

Hickory International Council
Thursday, February 17, 2011
5:30 p.m.
Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

A meeting of the Hickory International Council (HIC) was held on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library in the second floor conference room.

Prior to the monthly meeting, a Social Hour presenting the Japanese foreign film “Departures” took place between 5:00 PM and 5:30 PM.

HIC members present: Hani Nassar, Marion Love, David Moore, Toshiaki Satake, and Bawol Cabiri.

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

Others present: Betty Peterson, Karl Wolfe, Ramona Hodge (teacher at Jacobs Fork), Hickory Public Library Director Mary Sizemore, and Minutes Clerk Patty Williams

A quorum was NOT present; therefore, no official action could be taken.

- I. Introduction of guests and Board Membership Changes. Laura Coker will represent Lenoir-Rhyne University, but will not be a voting member.
- II. Old Business
 - A. Community Conversations - Japanese film “Departures” – March 3 @ Carolina Theater—Mr. Nassar has talked with Alan Jackson of FootCandle who will advertise the film, “Departures” for March 3. HIC members can get in free. Members who attend should help meet and greet people before the screening. Information about the movie can be accessed via the HIC website.
 - B. PANGEA Model UN @ LRU - March 9 & 10—Dr. Love announced that everything is firm with PANGEA Model UN. Members were encouraged to look at the website to see added content including which schools are participating. There are over 200 students involved now. Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. with opening ceremonies at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. There will be five committee areas. Dr. Love strongly encouraged everyone to attend on the 9th and go to the committee meetings. Market On Main will host the Hors d’œuvre banquet on March 10 prior to the Award ceremony.
 - C. Spring Fest 2011 – May 6 & 7 @ SALT Block lawn—the event will begin at 6 p.m. Friday with Charlotte Salsa. Saturday will be on the lawn at the SALT Block.
 - D. Folkmoot - July 24 @ SALT Block Auditorium—Folkmoot of Waynesville is in its 26th year. HIC will help with advertising. Dr. Love stated that Folkmoot is an outstanding organization and will bring lots of dancers to Hickory on July 24 which is in the middle of their two week celebration.

- E. Community Conversations - Great Decisions August timeframe @ Library
Mr. Nassar stated that Betty Petersen and Michael Kuchinsky have agreed to lead Great Decisions. Ms. Petersen said it will probably begin in early September. Ms. Hodge said that a lot of teachers will be interested in Great Decisions. Rae Thompson of the County Schools can get the word out. Teachers can probably get some Continuing Education Units for it.
- F. HIC Website changes—Dr. Love explained that Heather Forbis with the Statesville School system is helping her with the website. Folkmoot and Spring Fest have been added. People will be asked to submit banner designs for Spring Fest. There will be award money for adults and youth. The Spring Fest planning committee meets the first and third Monday of every month at 4:00 p.m. at HMA. Registration forms went out January 21. Mr. Nassar stated that last year at this time we had a flyer on Spring Fest. He will can adapt last year’s flyer so that it can be emailed. Information about Folkmoot will be included on the flyer.
- G. HIC grant form—Mr. Nassar explained that so far HIC has given grants to the Hickory High School Foreign Language Department and the Torn from Home exhibit. Mr. Kuchinsky sent a form listing criteria that he has used before for awards. Mr. Nassar will send a draft to members. The grant must be given by the end of June.

III. New Business

- A. Prijedor: Lives from the Bosnian Genocide @ CVCC - Mr. Nassar explained that this project is a series of 34 panels presented by Serbians and Croatians. Mr. Kuchinsky will host it at Gardner Webb prior to it coming to CVCC from October 27 until November 22. HIC will advertise the exhibit. Ms. Petersen said the display will start in the Library at CVCC. She would like to have a speaker to go along with the panels that tell a story. Mr. Cabiri stated that he worked on that security group. Dr. Love said that former Chief of Police Floyd Lucas was there. He may be interested in participating too.
- B. Workplan—the HIC workplan must be ready for City Council presentation on March 1. The draft workplan was reviewed. It was the consensus that the following HIC Workplan for FY 2011-2012 be presented to City Council. Members were encouraged to attend the City Council meeting on March 1:

	Objective	Financial Impact (budgeting request)	Community Impact	Alternatives
1	Plan and carry out international festival activities such as: 1. 8 th Annual International Spring Fest (May 2012) 2. Folkmoot 2011 (July 2011)	\$ 3,000 in addition to business donations and City in-kind services. Total budget estimated at \$ 10,000.	Emphasize the international character of Hickory. Give community an international festival to enjoy. Enhance economic impact.	Take part in other festivals in the region such as Art on the Avenue, Oktoberfest Newton Fest, etc.
2	Co-sponsor 3 rd Annual PANGAEA Model UN Green conference for secondary school students (grades 9-12). This is the Hickory International Council link to the Greater Hickory educational institutions.	\$ 3,000 in addition to donations from businesses and educational institutions. Total budget estimated at \$ 8,500.	Community impact: Participants take on the roles of diplomats to learn the means of global cooperation & effective international decision making, to discover the world of diplomacy, to explore current events on the international political scene, and to engage in the democratic process.	Someone else will take the lead and the HIC can be a supporting member. LRU may fill this role in 2013.
3	Award International awareness grants up to \$ 1,000 in recognition of interest in and awareness of international issue.	\$ 1,000 in single or multiple awards.	Solidify the International Council's commitment and involvement in the community	Do not provide a grant but acknowledge such initiatives in public.
4	Community Connections: Collaborate with local agencies and organizations to share information such as Point-of-View documentary series, International movies, etc.	\$ 1,500 for programming and publicity including membership to Footcandle Society, movie rental for public viewing, publicity...etc.	Expose the community to different cultures, encourage newcomers in civic participation & action, and strengthen the social capital (networks) of the total community.	Support local educational institutions in some of their programming.
5	Community Conversations: Plan community outreach activities such as monthly international social hours, multicultural displays in high traffic areas, and Great Decisions Discussions.	\$ 1,500 for display material, discussion material, exhibit rentals....etc.	Expose the community to different cultures through real life scenarios. Engage the community in world discussions	Collaborate with local agencies and educational institutions.

Total requested budget: \$ 10,000

C. Ms. Petersen was thanked for creating the Library display on Japan which is still up. Someone is needed to host the social hour on March 17. Ms. Hodge and Dr. Love volunteered to host the Social Hour on St. Patrick's Day.

IV. Next Meeting: March 17, 2011 at the library.

V. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Patty Williams

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Minutes Clerk