

**Hickory International Council**  
**Thursday, March 15, 2012**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Patrick Beaver Memorial Library**

A meeting of the Hickory International Council (HIC) was held on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library in the second floor conference room.

HIC members present: Hani Nassar, Toshiaki Satake, Bawol Cabiri, David Moore, Jack Crawford, Marc Swinnen, Becky Mich, and Michael Kuchinsky

HIC members absent: Betty Petersen and Kyle Butler-May

HIC Advisory members present: Ramona Hodge and Karl Wolfe

HIC Advisory members absent: Rosemarie Klingspor, Marie Connelly, and Vanina Joulin-Batejat

Others present: Dr. Kenneth Humphreys and Minutes Clerk Patty Williams.

A quorum was present.

- I. Mr. Moore reported on Point of View documentaries stating that he and Betty Petersen could not meet to discuss this topic. The most international documentary he saw on the list is 90 minutes long and is about the international court of justice which persecutes people who commit crimes against humanity like genocide. Mr. Moore thought that it might be too depressing. Mr. Moore said he feels it would be better to find something more uplifting. Mr. Nassar commented that it might be possible to check with some business leaders in the community to see if they would be interested in discussing this documentary. Mr. Kuchinsky announced that October 24 is United Nations Day and perhaps something could be done in conjunction with that.
- II. Approval of the minutes of February 16, 2012.  
Mr. Crawford moved, seconded by Mr. Swinnen that the minutes of February 16, 2012 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.
- III. Introduction of guests and Board Membership Changes
  - A. Mr. Michael Kuchinsky was appointed to the HIC Council on March 6, 2012.
  - B. Ms. Heidi Rice attended briefly to state that the Hmong students who were supposed to attend the meeting as HIC Junior Members prospects were not able to participate this month.
- IV. Old Business
  - A. HIC work Plan presentation on March 6 – the presentation went well with good feedback about the quality of the presentation.
  - B. PANGEA Model UN @ LR March 7 & 8, 2012 – Dr. Humphreys reported on Model UN. There were five participating high schools with 20 teams. The event was very effective and went very well. Approximately 110 students participated. The largest contingent was from South Caldwell High School. The biggest challenge next year will be getting other

schools to participate. Mr. Nassar stated that the HIC received a plaque as the presenting sponsor. Mr. Kuchinsky wondered if it might be worthwhile to do brief interviews with school advisors (teachers, coaches, etc) that would go out online to the school systems. Mr. Crawford said he hopes that things like that can be coordinated through the Boy Scouts' staff since the Boy Scouts have field people in every county. Ms. Hodge added that each school and school system has its own webpage. She will spread the word to teachers in her school.

- C. Footcandle Society HIC - "The Artist" was shown last week. Mr. Nassar stated that he is seeking an Iranian to speak after "A Separation" is shown on April 12 at 7 pm at the Carolina Theater.
- D. Unity Fair on May 5 –Wellness is a component that has been added to the festival. There will be inside and outside stages this year.
- E. Folkmoot USA July 22 – It's time to start working on Folkmoot. Katherine Grandgenett cannot do tickets this year. It should be easier to sell tickets this year after last year's success. Ms. Hodge volunteered to help sell tickets. Mr. Kuchinsky cannot attend but will buy tickets and suggested giving them away on the radio. Mr. Nassar stated that the HIC doesn't make money on Folkmoot. Folkmoot will give the HIC some complementary tickets for publicity or special guests.
- F. Great Decisions Sept 11- Oct 23 – update – Mr. Kuchinsky stated that there is an interesting set of subjects this year like issues regarding the oceans. He and Betty Petersen have discussed presenting opposing views. Mr. Kuchinsky will send proposed schedule to Mr. Nassar.
- G. HIC Grant application 2012 – review and public announcement—Mr. Nassar presented changes made to the HIC Grant Application. After discussion, Mr. Crawford moved, seconded by Mrs. Mich that the HIC Grant Application for 2012 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. HIC 10-year celebration –Mr. Nassar has requested that the City recognize the 10 year anniversary of the HIC. They have agreed to do that. The HIC can propose ideas to the city.

V. New Business

- A. HIC Junior Membership -- Heidi Rice, a Hickory High School foreign language teacher, is interested in this. Guidelines of responsibilities should be established. It was suggested that a subcommittee work on this. Mr. Kuchinsky felt that junior member should attend at least one event of the HIC during the academic year. Ms. Hodge believes that they should attend 70 percent of the meetings, help at an event, and attend a movie. Mr. Nassar commented that most students who want to be members are usually outspoken. He would expect them to provide ideas to the Council.

VI. Next Meeting: April 19, 2012

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



Patty Williams, MMC  
Minutes Clerk