



NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 21, 5:30 – 6:30 PBML 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONF. RM

I. Welcome and introduction of guests

The meeting started at 5:00pm.

In attendance were Ed Tashjian, Hani Nassar, Eric Brandon, Ginny Romero ([Centro Latino](#)), Youth Council members Aastha Patel and Ella Sprinkle, and Anne-Sophie DaCosta.

II. GHIC financials (as of 10/13/24)

1. General Bank account (BofA checking): \$17,479.79
2. RWISA Bank account (BofA checking): \$1372.16
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 10/13/24: \$4,193.77

III. Old Business

1. Youth International Film Festival: We are contacting schools to see if there is any interest in showing the 9 films that were presented at the Footcandle Film Festival this year. We will discuss the future of this event further at our January retreat.
2. LR tennis team flags: 26 flags were purchased and are being installed on the courts.
3. International Christmas Concert planning: We are still unsure if there will be one or two sessions for the concert are the Drendel Auditorium on December 14. Attendees will have to get (free) tickets before the event to make sure we don't have too many people in the auditorium.
4. Christmas dinner planning (December 19, 6pm – 8pm): we will be having dinner and playing the Dirty Santa game at [Market on Main](#) (335 Main Ave SW, Hickory, NC). Bring a gift (about \$15 value) and have fun with the group playing Dirty Santa! (find the rules [here](#))
5. Retreat planning (January 16, 5pm – 8pm): our annual retreat will take place at the [Hickory Furniture Mart](#). Please make plans to attend as we will discuss many important issues.
6. RWISA: GHIC members should look for and nominate recipients for the Rudy Wright International Service Award ([RWISA](#)) around the four counties we serve. Once you've identified a potential nominee, please provide us with a written statement to support your choice and we will vote on the candidates.
7. GHIC shirts update: Members are approved to order a short-sleeve and a long-sleeve shirt bearing the GHIC logo. Budget is \$50 for both shirts. Hani to send the order link prior to the next GHIC meeting.

IV. New Business

1. GHIC mini notebook (sample received): the logo is a little small on the cover, so Hani will see if it can be printed larger. Other than that, everyone agrees that the mini notebook/pen combo would be a good giveaway at our events.
2. Ed suggested sponsoring a SOCCER CLINIC for Lenoir-Rhyne Football Club as our next project.

3. The [Western Piedmont Symphony](#) is gifting the GHIC 10 free tickets at all their performances. If you are interested in attending a performance, go to the Box Office; Will Call will have the tickets for GHIC members under Ed Tashjian's (or GHIC) name.

V. Adjourn

There being no more topics of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Anne-Sophie DaCosta, recorder

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**Mission Statement**

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