

Hickory International Council
Thursday, May 17, 2012
5:30 p.m.
Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

A meeting of the Hickory International Council (HIC) was held on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library in the second floor conference room.

HIC members present: Hani Nassar, Bawol Cabiri, Kenneth Humphreys, David Moore, and Betty Petersen.

HIC members absent: Toshiaki Satake, Jack Crawford, Marc Swinnen, Becky Mich, Michael Kuchinsky, Kyle Butler-May, Rosemarie Klingspor, Marie Connelly, and Vanina Joulin-Batejat.

Others present: Minutes Clerk Patty Williams.

A quorum was NOT present.

- I. Approval of the minutes of April 19, 2012. The minutes were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.
- II. Introduction of guests and Board Membership Changes
-- Dr. Ken Humphreys
- III. Old Business
 - A. Unity Fair on May 5 – summary—Mr. Nassar reported that Lise Swenssen clocked in about 2,000 people throughout the day. Attendance has been higher at International Spring Fest in previous years. The event was much less international than in the past. It is not clear if the HIC will be able to use the new event area downtown. That area was big enough for the International Spring Fest. Mr. Moore stated that he likes the idea of having regional booths with people in them. He suggested booths from the Middle East, Europe, Central, and South America. Mr. Nassar said that to do this, there would have to be a commitment from board members and volunteers and we would have to limit the event to activities we can plan in a shorter length of time. This year, some artists complained about the entertainment being a distraction. Mr. Nassar suggested forming a subcommittee to discuss this further. Ms. Petersen asked what others think about breaking off from Art on the Avenue and just doing the international booths and vendors with no performances. Mr. Nassar stated that it could be on the same day as Art on the Avenue but at a different location. Or, it could be at same place on the same day with no performances to distract. Mr. Humphreys agreed that it might be worth trying it without the performances. Ms. Petersen's opinion was that it would be difficult to make it international without performances. Mr. Nassar stated that the performances might have to be replaced with something as appealing. Pictures from Unity Fair are on the HIC website.

- B. Folkmoot USA July 22 – update & distribution of tickets---tickets are available now and **each HIC member (voting & non-voting) was asked to sell at least six tickets.** Ticket prices are adults \$16, children \$8, and senior citizens \$12. Tickets were distributed to the members present. Mr. Humphreys showed a Boy Scout patch that scouts could earn for international activity.
- C. Great Decisions Sept 11- Oct 23 – update—Mr. Nassar has not ordered the books yet but will order 31 books, DVD, and teacher workbooks. Great Decisions will be held on Tuesdays, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Books for HIC members are free. Other participants will pay \$10 for a book.
- D. HIC Grant application 2012 – update—the grant application is on the HIC website under “Annual Community Grant”. Jack Crawford’s wife, Carlene, is handling that. After discussion, it was decided to advertise the grant in August with the deadline for submission, October 1. Two grants will be presented to the winners in November.
- E. HIC 10-year celebration – committee update—Mr. Nassar stated that city boards and commissions don’t celebrate such an anniversary. He suggested a 10th anniversary pin for members and past members and inviting everyone to a Dutch treat event around October 24 (UN Day). Mr. Humphreys suggested Market on Main as a good place to hold the event. A subcommittee composed of Jack Crawford, Bawol Cabiri, Marc Swinnen and Becky Mich will plan the event. Ms. Petersen offered her home for the party.
- F. HIC Junior Membership – committee update—Jack Crawford will propose guidelines for junior members with assistance from Ken Humphreys.

IV. New Business

- A. HIC website – ideas for updates – Mr. Nassar urged member to go on the HIC website and make suggestions for updates, etc.
- B. HIC brochures—the most current brochure is already dated because it has the old logo. The brochure will be emailed to members so they can submit ideas for content and other changes. Currently the brochure is a two-sided card.
- C. HIC business cards – most members have HIC business cards. Those members who don’t have cards presented their information to Mr. Nassar.

V. Next Meeting: June 21, 2012 at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library.

VI. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Patty Williams, MMC
Minutes Clerk