

Hamilton Mundialization Executive Committee

Minutes of Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Present: Rein Ende (Chair), Margaret Firth, Eileen Noronha, Bob Semkow, Pat Semkow, Gloria Jackson, Jane Wanamaker, Jeff Bonner

Regrets: Solomon Ngan, Anne Termaten

Absent: Jan Lukas, Ida DeJesus, Lan Whiting, Eddie Lee, Tiffany Lu, Anne Ferguson, Verna Fletcher, Justina Ku

Also Present: Jane Lee

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Rein Ende (Chair).

2. Approval of Agenda and Appointment of Recording Secretary

It was moved by Jeff Bonner that the agenda presented be approved, seconded by Margaret Firth. The motion was passed.

Jeff Bonner agreed to act as recording secretary.

3. Declaration of Conflict(s) of Interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

4. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes were amended to indicate in 6.2 (Sarasota) that Westfield Village will be participating in a project at the heritage village in Florida with "one staff member and two volunteers", rather than "with three staff members".

It was moved by Margaret Firth that the minutes be approved as amended, seconded by Bob Semkow. The motion was passed.

5. Reports

5.1 Chairman's Report

Since the last meeting, Rein has been involved in a personal project and has spent his committee time on wrapping up the photo contest.

Rein welcomed back Jeff Bonner, who has been on a leave of absence during his candidacy for city council in the 2010 election, and is now actively participating in the committee again now.

5.2 Treasurer's Report

It was reported that award cheques have been written from the Hamilton Mundialization Committee's fund and about to be mailed. The cheques were \$500 for grand prize, and four \$100 cheques for runners-up, for a total of \$900.

6. Matters For Discussion

6.1 Photo Contest: results and follow-up

Rein reported that the judging had just been completed, as per an email sent to committee members, and the process of mailing the award cheques was underway. Large copies of the winning entries were to be printed, and there was a local storefront window that had expressed interest in displaying them.

It was agreed that the cheques should be sent with congratulatory letters and followed up with a personal contact such as a phone call. Rein agreed to do this.

Rein also reported that SNAP's Shelly Cameron had expressed interest in doing a photo with the local contest winners for publication in their newspaper.

Eileen Noronha asked whether there were any plans for an awards ceremony. Rein explained that the first year, this was done at the CANUSA games, and the second year it was done at the Dundas Town Hall during a Kaga-related event. The committee agreed to invite the winners to the December meeting for dinner.

Rein indicated that he planned to do a news release to the media and a letter to the new council. Jane Lee suggested that clarification is needed about the contest rules and privacy concerns with publishing winners' names. Rein agreed to check the wording of the rules on this matter.

6.2 Sarasota: young playwrights' competition, other projects

i) Young Playwrights' Competition: The committee reviewed some of the details, as presented by Gloria Grenier in September. The competition is open to any youth with two categories for "under grade 6" and "above grade 6", and has a March 1st, 2011, deadline for submission.

Two members had volunteered at that time to try to stir up interest in the competition. Rein had not been able to follow up with them on their efforts.

Margaret Firth asked if there were guidelines available for the contest, and suggested that her grand daughter who teaches ESL might be able to promote it. The committee then discussed a number of avenues where the competition could be promoted, such as the school boards and local private schools (HDCH and other Christian schools, Hillfield-Strathallen, etc.). Rein offered to agree a package of information that committee members could send to applicable contacts as they are able.

Jane Lee also suggested that it could also be promoted through city hall's community fax service.

ii) Westfield Village project: Rein Ende asked Margaret Firth if she knew any details of the planned visit to the Sarasota heritage village, and Margaret reported that she is actually one of the Westfield Village volunteers who will be going. The trip will be 5 days, from a Tuesday to a Saturday, although members are discussing making arrangement to stay longer. The plans are still in the works for what exactly the visit will entail, but discussions have included maple syrup or maple candy demonstration.

There was also discussion around potential gifts to be taken for the Sarasota connections. Some ideas were a framed collage of Westfield Village scenes and buildings, the waterfalls posters, or some combination.

Margaret also reported that plans were currently in the works for a four-person visit next September to Westfield Village from the Sarasota heritage village for Telling Tales.

6.3 December meeting location

Rein explained that the December meeting is customarily off-site for a dinner. The committee discussed options, and agreed to hold the meeting at Ventura's. The meal will be paid for through the committee budget but drinks will be at personal expense as per city policies.

6.4 Additional Items

i) Email Accounts: Rein reported that he has been having delivery problems with email he sends to any Hotmail account, with Hotmail treating them as spam, and suggested that committee members should have an alternative if they wish to receive emails.

ii) City Committee recruiting: Jane Lee reported that the city will be sending out notice inviting volunteers for city committees for the new term of city council, including hosting an open house for interested potential volunteers, and asked if we would like to our committee included in the process. The committee was in agreement that it would be good to be present.

iii) Member Contact Info: Eileen Noronha asked if she should contact members to verify continued interest and changes in contact information. Rein agreed to provide Eileen with what information he has, and to ask membership to contact Eileen with necessary changes.

iv) World Citizen Award: Rein reported that he has not heard from Joan Browning as to whether she will still be involved and will attempt to contact her. Several members agreed to help with the coordination of the award if necessary.

7. Future Meeting Dates

Future meeting dates were confirmed as previous reported. December 15 (at Ventura's as agreed), January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:29pm.