

# Hamilton Mundialization Committee Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Hamilton City Hall, Room 222

# Minutes

Present: Rein Ende, Pat Semkow, Bob Semkow, Jan Lukas, Jeff Bonner

**Also Present**: Mike Richards (City of Hamilton), Tammy Hwang (City of Hamilton)

Regrets: Solomon Ngan, Eileen Noronha,

1. **Call to Order**. Rein called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

- 2. **Approval of the Agenda.** Moved by Pat Semkow, seconded by Jeff Bonner, Carried.
- 3. **Declaration of (conflict of) interest, (if any).** None
- 4. **Approval of Minutes.** Moved by Pat Semkow, seconded by Bob Semkow Carried.

## 5. Executive Reports

- 5.1 **Chair:** Rein Ende talked about the Chinese New Year Celebration Saturday, January 31, 2 to 6 p.m. at City Hall. Free admission. Jan mentioned that if someone comes with application forms that it might be a good place to expand our membership.
- 5.2 **Treasurer**. No major change since the previous month.

#### 6. Matters for discussion:

### 6.1 **Photo Contest**

Rein circulated the last poster for the Photo Contest. Suggestions were made to add in the MUNDIALIZATION logo, website, Facebook page and an email account for further information at the bottom of the poster to drive folks to both of our social media sites. Discussions around a date for submission with Oct  $16^{\rm th}$  – entries from 2015 – target audience. Mike reported that he was told there should be no problem with the URL for submissions electronically but that he should be the person listed as the contact at City Hall on the poster. Rein to send out after suggestions for changes for approval.

#### 6.2 Plans for 2015.

Further planning in January: As well as the Photo Contest, the 70<sup>th</sup> Recognition of the August Hiroshima-Nagasaki Memorial Event. Discussions around a subcommittee from the MUNDIALIZATION Committee to work with Bryce Kanbara, Mitch Kawasaki and the Japanese Cultural Centre.

## 6.3 Tammy Hwang, Global Hamilton.

Tammy works in conjunction with Global Hamilton. She works with Immigrant Entrepreneurs. She discussed the Pan Am Games July  $10-26^{\rm th}$  in Hamilton. A discussion took place on how the MUNDIALIZATION committee might assist with some aspects of the Cultural side of things and the Twinning of Cities concept with projects that Economic Development are working on.

Jeff to draft a letter for contact with our Twin Cities. Anyone with updated contacts to forward please to Rein. We need to reprint our flyer with some suggestions mentioned as to branding.

Cultural items from the countries involved need to be located in case they need to be on display during the Pan Am games or with any receptions for visiting dignitaries. Mike to look into this with Bob and Pat to change the display.

## Contact for Fukuyama:

Fukuyama, Japan (1975): Yoko Mokita, Section Manager, Clients' Consultation Division-International Section Fukuyama City Hall: <a href="mailto:kokusai@city.fukuyama.hiroshima.jp">kokusai@city.fukuyama.hiroshima.jp</a>

Contact for Flint, Michigan USA 1987 (Jan - directly to Mayor's office in Flint)

A discussion about interest in a Twin City in Africa. Leo Johnson and Matthew Green and the board of Empowerment Squared would be interested in pursuing this. All reminded that any initiative here is the responsibility of City Council.

## **7. Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be February 18, 2015.

Future meeting dates: March 18, April 22, May 20, and June 17 "Chinese" New Year Celebration at City Hall: Sat. Jan. 31, 2-6 p.m.