence from Mangalore. Although the concept proposed may have merit, the committee does not have the resources to set up such a program, and the committee believes their role is one more of facilitation of initiatives, given the lack of resources to carry out programs.

14. Fall meeting schedule: Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16
No committee meeting in July and August. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21st, 2005.

15. Special meetings in summer and fall
United Nations Day (Oct 24) – Gloria
- Celebration of the 60th anniversary of UN: possible title – “The World in Hamilton”
Gloria proposed that the committee provide an honorarium ($100) for the performance by the international children’s choir and set up Mundialization presentation on the event.

16. Addition to agenda …
Tax receipt & Thank-you card received from McMaster University, Jean Jones Prize Fund, (in memory of Dr. Jean Jones)

Road sign of Hamilton’s twined cities: Solomon will submit e-mail of cost assessment to the City of Hamilton for consideration.

Jahan volunteered to follow up with this project.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Prepared by Andy Chen, Secretary
MUNDIALIZATION COMMITTEE

September 21, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Present: Rein Ende, Ida De Jesus, Gloria Jackson, Solomon Ngan, Rob Winninger, Jane Wanamaker, Andy Chen, Rebecca Xu, Neena Monteiro

Also Present: Joanna Santa Barbara, Physicians for Global Survival; Jane Lee, City of Hamilton

Regrets: Sergey Pavlov, Margaret Firth

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Rein Ende at 6:00 p.m. in Room 250 at Hamilton City Hall.

2. Approval of the Agenda

(Jackson/ Monteiro)

That the agenda of the September 21st, 2005 Executive Meeting be approved. Carried

3. Declaration of (conflict of) interest (none)

4. Introduction of members and guests

The Mundialization Committee (MC) welcomed the presence of Joanna Santa Barbara and the Physicians for Global Survival group

5. Approval of minutes, from the meeting of June 15, 2005

(Chen/ Ngan)

That the minutes of the June 15th, 2005 Executive Meeting be approved. Carried

6. Mayors for Peace, Presentation by Joanna Santa Barbara

See "Eliminate Launch on Warning" article and "No Launch on Warning" presentation as distributed by Rein Ende via e-mail.
MC members are supportive of Physicians for Global Survival group’s initiatives and raised the question "What can the MC do to support this cause?"

Joanna is to seek endorsement from major peace groups and report to MC again.

Joanna informs the committee that the "Mayor for Peace" Declaration is to be signed by Mayor Di Ianni at the 13th Annual Mahatma Gandhi Peace Festival & Peace Walk at Hamilton City Hall on Saturday, October 1st, 2005 (10 P.M. - 4 P.M.)

7. Treasurer’s report, Neena Monteiro (e-mailed earlier)

See “Financial Report” as distributed by Neena via e-mail (to be received on file)

8. Committee positions and roles, Rein Ende & Solomon Ngan

(Wannamaker/ De Jesus)

That Solomon Ngan serves as Vice President and Past Chair and that Rein Ende serves as President and Chair.

Carried

9. Membership report, Jane Wanamaker

See 2004 and 2005 Membership Report as distributed by Jane during meeting.

The committee wishes to recruit representatives from Japanese communities and other communities associated with Hamilton’s twin cities.

Lisa Wang from Nanning, China was introduced to the committee.

10. Ideas to follow up from last year:

10.1 Road signs

The committee reflected on information re: road signs and budget. Rob Winninger volunteered to propose initiative at the Air Canada meeting to seek interest for such a sign at the airport.

(Winninger/ Ngan)

That the committee identify the objectives of a marketing campaign and establish a sub-committee to carry out the objectives.

Motion was received and discussion postponed for January 2006 meeting.

10.2 Mangalore

Discussion postponed for next committee meeting.
11. **Reports on activities with twinned cities:**

   Solomon Ngan gave report on the recent Ma’anshan delegation reception, Sarasota Young Artist competition and recent activities with Kaga & Fukuyama.

   Rein Ende presented the committee with gift from Mayor of Kaga.

   Solomon Ngan informed the committee that a letter from Mayor of Fukuyama was received (re: 30th anniversary of twinning)

12. **Business Plan 2006 (Budget submission for City Hall)**

   2006 Budget Submission distributed at meeting; Volunteer Committee Members list is to be revised & updated.

   (Monteiro/ Winninger)

   That the Budget Plan 2006 be approved in the same amount as this year’s budget. **Carried**

13. **United Nations 50th Anniversary Celebration**

   To be held on Monday, October 24th, 2005 at the First Unitarian Church @ 7 PM.

   (Jackson/ Xu)

   That a $100 honorarium be contributed by MC for the Children’s International Choir performing on UN 50th Anniversary Celebration. **Carried**

   An information table is also to be setup at the event to promote MC.

   Rob Winninger & Ida De Jesus volunteered to present at the event on behalf of MC.

14. **Unity in Diversity Event, November 16**

   Neena, Ida and Gloria have been working together to coordinate this event.

   Invited Brian Reid as guest speaker.

   Rebecca is to follow up with inviting Chinese community performance at the event.

   Requested that approximately $1300 to be contributed by the city to this event.

   (Jackson/ De Jesus)

   That the budget of $1300 for the Unity of Diversity event be approved. **Carried**
15. Additional items, if any

Gloria Jackson was contacted by McMaster Women's Club - re: a potential MC presentation.

Jane Lee briefed the committee on Mayor's Office acknowledgement of interest in twining from communities in Romania, China and Africa in the future.

16. Future meeting dates: October 19, November 16, December 14

Rein Ende sends regret for the December 14 Meeting.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Rein Ende at 8:36 pm.

Prepared by Andy Chen, Secretary