



GHIC Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2025

PBML 2nd Floor Conference Room

5:30pm – 6:30pm

I. Welcome and Introduction of guests

The meeting started at 5:35pm.

In attendance were Hani Nassar, Steven Chuang, Eric Brandon, Nancy Greiner, Ed Tashjian, and Anne-Sophie DaCosta. Tessa French (Junior at Hickory High) was present to talk about the HHS Band sponsorship opportunity.

II. GHIC financials (as of 8/14/25)

- a. General Bank account (BofA checking): \$11,212.79
- b. RWISA Bank account (BofA checking): \$1,372.28
- c. RWISA Business CD (First Horizon): \$21,028.55
- 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 6/30/25 (end of City fiscal year): \$15,364.92

III. Old Business

- a. GHIC shirts: The store is now closed but can be reopened if members still want shirts to wear at events.
- b. Hickory FC: The organization is planning a celebration after winning the national championship. Details haven't been finalized yet. Nancy is our contact person for this collaboration with the GHIC.
- c. GHIC brochure (Connor) – Needs to be finalized
- d. Model United Nations (Eric) – no new updates
- e. Youth International Film Showcase 2025: The [Footcandle Film Festival 2025](#) will take place September 19-28. We do not need to be present for any showings, but we should try to attend the closing ceremony when the award is handed for the best International film. We will have more films to screen next year now that our focus isn't on youth films but more broadly on submissions from foreign countries.
- f. Annual Meeting / Retreat: we discussed combining the annual GHIC meeting with our annual Christmas dinner. Ideas and suggestions for venues, dates and times are welcome.

IV. New Business

- a. This year, the GHIC members agreed to grant \$500 to the HHS Band. They will feature the GHIC name and logo on their show shirts, concert programs, and will have yard signs at events.
- b. Christmas Concert: will take place on December 20.

V. Adjourn

There being no more topics of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Anne-Sophie DaCosta, recorder

Next meeting will be on **September 18, 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."