

Hickory International Council
Thursday, April 19, 2012
5:30 p.m.
Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

A meeting of the Hickory International Council (HIC) was held on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library in the second floor conference room.

HIC members present: Hani Nassar, Bawol Cabiri, Jack Crawford, Marc Swinnen, Becky Mich, Betty Petersen, and Michael Kuchinsky

HIC members absent: David Moore, Toshiaki Satake, and Kyle Butler-May

HIC Advisory members present: None

HIC Advisory members absent: Marie Connelly, Kathryn Grandgenett, Ramona Hodge, Vanina Joulin-Batejat, Rosemarie Klingspor, Marion Love, and Karl Wolfe.

Others present: Dr. Ken Humphreys

A quorum was present.

I. Approval of the minutes of March 15, 2012.

Mr. Crawford moved, seconded by Mr. Swinnen that the minutes of March 15, 2012 be approved. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Action items update: The HIC grant application needs to be sent out to the community in a systematic way. The local paper is the best venue. Mr. Crawford proposed that his wife Carlene would help with her media contacts. Mr. Nassar will send the grant application to Mrs. Crawford and explain the situation.

II. Introduction of guests and Board Membership Changes

A. No changes

III. Old Business

A. The HIC/Footcandle Society screening of "A Separation" on April 17th was a great success. About 230 people attended. David Mustafool (owner of Oriental Rug store in Hickory) and his wife Azam attended the movie as HIC guests and participated in the discussion after the movie. Since some HIC members do not receive the Footcandle screening information, Mr. Nassar offered to add the HIC members' email list to the Footcandle Society's email distribution list.

B. Unity Fair on May 5 – Mr. Nassar showed the official event banner and explained that "Wellness" was added to the Festival. On Friday, May 4 @ 7:30 PM, "Sabrina" and "The Belfast Boys" will be playing for free at the SALT Block Auditorium. The Unity Fair on Saturday May 5 will be from 10am – 4 pm and will utilize the SALT Block Auditorium stage as well as an outside stage. The Planetarium will also feature two shows – One World, One Sky – in English and in Spanish. Mr. Nassar requested for the HIC members to attend the festival and help as needed. Details of the festival preparation and activities were then discussed. Mr. Nassar indicated that there would be less emphasis on international activities this year by virtue of the collaboration and that it may not be

- feasible to do it again next year. Mr. Nassar also added that the HIC members can have more information if they attend the festival planning meetings which take place every Friday at 4:30pm at the Hickory Museum of Art.
- E. Folkmoot USA July 22 – Several individuals who attended the last Footcandle screening signed up for more information. Ticket prices are the same as last year: Adult: \$ 16, Over 65: \$ 12. 12 and under: \$ 8. BSA: \$ 5. Mr. Nassar will send information to the HIC members. Brochures and tickets will be sent after May 5. Folkmoot will be promoted at future Footcandle screenings, at the SALT Block Foundation fundraiser on June 1st, and at other TBD locations. The goal is to sell more than 300 tickets so that we can move the festival to a larger venue.
 - F. Great Decisions Sept 11- Oct 23: Mr. Nassar will order the class books before the end of the fiscal year. Dr. Kuchinsky explained that the class sessions will be a total of six and will include the following chapters: (1) Middle East alignment, (2) Promoting Democracy, (3) Mexico, (4) The State of the Oceans, (5) Indonesia, and (6) Energy Geopolitics. Refreshments and some light food will be served. Ms. Petersen indicated that she was not reimbursed last year for her expenses. Hani should send a “Save the Date” email to the attendees from last year.
 - G. HIC Grant application 2012 – covered earlier in the meeting.
 - H. HIC 10-year celebration – If the City decides not to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the HIC, the HIC members could have its own celebration at an already schedule monthly meeting, at one of the Great Decisions sessions, or during UN Day around October 24. Mr. Crawford proposed forming an event committee to come up with a proposal and a budget. Members of this committee are Jack Crawford, Bawol Cabiri, Marc Swinnen, and Becky Mitch. Various ideas were floating around such as celebrating during multiple meetings, at the International Spring Fest, after an international movie at Footcandle, at a City celebration...etc. It was also proposed to invite all previous HIC members to this celebration, probably via a public announcement. The actual 10th anniversary date is May 7, 2002 but could be held any time this calendar year.
 - I. HIC Junior Membership – Mr. Nassar has already contacted Hickory High School. Mr. Crawford indicated that such a membership requires certain guidelines and that he would like to be on the committee that sets it up. Liability is an issue that we should not overlook. Dr. Kuchinsky asked if there was an international badge that the scouts still do, and if so, could it be a contextual element that could be drafted as part of the international badge for scout trips? Mr. Crawford stated Dr. Humphreys would be the right person to answer this question and that he would run it by Dr. Humphreys, and that all BSA members wear an international crust and that half of the money (ca. 50 cents) goes to the International Scouting Endowment Fund. A 10th anniversary pin could also be planned for the event.
- IV. New Business: None
 - V. Next Meeting: May 17, 2012 @ Patrick Beaver Memorial Library.
 - VI. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Hani Nassar, Recorder