

**Hickory International Council**  
**Thursday, October 20, 2011**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Patrick Beaver Memorial Library**

A meeting of the Hickory International Council (HIC) was held on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library in the second floor conference room.

HIC members present: Hani Nassar, Betty Petersen, Marc Swinnen, Bawol Cabiri, Jack Crawford, Becky Mich, and Kyle Butler-May

HIC members absent: Toshiaki Satake, David Moore, Rosemarie Klingspor, Marie Connelly, and Vanina Joulin-Batejat

Others present: Karl Wolfe and Minutes Clerk Patty Williams.

A quorum was present.

- I. Approval of the minutes of July 21, 2011.  
Mr. Nassar reviewed the meeting of July 21, 2011. Mr. Crawford moved, seconded by Ms. Petersen that the minutes of July 21, 2011 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.  
  
Approval of minutes of August 18, 2011  
Mr. Nassar reviewed the meeting of August 18, 2011. Mr. Crawford moved, seconded by Mr. Cabiri that the minutes of August 18, 2011 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.  
  
Approval of minutes of September 15, 2011  
Mr. Nassar reviewed the meeting of September 15, 2011. Mr. Swinnen moved, seconded by Mr. Cabiri to approve the minutes of September 15, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.
- II. Introduction of guests and Board Membership Changes
  - A. Kyle Butler-May is now an official member of the HIC.
- III. Old Business (5:40 – 6:10)
  - A. HIC Grant – Global Film Initiative—Mr. Nassar stated that he still doesn't know which films the Library chose.
  - B. Great Decisions @ Patrick Beaver Library, September 6 – October 18, 2011 summary. Seven sessions were held and it was an excellent program. Ms. Petersen stated that the participants were very encouraging and wanted Great Decisions to continue in the future.
  - C. Prijedor: Lives from the Bosnian Genocide @ CVCC October 29 – November 22, 2011. Ms. Petersen and Mr. Nassar attended the opening of the exhibit at Gardner Webb University. Ms. Petersen stated that the exhibit will be delivered to CVCC next Wednesday. She will try to bring a speaker to the opening who witnessed the genocide.

- D. Library Bulletin Board – Ms. Petersen is working on the bulletin board which will feature the Bosnian Genocide exhibit.

#### IV. New Business

- A. New HIC attendance guidelines—Mr. Nassar expressed concern about the poor attendance at HIC meetings. Low attendance makes it difficult to conduct business. Members who are not interested or don't have time to participate should consider resigning. Not only attendance at monthly meetings is important, but also participation in HIC events. City guidelines states that members of Boards and Commissions cannot continue their membership if they have three unexcused absences. Mr. Cabiri suggested sending a letter to members who don't attend meetings. Mr. Nassar will create a letter after he reviews attendance records.
- B. New HIC Mission Statement—Mr. Nassar reported that next year is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hickory International Council. He believes it would be a good idea to have a new mission statement. Members were encouraged to bring ideas to the next meeting after thinking about the mission in relation to HIC activities over the last few years. Ms. Petersen said that the current mission statement is a little sterile and needs to be livelier.
- C. Romanian Choir—Last year the Romanian Choir's Christmas concert was at the SALT Block. Mr. Nassar suggested that it be repeated with more publicity this year. The dates of December 3 and 17 are both available but Choral Society's concerts are scheduled for the December 3 weekend. It was the consensus of the membership to have the Romanian Choir concert on December 17 from 7 p. m. until 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
- D. Christmas Dinner—it was the consensus of those present to have another Christmas dinner this year. It will be held on the day of the regular December HIC meeting, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. A short business meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Petersen offered to host it at her home in Downtown Hickory. Everyone was invited to bring an ethnic dish.
- E. Point-of-View (POV) documentary films—HIC has a standing membership to POV. Members were encouraged to visit the POV website <http://www.pbs.org/pov> to see what is available and what may be appropriate to show at the auditorium.
- F. Other—Mr. Butler-May mentioned the Visiting Writers Series at Lenoir-Rhyne University <http://visitingwriters.lr.edu/>. There are two international authors coming. Latina novelist Sandra Cisneros will visit on March 1, 2012 and Alexander McCall Smith of the United Kingdom will appear on April 19, 2012.
- G. Model UN 2012—Mr. Butler-May will be HIC's representative to the Model UN and will work with Mr. Crawford and the Boy Scouts. The next Model UN committee meeting will be held on November 17 at LR before the HIC meeting.
- H. Mr. Nassar read a note from Mary Sizemore thanking the HIC for the years she served as the Liaison of the Council and for the gift presented to her before she left Hickory. Mary accepted the position of the director of the High Point, NC library and historical museum.

V. Next Meeting: November 17, 2011

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

*Patty Williams*

Patty Williams, MMC  
Minutes Clerk