

ACIR Meeting Action Minutes 01-26-16

Time & Place of Meeting: Rainbow Room of Great Falls Civic Center 7:35 pm (actual start time)

Members Present: Kathryn Kruithoff, Liz Guidara, Charity Alonso, Kay Silk, Kathy Craig

Minutes of December 2015 meeting: The draft of the minutes for the ACIR meeting of 12/15/15 was approved and adopted.

Financial Update: No changes.

Old Business:

International Speaker Series—4:30 to 6:00 pm @ the Celtic Cowboy

Feb 6 – EJ Williams from St. Kitts

Mar 5 – Paivi Hoikkala from Finland (professor at a California university!) – Kay has been in touch with her

April 2 – Manni from Mexico (UGF soccer player) – Liz has been in touch with her

Discussion regarding efforts to moving the speaker series to the wine snug in the Celtic Cowboy. The POC at the Celtic Cowboy (Theresa) stated that there must be a guaranteed sale of \$250 worth of food and drink in order to reserve the wine snug for an event. Need to find out what the ramifications are if we do not meet this bill. Would we have to fund the difference if only a certain amount of sales in food and drink were made?

The KFBB Community Spotlight went well, as well as the Jan speaker series event. Approx 20 attended.

New Business:

Hosting Update— Deborah called from Open World on Jan 28 to inform ACIR that we have been guaranteed a hosting opportunity to host a delegation from Russia from June 4 to June 12. The theme is wildlife protection and forest fire prevention. Need to submit a host profile to Deborah by the end of next week.

The delegation will have two translators, one for ordinary stuff (shopping, ordering food, etc.), and another for translating information related to their professional backgrounds. These translators are both paid for by Open World, we just need to find a host for them.

Sub-Committee on International Festival—Discussion on having some international food booths during the farmers market throughout the summer in order to mitigate the issue with going under public health's stringent regulations. Need to speak with someone who is in charge of the farmer's market to get more info on how we can get this started. Also need to discuss insurance coverage policies for city commissions, in particular for hosting community events. A

community potluck was suggested as another idea for promoting international food and cultural exchange.

Friendship Force— Spoke with Deborah in regards to whether or not Friendship Force had a delegation from Open World. She said that they did not, so the rumor we heard was false. Robin was identified as a POC we can have in mind for future reference.

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Sub-Committee on Policies and Procedures—Bylaws approved by the entire commission and signed by the Chairman and the Vice Chairman.

It was moved, seconded, and approved by affirmative vote of all present.

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

Naturalization Ceremony scheduled in Judge Morris' District Court on August 18, 2016 and November 17, 2016. Welcome letter and gestures and literature being planned.

Public Comment: No comment received (no one from the public was present).

Meeting Adjourned: Time of adjournment was 8:05 pm.