



**GREATER HICKORY
INTERNATIONAL
COUNCIL**

**Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 20, 2024
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Patrick Beaver Memorial Library
2nd Floor Conference Room**

- I. Welcome
The meeting started at 5:38pm.
In attendance were Eric Brandon, Ed Tashjian, Tracey Trimble, Hani Nassar, and Anne-Sophie DaCosta.
- II. GHIC financials (as of 6/19/24)
 1. Bank account (general): \$11,818.75
 2. Bank account (RWISA): \$18,719.33
 3. City account assigned to GHIC: \$11,700 (7/1/23 – 6/30/24)
 4. Expenses through 6/19/24: \$10,181.38
- III. Old Business
 1. RWISA grant
 - a. Plan to move \$1,000 from the general account to the RWISA.
 - b. Everyone approves the decision to get >5.0% with a 6-month CD through First Horizon.
 2. STEM Trek 2025
 - a. Plans for 2025 underway at the Metro Convention Center. Oak Ridge National Lab Travelling Science Fair <https://travelingsciencefair.ornl.gov/> not confirmed yet.
 - b. Budget is \$50K.
 3. Llamas de Hickory at the Crawdads
 - a. Marble jar and prize wheel good success but no tangible GHIC benefit. We are adding free Crawdads tickets as prizes that are good for the rest of the season on top of the notepads and clear drawstring bags.
 - b. First winner selected from June 5 game entries: Heather Johnson will be sent a Jersey (Ed picked it up at the Crawdads)
 - c. Signups to man the GHIC table for the two remaining games:
Thursday, July 25 @7pm – Hani, Eddie, Eric
Friday, August 23 @7pm – AS, Eddie
 - d. Since it is so hot at the Crawdads stadium, we can borrow Hani's 10ft tent/canopy for the remaining two games.
 4. International Film Festival
 - a. Email to judges was sent by Alan Jackson around June 6th. All judges have accepted their mission! Screening should be completed by July 21. We have not yet received the movies to be screened from Alan. Hani will inquire.
 - b. Letters to schools should be sent soon to confirm commitment.
 5. Corning Foundation Grant: Received unrestricted \$5,000. Should apply the needed amount to RWISA to reach \$20K as seed money.
- IV. New Business
 1. We need a "home" for our GHIC meetings: Hani rented the Conference Room at the Patrick Beaver Library for July and August. Tracey proposes the Furniture Mart as an option for meetings when the library isn't available.
 2. Other
We ordered a new stretchy tablecloth cover for our events (6ft), and 250 pens with the GHIC logo.
- V. Adjourn
There being no more topics of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.

Anne-Sophie DaCosta, recorder

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Mission Statement***

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