



GREATER HICKORY
INTERNATIONAL
COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 18, 2024
5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library
FIRST Floor Conference Room

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83080985875>

- I. Welcome and introduction of guests (Victoria Morales, [Centro Latino](#))
The meeting started at 5:30pm.
In attendance were Ed Tashjian, Tracey Trimble, Hani Nassar, Victoria Morales and Anne-Sophie DaCosta.
- II. GHIC financials (as of 7/17/24)
 1. General Bank account (BofA checking): \$10,526.22
 2. RWISA Bank account (BofA checking): \$1000.26
 3. RWISA Business CD (First Horizon): \$20,000
 4. RWISA Bank account (First Horizon checking) \$110.00
 5. City account assigned to GHIC: \$11,700 (7/1/24 – 6/30/25)
 6. Expenses through 6/30/24: \$11,700 (expected reimbursement anytime)
- III. Old Business
 1. Llamas de Hickory at the Crawdads:
Plan for the July 25 game: Eddie and Eric will be manning the table. Hani has a tent available if needed.
Last game: Friday, August 23 @7pm – AS, Eddie
 2. Youth International Film Showcase:
 - a. We have received **54 films to screen between July 21 and August 11**. Please try to screen as many as you can before the deadline.
 - b. There will be two screenings for the YIFS, on Thursday and on Saturday.
 - c. Letters to schools should be sent soon to confirm commitment.
 - d. For more info on festival dates and screenings, go to:
<https://www.footcandlefilmfestival.com/>
 3. Home for GHIC meetings: Looks like we can reserve one of the library's meeting rooms two months in advance. No rooms available for 9/19. **Dates for August and September meetings TBD.**
 4. GHIC pens and tablecloth have been received for our events. Hani shows up shirt samples to decide which ones we prefer.
- IV. New Business
 1. Centro Latino collaboration:
Victoria Morales joined us for the meeting and introduced the mission of Centro Latino, which is to Empower, Support, and Promote the South American culture in the Unifour Area. Centro Latino offers ESL classes and educational opportunities for children and adults through a variety of programs, including "[Abriendo Puertas](#)", as well as workshops for mental health.
Victoria invites the GHIC to participate in the event [TODOS SOMOS AMERICA](#) on September 29, 2024. We need to reach out to see if we can set up a table or find out other ways to participate by contacting Gianella Romero, Executive Director (828) 291-9032.
 2. Other
 - i. We didn't have time to pick out a winner for the **Llamas Giveaway** or discuss **RWISA potential recipients**.

- ii. Retirement celebration for Eddie will take place on August 15 at 3pm in the South Atrium of the Furniture Mart. RSVP by July 29th to mcstobbe@longviewnc.gov if you plan to attend.

V. Adjourn

There being no more topics of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm.

Anne-Sophie DaCosta, recorder

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Mission Statement***

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