

## January 27, 2015 ACIR minutes

Present: Liz G, Kathy C and Kay S.; volunteer: Robin B; guest Sue Effertz (plans to submit ACIR application to City Manager's office)

Quorum not met. Discussion as follows:

1. International speaker series at public library 4:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month- Nov'14-Saif Alsaegh (Iraq) Dec'1-Dariya Mowry(Ukraine); January'15-Eamon Ornseth (Israel); **February 7 Raymonde Page (Madagascar); March 7 Adim Zaazaa (Morocco); April 4 Rhoda Bargas (Philippines); May 2 Ela Hale (Albania)**

*Request ACIR banner with previous delegation gifts for table top and contact information for follow-up; (have had 8-34 people attend speaker series)*

**Robin** suggested email [cyk@bresnan.net](mailto:cyk@bresnan.net) to invite Friendship Force members; **Liz** to contact UGF soccer team about possible involvement; **Kathy** will contact Showdown ski resort about international employees; **Kay** will contact Sally Heard-Botswana

2. ACIR status report to February city commission-Mayor Winters; **Charity** to follow up with date

3. Discussed MSU-Local government training & may form bylaws committee to address possible amendments related to no term limits & attendance

4. Great Falls naturalization ceremony set for Aug 20 & Nov 19, 2015

5. Lethbridge discussion related to Sister Cities/Twinning/Friendship by Robin; suggested carb party for Lethbridge participants in April Icebreaker running event

6. Reviewed previous Open World hostings; no contact yet for 2015 delegation to Great Falls

7. Next ACIR meeting Tuesday 7pm Feb 24; Donna-events office has scheduled Rainbow Room for 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month for 2015