

MINUTES of the Helena International Affairs Counsel.....  
held at the City/County Bldg. on November 28, 2006.  
Without a quorum these are unofficial minutes.

Meeting opened by Chair Pat Murdo.

Those in attendance were: Pat Murdo, Carla Wambach, Bill MacBride, Steve Maly, Ron Lukenbill, Gabe Furshong, Elaine Dahl and Tom Stearns and Kiyo Nagata, affiliates.

Tanya Lukenbill who in turn spoke of the FLEX Program followed introductions (Future Leaders Exchange) and the ASSE program. She had invited three FLEX students and an ASSE participant to speak to us. She also told us how fortunate she felt having such excellent host families for these students and gave those present a chance to comment on this ongoing experience.

Each foreign-exchange student, Maryna, Eka, Akane and Anton, gave detailed and lengthy descriptions of their homeland (including maps and pictures). They spoke of the differences in their education program compared to our American schooling. Each gave the impression that their current experiences are positive. A wrap up question was posed by Tanya....."What would you tell upcoming Exchange students about Montana?" One of the students answered "Bring along a warm coat for cold weather". All agreed!

A table of refreshments and hot cider was laid out to honor our 3 outgoing and wonderful co-founders who are being term-limited out: Ron Lukenbill, Bill MacBride and Steve Maly. These gentlemen have been the cores of HIAC. Chair Pat Murdo handed out certificates of Appreciation. Hopefully, they will continue their interest and become affiliate members. Our appreciation goes out to each of them.

No further business was conducted as the hour had become late.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carla Wambach  
Substituting Secretary for Kay Hansen