



**Hickory International Council**  
**Thursday, June 21, 2012**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Patrick Beaver Memorial Library**

A meeting of the Hickory International Council (HIC) was held on Thursday, June 21, 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, and Marc Swinnen.

HIC members absent: Betty Petersen, Kyle Butler-May, Jack Crawford, Ken Humphreys, Michael Kuchinsky, and Becky Mich.

HIC Advisory members present: Karl Wolfe.

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

Other members present: Alderman Hank Guess.

A quorum was NOT present.

- I. Approval of the minutes of April 19, 2012 and May 17. The minutes were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.
- II. Introduction of guests and Board Membership Changes
- III. Old Business
  - A. Folkmoot USA July 22 – Ticket sales are very slow with about 30 days to go. Dana Kaminske, the City’s Communications Specialist, is helping with the promotion within the City. Also, Barbara Sinclair will run a couple of promotions and a press release in the next 4 weeks. We may also look at the free publications in town. Voting members and non-voting members should participate in selling 6 tickets each. We need to take some responsibility in promoting the event. Our local event sponsor is TSH Charitable Trust. Ticket prices are: Adults \$16, children \$8, and senior citizens \$12. Ticket outlets at this time are Taste Full Beans, Foothills Gymnastics, and the United Arts Council of Catawba County. One way to keep track of your ticket sales is to keep the left stub of each ticket. Satake-san took tickets 151 – 156 and Marc Swinnen tickets 157 – 162. Karl will sell some tickets at the local AARP meeting.
  - B. HIC Business Cards: With new members, the change of some titles, the new City branding, and the minor change to the HIC mission, those who need new business cards will get them. At this time, I will order new cards for ken Humphreys, Michael Kuchinsky, Bawol Cabiri, Betty Petersen, Karl Wolfe, Ramona Hodge, Marion Love, and Hani Nassar.

- C. Great Decisions Sept 11- Oct 23 – Mr. Nassar ordered the classroom edition which comes with 31 books, DVD, and teacher workbooks. Great Decisions will be held on Tuesdays, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm starting on September 11. Michael Kuchinsky is the moderator with the help of Betty Petersen. Books for HIC members are free. Other participants will pay \$10. Limit is 25 members of the community including HIC members. Betty is managing the list from last year.
  - D. HIC Grant application 2012 – update—the grant application is complete and is on the HIC website under “Annual Community Grant”. We still need to list who the applications should be sent to. Jack Crawford’s wife, Carlene, is sending out the information to the public. We decided to wait until August before sending it out with a deadline of October 1 for submission. Two grants will be presented to the winners in November, preferably in conjunction with a celebration of HIC’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  - E. HIC 10-year celebration – committee update—Mr. Nassar contacted the City to inquire about the custom for such celebrations only to find out that Boards and Commissions do not celebrate this occasion. The HIC may want to do its own event by inviting all previous HIC members to a get-together. Since the United Nations Day is set for October 24<sup>th</sup>, we may want to celebrate that week. At the last meeting, Betty Petersen offered her house for the HIC celebration. The planning subcommittee of Jack Crawford, Bawol Cabiri, Marc Swinnen, and Becky Mich did not provide any information at this meeting.
  - F. HIC Junior Membership committee update: Neither Jack Crawford nor Ken Humphreys was present at the meeting to discuss the guidelines for junior member. This topic was tabled to the next meeting.
  - G. HIC brochures: We need new brochures since most of the information is dated. The discussion led to designing a tri-page brochure instead of the current “postcard”. Karl, Marc, and Hani agreed to work on the brochure over the coming weekend.
  - H. HIC website: Some board members contacted Hani with suggested changes. Most of them have been completed. Work on the website continues.
- IV. New Business:
    - a. HIC minutes: Our Recorder, Patty Williams retired and will not be taking minutes any longer. The City is working on hiring another Minutes Clerk.
  - V. Next Meeting: July 19, 2012 at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library.
  - VI. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Hani Nassar  
Recorder