

NOTES
Hickory International Council
Thursday, June 18, 2015, 5:30 pm

A regular meeting of the Hickory International Council (HIC) was held on Thursday, June 18, 5:30 pm, in the Moretz Board Room at the Arts & Science Center of Catawba Valley.

Members Present: Hani Nassar, Marion Love, Marc Swinnen, Karl Wolfe and Ken Humphreys

Members Absent: Toshiaki Satake, Maria Jose Daily, Jack Crawford and Becky Mich

Guests Present: Joe Getlein

Staff Present: Minutes Clerk Anne Starnes

A quorum was **not** present.

Call to Order: Hani Nassar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and welcomed everyone present.

Approval of April 16 and May 21, 2015 Minutes: Minutes of the two previous meetings were distributed to members in advance. Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes were not approved.

Ken Humphreys said he was unable to attend last month, when the IFFC was discussed. He served as a volunteer at the Newton-Conover site. He said that, other than telling the attendees about the sponsors, he was not really needed there, because they were so organized and well prepared. Mr. Nassar said the ultimate goal is for all of the school systems to participate at that level in the future.

Introduction of Guests and Board Membership Changes: Mr. Nassar welcomed Joe Getlein, from Boy Scouts of America.

Old Business:

HIC Financial Statement – Mr. Nassar discussed the outstanding invoices and payments he will send in June from the remaining budget, prior to the fiscal year-end on June 30th. He asked members for any other payments he should send before the year-end. The HMA exhibit sponsorship (\$800), MUN honorarium (\$100), Folkmoot posters (\$100) and general Folkmoot advertising were all mentioned. Dr. Love said that members had discussed increasing the HMA exhibit sponsorship to \$1,000. There was some confusion regarding the exhibit funding level the HIC had authorized. The Minutes Clerk read aloud a portion of the motion from the April 2015 minutes, "... to approve funding of \$500 for print materials, as outlined and discussed by Marion Love, and further authorizing Dr. Love to spend up to an additional \$300 as she sees fit ...". During the May 2015 meeting, members discussed increasing the funding level to \$1,000, but a quorum was not present then, or for the meeting today. Mr. Nassar said a quorum would be needed for members to vote on increasing the funds to \$1,000.

BSA-IYC Update – The International Youth Council is not active during the summer.

Steve McCurry Exhibit Update – Dr. Love said Kathryn Grandgenett, an elementary school educator in the Newton-Conover Schools, said her principal is interested in bringing HMA into their schools and she discussed the Steve McCurry Exhibit with him. She suggested that arrangements could be made to bring their staff members to the exhibit.

Dr. Love said the Steve McCurry Exhibit would now open in September 2015 and run through May 2016 at Hickory Museum of Art. It was originally set to close in January 2016. She said HMA Educator Ginny Zellmer, and educators Kathryn Grandgenett and Revae Bostwick will all work together to develop exhibit lesson plans for teachers, which will be posted on-line. Dr. Love gave Ginny Zellmer a list of the volunteers who helped with the “Torn from Home” exhibit at HMA.

Great Decisions 2015 Update – Mr. Nassar ordered the books for Great Decisions 2015, a cost of \$506. He said all eight sessions in the program would be held this year. The first session will be held at the Ridgeview Library; all other sessions will be held in the Keiser Community Room at the SALT Block.

Folkmoot USA 2015 Preparations – Mr. Nassar will e-mail the Folkmoot flyer to members. He said the new Executive Director Angie Schwab has requested that the HIC host a VIP Reception in Hickory, prior to the local performance. Ms. Schwab has a reception sponsor for the refreshments, but details have not yet been set. Tickets are being sold on the Eventbrite website and at two Hickory locations. Adult tickets are \$10; the youth (12 and under) tickets are \$5, and refunded if they attend. As requested, Mr. Nassar has secured 10 tickets for the Candelight Closing Ceremony, at Lake Junaluska on Sunday, July 26th.

New Business:

HIC/Footcandle Foreign Film – The HIC selects the quarterly foreign film for the Footcandle Film Society. For this quarter, short films will take the place of a single foreign film on Thursday, July 23rd; Allen Jackson made an announcement was made at the last Footcandle movie. Mr. Nassar said the Footcandle Film Society Film Festival would be on September 25-27, 2015, at the SALT Block Auditorium.

WPCOG – Sister Cities Organization – Mr. Nassar said members had discussed the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) Sister Cities program at the previous meeting. WPCOG is seeking another organization to take over Hickory’s Sister Cities program, and Mr. Nassar said he was approached to see if the HIC would be interested. Altenburg, Germany is Hickory’s Sister City. He invited the WPCOG staffer to attend a HIC meeting and explain the program to members, and to advise what is required if the HIC takes it under their umbrella. Mr. Nassar also asked him if he would continue to lead the Sister Cities program, if the HIC takes it over, and he said yes. A Sister Cities program meeting will be held at 4:00 pm on August 18; interested HIC members should plan to attend the meeting with Mr. Nassar. Dr. Humphreys suggested an International Scout exchange could be arranged through the Sister Cities program.

Other – Dr. Humphreys said an International Scout from Bolivia, Guillermo “Martin” Loria Pereyra, has been assigned to attend the local BSA Summer Camp, which starts next week. There were some issues getting the Visa arranged in time for the scout to attend, but hopefully he will be able to come.

Joe Getlein said he is interested in again holding the BSA Jamboree on the Air on the SALT Block grounds in front of the library this year, on Saturday, October 17th. Mr. Nassar will request the date and let him know. Mr. Getlein is also interested in becoming an official member of the HIC; Mr. Nassar will forward an application to him.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 16, 2015, 5:30 pm in the Moretz Board Room at the Arts & Science Center.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Hani Nassar, Chair
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Anne Starnes, Minutes Clerk