



**HICKORY  
INTERNATIONAL  
COUNCIL**

**Hickory International Council  
Thursday, November 17, 2011  
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Patrick Beaver Memorial Library**

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

HIC members present: Hani Nassar, Betty Petersen, Jack Crawford, Becky Mich, and Toshiaki Satake.

HIC members absent: Marc Swinnen, Bawol Cabiri, Kyle Butler-May, David Moore, Rosemarie Klingspor, Marie Connelly, and Vanina Joulin-Batejat

Others present: Ramona Hodge and Minutes Clerk Patty Williams.

A quorum was **NOT** present.

- I. Approval of the minutes of October 20, 2011.  
A quorum was not present, so the October minutes could not be approved.
- II. Introduction of guests and Board Membership Changes
- III. Old Business
  - A. HIC Grant – Global Film Initiative. The Library chose the following film titles: Border Café( Iran), Buffalo Boy (Vietnam), Cinema Aspirins and Vultures (Brazil), Fine Dead Girls (Croatia), I am from Titov Veles (Macedonia), The Kite (Lebanon), Masquerades (Algeria), Nothing More (Cuba), Rachida (Algeria), and Whisky (Uruguay)
  - B. Prijedor: Lives from the Bosnian Genocide @ CVCC October 29 – November 22. The program is going on right now through next Tuesday. The turnout has been good and there will be a closing reception next Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. Publicity has been good via Facebook and large screens throughout CVCC.
  - C. Romanian Baptist Church Christmas Concert @ SALT Block Auditorium Dec 17. The Hickory Museum of Art will support the concert again this year. It will begin at 6:30 pm and last until 8:30 pm. Publicity will go out via Barbara Sinclair.
  - D. PANGEA Model UN @ LR March 7 & 8, 2012 The Model UN committee held their first meeting prior to this meeting. They discussed topics and budget. The committee will continue to meet an hour before the HIC meeting.
  - E. HIC Christmas dinner @ Betty Petersen's home December 15 at 5:30. There will be a brief HIC meeting before dinner. Everyone should bring an international dish and wine if they desire it.

- F. New attendance guidelines update—Mr. Nassar sent an email to members and has had no response.

IV. New Business

- A. Unity Fair 2012—the Mayor has asked David Zagaroli and David Walker to create a Unity Day celebration. They have met with Mr. Nassar and Lise Swensson about International Spring Fest/Art on the Avenue. The Unity event is scheduled for the same time as Spring Fest and will relieve the HIC of a lot of work. Mr. Nassar said so far the Unity Day is not any different from Spring Fest. He will meet with the Leadership Team tomorrow. They are trying to find a big sponsor. Mr. Nassar said he hopes it will be possible to pass the event on to other people, but he is not willing to approach the same sponsors if they don't take it to the next level and make it different. If it is exactly the same, they should keep the current name.
- B. New HIC Mission Statement—the mission statement can be discussed at the Christmas dinner. Also at the dinner, the group will play Dirty Santa (AKA Yankee Swap). Everyone should bring a given under \$10 to swap.
- C. Point-of-View (POV) documentary films—we did the “New Americans” this year and we should look for other series in 2012.
- D. Footcandle Society / International movies—Alan Jackson has asked the HIC what movie to show next. A movie from the grant list would be an option. Mr. Nassar to investigate with Alan Jackson.
- E. Other—in January the HIC will look at the workplan. It is time to discuss who the next grant recipient will be. It may be that the group will want to create a grant application. Ms. Hodge will send a sample application. Mr. Nassar said that applicants must meet certain HIC criteria which relate to education and international interest.
- F. Mr. Satake announced that he will participate in the second annual Mountain View Elementary School International Day on November 18.

V. Next Meeting: Christmas dinner December 15

VI. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

*Patty Williams*

Patty Williams, MMC  
Minutes Clerk