

**Hickory International Council**  
**Thursday, August 18, 2011**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Patrick Beaver Memorial Library**

A meeting of the Hickory International Council (HIC) was held on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library in the second floor conference room.

HIC members present: Hani Nassar, Bawol Cabiri, Toshiaki Satake, Betty Petersen, and David Moore.

HIC members absent: Marc Swinnen, Jack Crawford, Becky Mich, Rosemarie Klingspor, Marie Connelly, Vanina Joulin-Batejat, and Laura Coker.

Others present: Minutes Clerk Patty Williams.

A quorum was NOT present.

- I. Approval of the minutes of July 21, 2011.  
The minutes could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum.
- II. Introduction of guests and Board Membership Changes  
Kyle Butler-May, LRU, has applied for membership.
- III. Old Business
  - A. HIC Grant – Global Film Initiative—a thank you note has been received from the Library but we have not heard which films they chose.
  - B. Folkmoot - July 24 @ SALT Block Auditorium – the auditorium 75% full. The show was fascinating with the three groups from China, Burundi, and Guadeloupe. Total revenue was over \$4,000. The organizers stated that they plan to come back next year. The week after the Hickory event, Mr. Nassar was invited to Waynesville to see all the groups. Most impressive was the USA group, American Racket, playing the fiddlestick. The Sardinian group was also impressive with the solo singer having an Opera-quality voice. Overall, Folkmoot was a good experience.
  - C. Great Decisions @ Patrick Beaver Library – September 6 – October 18, 2011—21 names were on the list to attend Great Decisions. Ms. Petersen has confirmed 10 people from that list, not including HIC members— Betty Petersen, Hani Nassar, and Laura Coker. HIC members are free; non-members will pay \$16 for the book. Ms. Petersen said she will review the video and the book. Distribution of the books may be a problem and she has told the people they might be able to pick up their books at the library desk if they write a check for the exact amount. Mr. Moore suggested donating one book to the library to be checked out. The sessions will be held from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Simple snacks will be served.
  - D. Prijedor: Lives from the Bosnian Genocide @ CVCC October 29 – November 22, 2011—Mr. Nassar recommended that members go to

Gardner Webb to see the exhibit as it will start there soon. The HIC will pay \$250 to support the exhibit at CVCC. There will be a reception and kickoff event. Ms. Petersen explained that the exhibit is self explanatory. It consists of 32 researched panels that tell a story. There is a video presentation in a separate room.

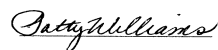
- E. Bulletin Board – next event—a bulletin board at the library on the Bosnian exhibit can be done in October. Ms. Peterson will provide materials and Mr. Cabiri will prepare the board. Information on Great Decisions can be displayed now.

IV. New Business

- A. Annual summary presentation—Mr. Nassar will check on the due date for the annual summary to the City Council.
- B. Revised work plan for 2011 – 2012—Mr. Nassar reviewed the HIC’s decision to cut back on activities. The HIC will continue to support Model UN at \$3,000. International Spring Fest will be continued as part of Art on the Avenue, but the Hickory Museum of Art will do the planning with an HIC representative on the committee. HIC will sponsor this event at \$3,000. Foot Candle foreign film initiatives will continue every three months. Social Hours will be held as needed.
- C. Liaison—Mr. Nassar would like to have another city liaison for the HIC and will continue to pursue that. Mr. Moore stated that it would be nice to have a Hmong member.
- D. Mr. Cabiri announced that he has received a letter from his bank saying that the bank will make a donation to its customers’ favorite charities. He wondered if HIC would be eligible. Mr. Nassar said HIC isn’t eligible because it’s not a 501c3 non-profit organization.

V. Next Meeting: September 15, 2011

VI. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Patty Williams, MMC  
Minutes Clerk