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Advisory Commission on International Relationships

Meeting date: May 24, 2011

Members present: Carol Lindseth, Cyndi Baker, Janet McLeod, Kay Silk, Robin Baker, Sean Johnson, Christina Barsky

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM

Minutes: Carol presented the April minutes; Kay moved to accept the minutes as read, Cyndi seconded, and the motion carried to approve the minutes.

Financial Report - No financial report was given

Summer meetings. In July and August the Commission usually does not meet unless involved in a hosting; however we will meet June 28th to plan the international student pizza party and to plan for a special guest speaker. In July the Commission will meet on the 26th to continue the strategic planning process. The August 23rd meeting also remains on the schedule. Everyone agreed that the invitation from Harold in Lethbridge to be involved with a special event was beyond our scope and lacked sufficient planning time, given vacations that are already on the calendar. Robin is sending him an email explanation.

Speaker possibilities - Sean presented ideas for a guest speaker, namely Lieutenant Graham Auten of Malmstrom. Lt. Auten is a 27 year old who just returned from deployment and would like to highlight what the 819th Red Horse Squadron and the 219th (Guard division of Red Horse) have accomplished in rebuilding the infrastructure of war torn countries. An hour presentation is possible, with a slide show and time for questions. He will be deployed August through September, so the Commission is looking at a date in October. A brief discussion ensued about the goals of ACIR vs. this event. The general consensus was that this event fits into our purpose.

Dates and times were discussed, possibly Tuesday, October 11th or Tuesday, October 25th beginning at 6 PM with a reception followed by the program from 7 to 9 PM. Sean will settle on a date with Lt. Auten; Kay will call the COT and Benefis and Christina will call the library with regard to a meeting room; Sean and Christina will be in charge of publicity. Pam has also expressed interest in being part of the PR team. Ideas for PR included newspaper, radio, contacting and getting other groups involved (Chamber, the base, MANG, Rotary, Country Club), television. It was agreed that we need a name for our speaking series. PR work will begin on Lt. Auten's presentation.

Mark Johnson is also a possibility for a speaking presentation in February or March. It was mentioned that Sandy Erickson wants to be the contact. Carol will call Sandy.

Strategic Planning Process - Christina Barsky

Christina provided handouts outlining the process of defining a purpose statement to be discussed during a special Strategic Planning Session following the business meeting.

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Other business - Commission members received an email from Anders Blewett regarding an International Library theme. It will be discussed at a later date.

Public Comment - no public comment.

Next meeting - June 28, 2011 at 7 PM at the Civic Center

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Janet McLeod