

**Hickory International Council**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2012**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Patrick Beaver Memorial Library**

A meeting of the Hickory International Council (HIC) was held on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library in the second floor conference room.

HIC members present: Hani Nassar, Betty Petersen, Toshiaki Satake, Bawol Cabiri, David Moore, Jack Crawford, and Marc Swinnen

HIC members absent: Becky Mich, Kyle Butler-May, Rosemarie Klingspor, Marie Connelly, and Vanina Joulin-Batejat

Others present: Minutes Clerk Patty Williams.

A quorum was present.

- I. Approval of the minutes of January 19, 2012.  
Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Ms. Petersen that the minutes of January 19, 2012 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.
- II. Introduction of guests and Board Membership Changes
- III. Old Business
  - A. PANGEA Model UN @ LR March 7 & 8, 2012 – Mr. Crawford gave an update on Model UN. He encouraged HIC members to attend the opening ceremony and awards ceremony if possible. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Ken Humphreys whose topic is Africa. Dr. Hall needs to be confirmed. Ms. Petersen said that her husband's company has agreed to do a fundraiser for Model UN. The budget is \$5,300, but a little more money is needed. Mr. Nassar will work on raising more funds. Registration has increased by one school over last year. Nametags will be available for HIC members who attend. Coat and tie is the appropriate dress.
  - B. Footcandle Society HIC film April 12 - "A Separation", a movie from Iran will be shown.
  - C. Unity Fair on May 4 & 5 – update—the next meeting of the planning committee is tomorrow. Unity Fair adds another level to Spring Fest. They are adding wellness screenings, exercise, etc.
  - D. Folkmoot USA July 22 – update. The S.A.L.T. Block auditorium has been confirmed for 7:00 pm. The HIC will start getting the word out in March or April.
  - E. Great Decisions Sept 11- Oct 23 – update. Ms. Petersen and Mr. Kuchinsky have agreed to lead Great Decisions again. Mr. Nassar has purchased and received two of the books for the leaders.
  - F. HIC Grant application 2012 – draft presentation—Mr. Nassar distributed a draft grant application that was done by Mr. Kuchinsky and then revised by a grant writer that he knows. Mr. Crawford stated that the public should be educated about the HIC grant program. Pictures should be taken when the grant is presented and publicized. Mr. Nassar will make some

changes to the grant application and send it out to HIC members via email for consensus.

- G. New HIC board classification – final approval—Mr. Nassar presented the following HIC Board Classification document which he said Mayor Wright has approved:

**Hickory International Council  
Voting Council Member\* vs. Advisory Member**

The mission of the Hickory International Council (HIC) is to promote goodwill and improve the quality of life through personal and community involvement. Members of the HIC will develop and implement work plans to attain goals and objectives designed to achieve the mission. To do that, members will participate in identifying, promoting, and coordinating community-based activities that encourage citizens of Hickory and surrounding counties to be involved.

**Council Member Job Description (Voting Member)**

Voting members of the HIC will actively engage in making decisions and carrying out the mission of the council.

**Expectations**

- Attend **at least 50%** of HIC monthly meetings annually. The annual Christmas get-together will count as a meeting.
- Serve as a member on subcommittees as needed.
- Participate in the identification, selection, and promotion of innovative strategies, programs, and activities related to HIC's goals and objectives.
- Develop work plans to achieve stated goals and objectives.
- Volunteer at HIC-sponsored event, such as MUN, Spring Fest, Folkmoot...etc.
- Develop mechanisms for evaluating and monitoring HIC's progress.
- Promote HIC's mission where and when opportunities arise in the community.
- Identify other members of the community to serve as council members.
- Newly appointed members are classified as voting members.

**Advisory Member Job Description (Non-Voting Member)**

Advisory members of the HIC will **collaborate** with the council members to implement plans designed to achieve the mission. To do that, advisory members will assist the council members with specific duties as agreed upon.

**Expectations**

- Attend the HIC meetings when possible and/or meet with council members as needed
- Serve in an advisory capacity on subcommittees when needed
- Volunteer at HIC-sponsored event, such as MUN, Spring Fest, Folkmoot...etc.
- Promote the HIC mission where and when opportunities arise in the community
- Identify other members of the community to serve as advisory members

\* Membership status to be reviewed annually

Following discussion, Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. Crawford, that the foregoing document be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nassar will contact absent members to find out which membership category they wish to be included in.

- H. New HIC Mission Statement – draft presentation—A draft HIC mission statement was discussed. After making several changes, Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. Swinnen to approve the following new HIC mission statement: *“The mission of the Hickory International Council is to act as a forum for the local and global international community and to act as a liaison between that community and the city government in order to promote goodwill, mutual understanding, cooperation, and respect among citizens.”* The motion carried unanimously.
- I. HIC website changes—the website is now up to date. Mr. Nassar has the ability to make changes when necessary. Some members expressed a desire to know the number of hits the website is getting. Mr. Nassar will follow up on that.
- J. Point-of-View (POV) documentary films – discussion—last year's topic was “The New Americans” and there was good discussion after the films.

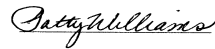
Mr. Nassar suggested a subcommittee to investigate the POV website and make recommendations at the next meeting. There are many different topics to choose from. Mr. Moore and Ms. Petersen volunteered for the subcommittee and will report at the March meeting.

IV. New Business

- A. HIC Work Plan 2012-2013—Last year's work plan was reviewed and a new one for 2012-2013 was discussed and received consensus approval. Mr. Nassar will email the new work plan to HIC members. He will present it to the City Council during their March 6 meeting.
- B. HIC 10-year celebration—Mr. Nassar stated that he would like to celebrate HIC's 10-year anniversary. He asked members to start thinking about this for future discussion.

V. Next Meeting: March 15, 2012

VI. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Patty Williams, MMC  
Minutes Clerk