



GHIC Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2025

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library 2nd Floor Conference Room

5:00pm – 6:00pm

I. Welcome and Introduction of guests

The meeting started at 5:10pm.

In attendance were Hani Nassar, Ed Tashjian, Tracey Trimble, Nancy Greiner and Youth Council member Connor Dowdle.

II. GHIC financials (as of 5/21/25)

- a. General Bank account (BofA checking): \$9,136.61 excluding the Sister Cities \$600 grant.
- b. RWISA Bank account (BofA checking): \$1,372.30
- c. RWISA Business CD (First Horizon): \$20,000.00. Matures 6/24/25
- d. RWISA Bank account (First Horizon checking) \$110.00
- e. City account assigned to GHIC: \$11,700 (7/1/24 – 6/30/25)
- f. Expenses through 3/19/25: \$12,439.35

III. Old Business

- a. RWISA – Gianella Romero received the award on behalf of Centro Latino. We had good representation from the board.
- b. GHIC shirts: The store will be reopened again for those who have not ordered yet.
- c. Hickory FC promotion: Design was great after several iterations by Tracey. Deluxe Printing was hired for the final design and print. The cost was split between Deluxe Printing and the GHIC (\$963.00). GHIC will be represented (Nancy, Tracey, Hani) at the May 28 game at a table. Decision is to buy an FC jersey to give away. Nancy will use Wheel of Names to determine winner.
- d. Llamas de Hickory: GHIC is contributing \$500 for 6 games. Next game is July 6. Follow-up games are August 9 and August 21 at 7pm) – Setting up a GHIC table is optional. Follow the Hickory FC approach with the Wheel of Names.
- e. GHIC brochure: Connor incorporated local population flags. Made several name corrections. Connor will email updated design.
- f. GHIC business cards: A QR code will be sent to Hani for the GHIC website. Requesting cards are Eddie, Connor, Nancy, Anthem, Ella, Steven, and Hani. Not requesting cards are Eric, Anne-Sophie, Ed, and Tracey.)
- g. Corning Foundation Grant: Hani & Ed to get together and finalize the budget for the grant. Hani to apply for \$5,000 by the end of May.
- h. TEDxCatawba (June 14, 2025 from 9am to 3pm at the Drendel Auditorium): Got feedback from the board to get tickets.
- i. **Model United Nations: Tabled since Eric was absent at the meeting.**

IV. New Business

- a. Youth International Film Showcase 2025: Revamping our part to ensure future success. Approach is to go to schools and show the films, but this is potentially not sustainable. How about a young filmmaker event or theme. Consider all international films as the GHIC contribution. Hani to talk to Alan Jackson and get back to the board with suggestions.

V. Adjourn

There being no more topics of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.

Hani Nassar, recorder

Next meeting is on June 19, 2025 at 5:30pm in the 2nd floor meeting room of the PBML.

Greater Hickory International Council

Mission Statement

"The mission of the Greater Hickory International Council is to act as a forum for the local and global international community and to act as a liaison between that community and the local governments in order to promote goodwill, mutual understanding, cooperation, education, and respect among citizens."