



Hickory International Council
Thursday, July 18, 2013; 5:30 pm

A regular meeting of the Hickory International Council (HIC) was held on Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the second floor conference room at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library.

Members Present: Hani Nassar, Bawol Cabiri, Ken Humphreys, Marc Swinnen, Toshiaki Satake and Karl Wolfe

Members Absent: Jack Crawford, Michael Kuchinsky, Ramona Hodge and Becky Mich

Others Present: Marion Love

Guests Present: Joe Getlein

Staff Present: Minutes Clerk Anne Starnes

Convene: Hani Nassar, Chair, convened the meeting at 5:30 pm and thanked everyone for attending. A quorum was not present. Mr. Nassar postponed all official action until a quorum was present.

Introduction of Guests & Board Membership Changes: Mr. Humphreys introduced Joe Getlein, a fellow member of his Boy Scouts International Committee. Mr. Getlein is assisting with the upcoming program, “Jamboree on the Air”, on Saturday, October 19. The “Jamboree” will begin just after midnight, with two separate components held during the day enabling local Boy and Girl Scouts to communicate with scouts in other countries and throughout the US. One program uses an internet chat room, and the other uses short-wave radio; Mr. Getlein is in charge of the short-wave radio component. Mr. Humphreys said they need a location to set up antennas for the day and suggested using the grassy area in front of Patrick Beaver Memorial Library. He asked for HIC’s support in securing the space; access to power for electrical cords for their equipment would be helpful, but they can bring generators if needed. Mr. Getlein said specifically they need a grassy area approximately 20x50 feet, away from the trees. Mr. Nassar will contact the Arts Council staff and make the request. If there is an event at the Arts Center that day and it is unavailable, Bawol Cabiri suggested contacting the Mormon Church.

Call to Order: Hani Nassar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm. A quorum was present.

Approval of June 20, 2013 Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to members in advance. Bawol Cabiri moved, seconded by Ken Humphreys, to approve the June 20, 2013 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

SW Elementary School Global Initiative – Marion Love said there is no further progress to report.

Footcandle Society – The next foreign film will be shown to Footcandle members in August. Marc Swinnen suggested a Danish film, “A Hijacking”. Earlier, he e-mailed information to members of HIC’s Foreign Film Committee, plus Alan Jackson. Members agreed the film is a good choice.

Community Booth at Farmer’s Market – Mr. Nassar said HIC members were present at the Farmer’s Market on Saturday, July 13, to sell Folkmoot tickets, but with the location of the booth, not many tickets were sold. In the future, Dr. Love suggested having someone walk through the market to advertise the event.

Letters to HIC Members Re: Interest in HIC – Mr. Nassar said he has drafted, but not sent, a letter to HIC members. The letter will be sent soon.

Folkmoot USA – Members discussed in detail the Folkmoot performance this coming Sunday, including volunteer assignments, invited guests, ticket sale and will-call locations, performer photographs, badges for event workers, reserved seating arrangements, performer refreshments, media, floral bouquets for the performers, post-event clean-up, etc. Volunteers will come at 5:00 pm to set up and make preparations. The sound operator will arrive at 5:45-6:00 pm and the three groups of performers should arrive from Asheville at 6:00 pm. There are typically strong ticket sales at the door each year, so a good turnout is expected.

New Business: Mr. Nassar said HIC members had previously discussed skipping one of the summer month meetings. He is unavailable for the regularly scheduled meeting in September. Members will gather for the “Great Decisions” program each week in September, so they agreed to meet in August and not in September this year.

Other Business: Mr. Getlein said that, if needed, he is available to attend the November HIC meeting to report on the “Jamboree on the Air” program.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15, at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Hani Nassar, Chair
Hickory International Council

Anne Starnes, Minutes Clerk