

ACIR Meeting Minutes 3-24-15

Members present: Charity, Liz, Kay, Dean, Kathryn, Kathy - quorum present

-no meeting minutes from Feb. 24, 2015 meeting- notes provided to members

-motion to approve reimbursement to Robin for carb fest on April 25th with Canadian delegation for \$100: Approved

-Financial update from Kay- have around \$15k in account

Old Business

-international speaker series update from Kathryn

- all set for April speaker a lady

- Kathryn Moves to have ACIR purchase a projector for the speakers and other events--

- Kay suggested getting sanctioned by library to use their equipment

 - Kathryn has concerns about the library taking over the series if we team up with them

- Set for next speaker first Saturday in April 4 at 4:30 in the library basement

- June- Sally Heard- did peace corps in Botswana-- health related posting

- July- Amen's sister is up for it

- Kathryn has ideas for additional marketing venues

- Liz is willing to do some advertising on base for upcoming speaker events

- Liz met another potential candidate for speaker series-- will provide to Kathryn

- Charity's husband Tom has a projector we could use- just needs notice before hand

-citizenship ceremony update - Kay

- next ceremony is set for august 20, and November 19

-city commission planning session report- Charity

- Kathy and Charity attended- on February 23rd- gave update of past events and upcoming events

- Charity told them we are very active- commission seemed interested in presentation

- did some update on sister cities

- Lethbridge has made an official motion to become a sister city-- have appointed a advocate for Great Falls sister city program

-open world update- charity

- two prior open world options have been filed- at this point no open world hosting opportunities, and maybe will get one later in year

- Kathryn has suggested looking into other state department programs for a hosting-- can look into

- Kay suggested partnering with friendship force for hostings

 - alternatively not so bad we have a hosting-- we can focus on our other events

- friendship force collaboration

- could team up for their and our hostings- Will talk to Robin about during the carb party

New Business

-volunteer positions

- because of new applicants and vacancies-- pick new duties for everyone

- picking up duties

 - facebook- Cathy is up for it

- binders for new members-- Dean
- naturalization ceremonies- Liz
 - folders and letters too
- speaker series- Cathy is up for it
 - press release
 - speaker contact
 - facebook update
- hosting communications- Liz
- secretary- backup
- create contact list for everyone--
- verify rainbow room for monthly meetings
- business cards- good deal- gotta ask fast
 - Kathryn says get 500 with general ACIR logo, facebook for contact- we
- Motion to get 500 generic card- with logo, facebook link, and city website- Passed

- More update from open world hostings
- possibilities for alternative hostings--seems like its up to the program to decide- Liz plans on contacting them
- Sandra and Michael are good resources for info on the open world process

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- new commission applicants
 - reviewed applications for Sue Effertz and Donald Sims
 - move to recommend their appointment to the city commission: move to approve Sue- passed

Public Comment

Meeting adjourned