



**GREATER HICKORY
INTERNATIONAL
COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 5, 2024
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Patrick Beaver Memorial Library
SECOND Floor Conference Room

- I. Welcome
The meeting started at 5:39pm.
In attendance were Ed Tashjian, Tracey Trimble, Hani Nassar, Melanie Mora, Eric Brandon, Steven Chuang, Nancy Greiner, and Anne-Sophie DaCosta.
- II. GHIC financials (as of 9/5/24)
 1. General Bank account (BoFA checking): \$21,623.21
 2. RWISA Bank account (BoFA checking): \$1372.14
 3. RWISA Business CD (First Horizon): \$20,000.00
 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 9/5/24: \$57.17 (Newcomers of CC, GHIC domain renewal)
 - 7.
- III. Old Business
 1. Llamas de Hickory at the Crawdads: no more games for this season. The winner of the Jersey for the August 23 game is Erica Board. Ed will contact the winners and purchase the jerseys.
 2. Eric to order the flags for the LR tennis team. LR will place them on the courts as needed.
 3. Eric to check with John Rink about any type of sponsorship that we could consider for the Hickory FC National Premier Soccer League. This will replace the sponsorship of the Llamas de Hickory sponsorship for this year.
 4. International Youth Film Showcase:
 - i. Hani to contact Shelly Black regarding the YIFS for CC schools.
 - ii. Hani to contact the administration for the Hickory public schools and Hickory private schools.
 - iii. Nancy to contact Alexander County school system to inquire about sending them links to the foreign films in the hopes that they would show them to their students. Nancy proposed middle school students grades 6-8.
 - iv. Nancy and Tracey to get together to decide who to approach in Burke and Caldwell Counties.
 - v. Tracey, Anne-Sophie, and Nancy to attend the YIFS on Thursday Sept 26 at HCT from 4:30- 6:00.
 - vi. Anne-Sophie and Tracey to attend the YIFS on Saturday Sept 28 10:00 – 11:30 at the Carolina Theatre.
 - vii. Hani to send Nancy the template for introducing the YIFS to the schools.
- IV. New Business
 1. HHS Band sponsorship: The GHIC will sponsor the HHS band for \$500 (Gold Sponsorship). Anne-Sophie to pick up the check from Hani's house.
 2. TEDxHickory will likely dissolve and make room for TEDxCatawba which will be organized by Christine Gagnon and held on June 14, 2025 at the Drendel Auditorium <https://www.ted.com/tedx/events/58800>

3. Other

i. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- Next meeting is October 17, 5:30 – 6:30 PBML 2nd floor conference room.
- The GHIC Christmas Dinner will take place on December 19 from 6pm to 8pm in lieu of our regular meeting, place TBD. We will play Dirty Santa.
- The GHIC Board Retreat will take place on Thursday January 16 from 5pm – 8pm. Place TBD.
 - ii. The details for the next Rudy Wright International Service Award (RWISA) to be discussed at the next meeting.

V. Adjourn

There being no more topics of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Anne-Sophie DaCosta, recorder

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Mission Statement*

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