

News concerning the work of the daily board:

Meeting of the daily board from the 26th to the 28th of February in Lassee including a visit to Stary Poddvorov on the 27th concerning the summer meeting.

President Frans Ronnes and Helma van Drunen arrived at 2 pm on the 26th of February at Vienna airport. After travelling to Lassee the meeting in Stary Poddvorov was discussed and prepared.

On Friday Frans, Helma and Sandra travelled to Stary Poddvorov to meet with the mayor JUDr. Marie Bušková and two regional officials; Patricia Juráňová – from the region of Hodonin and Ing. Josef Smetana – from the region of Podluzi. The meeting was arranged at the town hall for 10 am.

Everyone was awaiting our arrival; the above mentioned as well as a translator, a film crew and some people from the municipality administration.

Many questions asked and answers given from and by everyone involved. The programme for each day was discussed in some detail, for the adults and for the youth. We talked about finances, accommodation, communication, travel (presumably many will come by car due to the central position within Europe), the involvement of the citizens and the distribution of the guests. Mrs Bušková told us that the meeting is now being organised with the help of the region. The visitors will be accommodated in four villages; Stary Poddvorov, Stary Novi, Bohovice and Čejkovice. Participants will need to travel to Hodonin (there is no airport but a railway station) and will be collected from there. It will be necessary to send timetables. We also talked about the administrative and financial matters concerning this first big summer meeting within the multi annual project.

We once again discussed how important it is for the multi annual project, that 10 people from each country participate. 10 – no more, no less.

The film crew interviewed Helma, Frans and Mrs. Bušková for the evening television programme.

We then travelled to the chateau in Čejkovice for lunch. The new youth contact Michaela Kuchynkova joined us and we have the opportunity to talk to her. In Čejkovice we were given a taste of what we can expect in summer; a really beautiful 13th century building in the third biggest wine growing village in the Czech Republic. We were also shown some very impressive wine cellars. We are looking forward to the 11th to the 15th of June and it would seem Stary Poddvorov is well organised and is well on the way to a successful meeting.

Just after 5pm we are back in Lassee and talk to Karl Grammanitsch about our day in Stary Poddvorov. The daily board discussed Charter matters in the evening. On Saturday morning the board had a meeting with Magdalena Matczak who will be the communication officer of Strzyzow (Poland). She will help the municipality of Strzyzow organising the big summer meeting in 2010. In the afternoon Frans and Helma set off on their journey home.

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