

MINUTES

Advisory Commission on International Relationships

Meeting date: June 28, 2011

Members present: Cyndi Baker, Janet McLeod, Kay Silk, Deb Hanson

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM

Minutes: Not enough members were present for a quorum, so May and June minutes will be approved at the July meeting. NOTE: Deb will be out for the July meeting.

Financial Report - No financial report was given.

Speaker Planning - Kay reported that Benefis charges a fee for a meeting room if the topic is not health related. She has spoken with the COT and they would work with us more. Heritage Hall costs \$90 from 4 to 9 PM. UGF theater may be a possibility if they determine the topic is of educational interest to students. We can use a school for free. West Elementary has a great auditorium. Deb will call UGF. Plan B is COT. Plan C would be West Elementary or another school. We telephoned Sean to confirm the date since we need it in order to reserve a room. He confirmed it will be October 25th. We will ask Sean and Christina to provide a title for this presentation so that it can be given to the facility when we rent it.

Budget items were discussed. Token of appreciation for the speaker: maybe a \$50 gift certificate. Printing by Insty Prints may be free. A reception could cost around \$150 for coffee and punch and a few food or veggie trays from Sam's Club. The room at the COT would cost \$90.

Pizza Party - The fall pizza party will be September 14 or 21. A preliminary budget of \$250 was discussed. The students like to talk, so less food is necessary. Place: UGF is preferable (same as last time). Since the UGF students are invited, the room is free. Flyer or letter: we need to get one to the schools to hand out to students. Time: 5:30. Activities: Bubbles were a great last time. Some other ideas included: an activity patterned after a "speed-dating" session might be fast-moving and a fun way for students to meet and learn about one another; the "two truths and a lie" activity; or questions for the students to answer about their own lives. Information about life in Great Falls may interest them. Janet will get the icebreaker together. Kay is contacting the high schools. Deb will stay in touch with the colleges.

Other business - the connection event with Harold in Lethbridge was briefly discussed and put on hold. The Great Falls Library is doing a program called One World which Kay said is very well done. Kay suggested we use the library's world cities activity for an icebreaker at pizza party.

Public Comment - No public comment

Meeting adjourned at 7:49. The next meeting is scheduled for July 26th at 7 PM in the Rainbow Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet McLeod