

DRAFT PROGRAM AND AGENDA

Hungarian Americans Together Conference V “Hungarian Future in America – Preserving Hungarian Identity through Language and Culture”

October 9-10, 2010, Chicago

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Moderators: *Erika Bokor (MBK), Laszlo Fulop (Minnesota Hungarians), Maximilian Teleki (HAC)*

Saturday, October 9, 2010

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| 8:30-9:30 a.m. | Registration |
| 9:45 a.m. | Prayer of Invocation
Introduction of hosts and welcoming remarks
Thank you to Chicago organizers, contributors and sponsors
Short review of previous HATOG conferences
Review housekeeping details, transportation, parking, announce changes in schedule or agenda |
| 10:00 a.m. | Introduction of moderator
Restate purpose; goals we should achieve |
| 10:15 a.m. | Brief self-introduction of attendees |
| 11:00 a.m. | Review of status of deliverables from HATOG IV (Cleveland) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reports<ol style="list-style-type: none">(a) Survey of Hungarian American Organizations - list(b) Bloomington University ó other Universities with Hungarian focused programs(c) Creating a List of Charitable Activities(d) Fundraising-New stimulus package laws to fund and charitable contribution cap (IRS rules on NGO-s)2. Hungarian American Heritage month3. Educational activities of various organizations |

- (a) Scholarships, Internships
 - (b) Community Calendar - Gulyas Pot.
 - (c) Review of Hungarian American Museum and Cultural Centers in the US
4. Closing of Hungarian Catholic Churches in Cleveland and elsewhere
 5. Reaching out program to the next generation and the new Hungarians
 6. Saving our Hungarian heritage How to save books and written records of Hungarian American organizations and individuals for the next generations?

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m.

Discussion of new topics

1. Response to the request by the Hungarian government to strengthen and establish renewed ties between the Hungarian American community and Hungarians from the Carpathian Basin.
 - Formulate a common response to the Hungarian government's initiative to maximize our lobbying capacity in the interest of strengthening our cultural activities and educational activities.
2. How to communicate and protect our cultural interest here in the US and the Carpathian Basin?
 - (a) Establish regions and enhance cooperation among Hungarian American organizations in order to create strong regional Hungarian American communities. (E.g. East Coast, Midwest (Cleveland, Minnesota, Chicago) South Florida, West Coast)
 - (b) Involvement of the Sister Cities organizations to reinvigorate ties between US and Hungarian communities.
3. Preserving the Hungarian language and culture for future generations. How to achieve this goal? Why is it important for the new generation to keep the culture and value of our heritage?
 - (a) Using both English and Hungarian at every possible events, meetings. Establishing local Hungarian weekend schools, programs, dance groups, supporting the scouts movement, creating Hungarian Houses, local libraries for Hungarian books, songs, films, etc.
 - (b) What are the experiences and efforts of various

organizations?

4. Addressing the overall needs of existing educational and cultural programs and need to strengthen these programs in the US and in the Carpathian Basin
5. In support of topic number 4, what are our member organizations at the local and national level doing? What can be leveraged or replicated to strengthen our "at risk communities"? What is being done, how and by whom to "Pass it On" to the next generations?
6. Religious Institutions: Given our community's experience with the closure of St. Emeric in Cleveland in late June, what other Churches are potentially at risk?

5:50 p.m. Adjourn after the Moderator's closing remarks.

6:00 p.m. Travel to St. Steven King of Hungary Church.

7:00 ó 9:00 p.m. Group dinner and short cultural program at the Church's Mindszenty Room, meeting with Church leadership.

Sunday, October 10, 2010

9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Introduction of new participants
Discussion of new agenda items resumes

10:45- 12.00 Break
Worship service (optional)

12.00-12.30 p.m. Lunch

12.30 p.m. Selection of a press release writing committee and drafters of the closing statement of HATOG V.

Continue discussions of new agenda items.

Making plans for HATOG VI ó moving West: where and when?

Adopt closing statement.

14:00 Conference adjourns.