

Hickory International Council
Thursday, July 19, 2012; 5:30 pm
Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

A regular meeting of the Hickory International Council (HIC) was held on Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 5:30 pm in the 2nd floor conference room at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library.

HIC (voting) MEMBERS ATTENDING: Hani Nassar, Toshiaki Satake, Bawol Cabiri, David Moore, and Ken Humphreys

HIC (voting) MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING: Jack Crawford, Kyle May, Becky Mich, Betty Petersen, Marc Swinnen, and Michael Kuchinsky

HIC (non-voting) ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING: Ramona Hodge and Karl Wolfe

HIC (non-voting) ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING: Marie Connelly, Kathryn Grandgenett, Vanina Joulin-Batejat, Rosemarie Klingspor, and Marion Love

OTHERS ATTENDING: Anne Starnes, Minutes Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: Council Chair Hani Nassar called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm. He noted a quorum was not in attendance at the meeting again this month, an on-going concern. Therefore, members will be unable to approve the minutes from the past three meetings.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & BOARD MEMBERSHIP CHANGES: Hani introduced Anne Starnes, new Minutes Clerk. A native of Hickory, Anne has many years of experience working for three local non-profits. Hani will forward her a current list of HIC voting and non-voting member status.

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Ramona Hodge expressed interest in becoming a voting member, as she typically attends the meetings. Hani will forward the appropriate paperwork to Ramona to complete; City Council will then need to approve her as a voting member.

OLD BUSINESS:

Folkmoot USA update – Folkmoot will be held at the SALT Block Auditorium on Sunday (July 22, 7:00 pm). Hani reviewed the ticket sale summary. He and Marion Love have been busy selling tickets and promoting the event. Last year, approx. 330 tickets were sold and netted \$3,800 after expenses. This year, ticket sales are at \$2,147, so it is doubtful Folkmoot will net \$3,800 again this year. Our local sponsor, TSH Charitable Trust, allowed HIC to donate tickets to various local non-profits. Hani noted locations of ticket sales, the marketing efforts currently underway, and distribution of tickets to HIC members to sell. He stated a desire to bring in another \$1,000 prior to the event on Sunday, which includes anticipated ticket sales at the door, hopefully bringing income up to the \$3,000 range. Volunteers are needed to help at 6:00 pm, prior to the 7:00 pm start. Members present volunteered to help and Hani will call others to check their availability to come early. He reviewed the international groups, Peru, France, and Serbia, which have been invited to participate this year.

Great Decisions update – Hani stated there have been no changes since the previous meeting. Great Decisions is scheduled for Tuesdays September 11 through October 23, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. There is a

maximum of 25 participants, including HIC members. HIC members will receive a book free of charge; it will be \$10 for other participants. Hopefully the 1st floor meeting room of Patrick Beaver Library will be available; other possible locations might be Ridgeview Library or the Moretz Board Room on 2nd floor of the Arts & Science Center building.

HIC Grant application 2012 update – The grant application form is complete and on the website. Carlene, Jack Crawford’s wife, will handle distributing grant information to the public in August; the submission deadline is October 1. Two grants of \$500 each will be awarded to individuals or businesses in late October, possibly in conjunction with HIC’s 10-year Anniversary celebration.

HIC 10-year celebration update – Hani noted the City does not celebrate anniversaries of councils and, therefore, no funds are available to pay expenses. A tentative celebration date of Thursday, October 25, 6:00 pm, was set. Betty Petersen offered to host the event at her home. All current and former members of the HIC will be invited to attend. It will be a “Dutch” dinner.

HIC Junior Membership update – Ken Humphreys reported he and Jack Crawford have discussed a junior membership effort and suggest chartering a unit through the Boy Scouts Learning for Life Unit, for boys and girls, 14 to 21 years old. The purpose would be international activity. It must have a committee (HIC could serve as the committee) and an advisor would need to be designated. The City would have no liability, as there would be full insurance coverage for \$16 per youth or adult (self-pay) for a year. Ken said the theme of the chartered program through BSA would be either Explorer Post or Adventure Crew; HIC would specify that the group be composed of junior members of the HIC. Ken said his big concern in doing it independently is the liability issue. A sew-on patch could be made for participants to earn. Patches would cost a few dollars for HIC to purchase, a very minimal cost. Hani requested Ken and Jack prepare a formal proposal to present at the September meeting.

New HIC brochure – Hani showed the current “brochure” HIC uses. It is a 2-sided laminated card. Karl Wolfe and Hani propose developing a 3-panel (2 fold) brochure which will include text and photos. He suggested the brochure be very general and not include any dates. Hani asked for ideas or input on the new brochure to be sent to him.

Hani said a budget of \$11,500 was approved by City Council, an increase of approximately \$3,000 over the previous fiscal year. This provides more funds to promote and sponsor events.

New business cards – Hani reviewed which members still need to receive their new business cards. He will bring them to Folkmoot and/or the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Hani reviewed the voting vs. non-voting membership make-up of the HIC. He asked members to let him know if they would like any changes made to how HIC is structured.

Ken Humphreys said a program called “Jamboree on the Internet” may need the support of HIC members. It is a world-wide link-up of youth in Scouting from countries around the world, organized by World Organization of Boy Scouts out of Geneva, Switzerland. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2012, from approx. 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. A location is needed, possibly in Catawba County, where 20 computers exist with internet access, or can be set up, for participants to use. He suggested a school or one of CVCC’s computer labs/classrooms. The students would only access the internet site set up specifically for this purpose. Hani requested that Ken prepare details and information in writing for the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Once again, the minutes from previous meetings could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum. A quorum is recognized as six voting HIC members.

HIC has six tickets available for the Footcandle Society's movies each month, offered to HIC members on a first-request basis. Contact Hani to claim the tickets. The cost is \$5 per person after the six tickets are spoken for.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on August 16, 2012, 5:30 pm in the 2nd floor meeting room at Patrick Beaver Library.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Starnes
Minutes Clerk