



**Hickory International Council
Thursday, June 20, 2013; 5:30 pm**

A regular meeting of the Hickory International Council (HIC) was held on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the second floor conference room at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library.

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

Members Absent: Michael Kuchinsky, Ramona Hodge and Becky Mich

Others Present: Marion Love

Guests Present: Southwest Elementary School educators Ellen Douglas and Tonia Bauer

Staff Present: Communications Specialist Dana Kaminske and Minutes Clerk Anne Starnes

A quorum was present.

Call to Order: Hani Nassar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Introduction of Guests & Board Membership Changes: Mr. Nassar introduced Dana Kaminske, Communications Specialist for the City of Hickory, the person responsible for preparing and sending the HIC's press releases; and, Ellen Douglas and Tonia Bauer, educators at Southwest Elementary School.

Mr. Nassar welcomed Karl Wolfe as an official new council member, recently approved by City Council. He attended HIC meetings as a non-voting member for four years.

Approval of April 18, 2013 Minutes: Minutes of the April 18, 2013 meeting were not approved at the May meeting, due to a lack of a quorum. Ken Humphreys moved, seconded by Karl Wolfe, to approve the April meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of May 16, 2013 Notes: Notes from the May 16, 2013 meeting were distributed to members in advance. Ken Humphreys moved, seconded by Bawol Cabiri, to approve the May meeting notes. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

HIC Grant presentation - Boy Scouts of America (BSA) – Mr. Nassar said the international Boy Scout from Egypt, scheduled to attend summer camp this year, will now be unable to come to the U.S. due to a family illness. Previously, the HIC approved the BSA's revised grant application for \$500. The grant monies of \$500 were approved for use toward paying the scout's teaching salary while attending summer camp in the U.S. Mr. Nassar said the check presentation ceremony would proceed as planned, with approval by the City of Hickory stipulating the grant

monies must be used for the same intended purpose during the summer of 2014. It is unlikely there will be outstanding grant monies in next year's budget, so this ensures that a scout will be assisted as planned. The \$500 grant check was presented from the HIC to BSA representative Ken Humphreys.

Folkmoot USA 2013 Ticket Update – Mr. Nassar said 300 total tickets are available for Folkmoot on Sunday, July 21, 2013. He previously asked HIC members for the three countries they would most like to have performing this year, and the most votes went to France, Slovakia, and Mexico, followed by Thailand and Japan. He said there is no guarantee Hickory will get the three groups requested, but Folkmoot planners have been advised.

Dr. Marion Love updated members on ticket sales at the various ticket sites. She and Ramona Hodge sold Folkmoot tickets at the Footcandle Society's recent film night, and Allen Jackson announced the event to the audience. Dr. Love sent numerous e-mails to individuals and groups. HIC members updated Mr. Nassar on their personal ticket sales. Dana Kaminske will send the Folkmoot USA 2013 news release tomorrow; it will also be in the City's e-newsletter in July.

SW Elementary School Global Initiative - Faculty Curriculum Planning for Fall 2013 – Mr. Nassar asked Ellen Douglas to update members on their school's plans to use the HIC grant monies they received, as they plan their curriculum for the fall. She said their Global Initiative Task Force had met twice and discussed several ideas. They decided to implement global themes, and to tie the themes into content areas including science, social studies, literature and the arts, discussing how global awareness issues can tie into the various grade studies. She said there are many resources available to them as they plan their units for the coming year. Bawol Cabiri offered to assist any classes interested in studying Ghana. Ms. Tonia Bauer, another member of Southwest Elementary's Global Initiative Task Force, was also present.

Footcandle Society - Next Foreign Movie – The films "No" and "Amour" were the last two foreign films shown for Footcandle Society members. Mr. Nassar asked for ideas for the next foreign film in August. Dr. Love suggested a film from the African continent. Bawol Cabiri will send suggestions to Mr. Nassar, and Allen Jackson may have ideas. HIC's Foreign Films Subcommittee members, Dr. Love, Marc Swinnen, and Ramona Hodge, will also offer suggestions.

HIC Junior Membership Update – Ken Humphreys said there could be no update until the schools reconvene for the fall. The revised BSA survey will be given to all students and hopefully a good response will be received for the three international topics recently added to the survey.

Great Decisions 2013 Dates & Topics/Distribution of Books – The Great Decisions program begins on Tuesday, September 10 in the library's large meeting room in the lobby. Dr. Michael Kuchinsky will lead it for six consecutive weeks. Books were distributed to each HIC member planning to attend the program.

New Business:

Community Booth at Farmers Market, July 13 – HIC members will have a booth at the Farmers Market in downtown Hickory on Saturday, July 13, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Folkmoot tickets will be for sale. Dana Kaminske will add this to the press release.

Letters to HIC Members to Renew Interest in the Council – Mr. Nassar said that the new fiscal year begins next month. He plans to send a letter to each HIC member, both active and non-active, asking for their interest in continuing to receive information and asking their intentions to serve on the council. Members discussed that there is value in keeping an “e-mail only” distribution list, as some persons may want to continue receiving the information, but do not plan to attend HIC meetings.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2013, 5:30 pm.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Hani Nassar, Chair
Hickory International Council

Anne Starnes, Minutes Clerk