

ACIR Meeting Action Minutes 10-27-15

Time & Place of Meeting: Rainbow Room of Great Falls Civic Center 7:00 pm

Members Present: Kathryn Kruithoff, Sandra Erickson, Liz Guidara, Kay Silk, Kathy Craig, and Susan Effertz

Guest: Chris Ward

Financial Update: As of 1-26-15, treasury contained \$15,784.51.

September Meeting Minutes: Posted to City of Great Falls website—no quorum present and no actions taken.

Old Business:

International Speaker Series—4:30 to 6:00 pm @ Great Falls Public Library at least through end of 2015. UGF athletes studying business may participate as part of their study curriculum under guidance of Katrina Stark.

October—no speaker

November 7, 2015—panel of three speakers: Renan Soars Zampien and Anderson Cardoso, both from Brazil, and Jon-Eric Krans from Sweden

December 5, 2015—Camille Reovan from St. Thomas in U.S. Virgin Islands

January 9, 2016—Liz Guidara, Korean-Italian-U.S. military

February 6—E.J. Williams from St. Kitts in West Indies

Discussion regarding efforts to promulgate information about the speaker events: Hot Ticket, Community Calendar, in-person interviews, publicize to Friendship Force members, flyers for UGF, info place on city calendar. Discussion about possible alternative venues for the presentations, for which children may be present.

Friendship Force—No competing events being sponsored.

Hosting Update—Liz Guidara provided copies of Host Organization application for Open World hosting starting April 20, 2016, with theme of farming technologies.

Proposed itinerary items, assignment of hosts, and securing of interpreter services pending approval of application.

New Business:

Sub-Committee on Proposed Open World Hosting—see hosting update above

Sub-Committee on International Festival—Sunday, April 17, 2016, from 1 pm to 5 pm at UGF gym area. Expect food, music, culture, costumes, etc. Date is close to start of Open World program.

Motion made, seconded, and carried, all members approving plans to go ahead with this program at the time designated.

Sub-Committee on Policies and Procedures—Discussion about original bylaws 2000 and most recent revision 2014. Bylaws update proposed.

It was moved, seconded, and approved by affirmative vote of all present, for sub-committee to review the bylaws and entertain changes. Proposed updates would be presented to city attorney for scrutiny. Sandra Erickson and Kay Silk volunteered to comprise the sub-committee.

ACIR officers and review of members and their respective terms on commission—List of current members, duration of terms, and contact information reviewed by Chairperson and Treasurer. Info on intended number of commissioners stated as 9 to 11 persons.

Motion made, seconded, and carried, all members recommending E.J. Williams to the City Commission for approval as new member, pending his submission of application.

Open Meeting Policies—Discussion opportunity offered; no discussion ensued.

Naturalization Ceremony scheduled in Judge Morris' District Court Thursday, November 19, 2015. Welcome letter and gestures and literature being planned.

Public Comment: Called for and no comment received.

Meeting Adjourned: Time of adjournment was 8:14 pm.