

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

A meeting of the Hickory International Council (HIC) was held on Thursday, March 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 Ireland took place between 5:00 PM and 5:30 PM.

HIC members present: Hani Nassar, Marion Love, Bawol Cabiri, Kathryn Grandgenett, Jack Crawford, Betty Petersen, and Laura Coker (non-voting member).

HIC members absent: David Moore, Toshiaki Satake, Rosemarie Klingspor, Marc Swinnen, Marie Connelly, Becky Mich, and Vanina Joulin-Batejat.

Others present: Lea Carras (an intern from France), John Womack (interested citizen member of FootCandle Society), Karl Wolfe (HIC volunteer), Ramona Hodge (teacher at Jacobs Fork Middle School), and Minutes Clerk Patty Williams

A quorum was present.

- I. Mr. Crawford moved, seconded by Mr. Cabiri to approve the minutes of January 20, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Love moved, seconded by Mrs. Grandgenett to approve the minutes of February 17, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

- II. Introduction of guests and Board Membership Changes
 - A. Laura Coker – LRU liaison to the International Council
 - B. Betty Petersen – CVCC Professor of Biology & Anthropology.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Community Conversations – What’s after “Departures”?—Dr. Love has suggested about five films, but doesn’t want to do another until after Spring Fest. The next film will probably be in early June. Ideas for foreign movies should be submitted to Mr. Nassar and they will be discussed with Alan Jackson of The Foot Candle Society.
 - B. PANGEA Model UN @ LRU - March 9 & 10 – analysis—Mr. Crawford reported that Model UN was a great success. The chairs did a good job of running the committees. Several HIC members came by. The speaker did a good job and there was good feedback from teachers. LRU said the unplanned benefit was that the LRU MODEL UN ran the committees. HIC and Boy Scouts were a good partnership. Good recruitment tool for LRU to have the high school students on campus.
 - C. Spring Fest 2011 – May 6 & 7 @ SALT Block lawn—Dr. Love reported that March 15 was the deadline for submission of applications. Applications are 90% in (HMA & HIC together), with HIC at 99%. Dr.

Love described the layout for the festival and distributed a list of participating exhibitors and performers. Greenway Transportation will do Park 'n Ride again. Dr. Love said it would be nice to have storytelling—storytellers from Africa, Europe, Asia and India are needed. Site plan will be put together next week. With regard to the budget, Mr. Nassar said that we have \$5,300 out of \$9,000 requested. Flyers from previous years were shown. Mr. Nassar said he has approved a different format for this year. There will also be an international passport for people to take around to the booths where they will do an activity and get the passport signed. Festival goers who turn in completed passports will be eligible for a door prize. There will be a banner contest in the schools. The deadline for the banner contest is April 15.

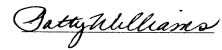
- D. Folkmoot - July 24 @ SALT Block Auditorium—This will be Folkmoot's first time in Hickory. They will perform for a two-hour session in the middle of a two-week long festival. HIC members are encouraged to sell 10 tickets each.
- E. Community Conversations - Great Decisions – early September @ Library—18 people have signed up for Great Decisions. The books, which have been ordered, will probably be paid for by HIC. Ms. Petersen said she is waiting to hear from Mr. Kuchinsky about the starting date, but a decision must be made very soon. Some of the HIC members may handle some of the sessions.
- F. Prijedor: Lives from the Bosnian Genocide @ CVCC October 29 – November 22—Ms. Petersen said the exhibit is coming from St. Louis and everything has been confirmed.

IV. New Business

- A. HIC liaison—Mr. Nassar reported that City management has decided, based on budget cuts and because the Public Library has received many cuts, that Mary Sizemore will no longer serve as staff liaison to the HIC. It is unclear as to whether or not another staff liaison will be appointed, but Mr. Nassar will meet with Mayor Wright and City Manager Berry about getting another liaison. The HIC will need to determine if it can function without a liaison. Mrs. Sizemore did a huge amount of work for the Council. Mayor Wright has suggested that the HIC cut some of its programming, but Mr. Nassar believes that's against the board's desire. Dr. Love shared what Mrs. Sizemore did as liaison with regard to Spring Fest: registrations, phone calls, checks, payments, coordinated city employees, and layout. It took a lot of time away from Mrs. Sizemore's position as Public Library Director. Dr. Love added that Spring Fest has worked this year because HMA has four people that are doing a lot of the work. Mr. Nassar pointed out that Spring Fest is "sucking the blood" out of a few HIC members because the whole board is not performing up to par. Dr. Love said that Mrs. Sizemore is able to cut through a lot of the red tape. Dr. Love feels that a staff liaison is critical.
- B. Work Plan 2011-2012 revisit—the work plan, which is similar to last year's work plan, was reviewed. If we lose staff, new members need to pick up the slack, Mr. Nassar said. During the next meeting, the Council will have to discuss how the HIC can make up for the loss of Mrs. Sizemore. Mr. Cabiri believes that reducing the workload will put HIC in

great danger. Discussion of HIC's image in the community ensued. Mr. Crawford said the HIC should always be referred to as the "Hickory International Council" so that people will know what it is. The website is "gold".

- V. Next Meeting: April 21, 2011
- VI. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Patty Williams, MMC
Minutes Clerk