



GHIC Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2026

5:30pm – 6:30pm YMCA Maple Room

- I. Welcome & roll call:
The meeting started at 5:35pm. In attendance were Hani Nassar, Ed Tashjian, Eric Brandon, Nancy Greiner, Connor Dowdle, Anne-Sophie DaCosta, and guests Parish & Alexandra Rye.
- II. April 29 meeting minutes were approved.
- III. GHIC financials as of 5/21/26:
 - a. Checking (Bank of America): \$14,452.10
 - b. RWISA Business CD (First Horizon): \$21,128.55. CD (3.25%) start date 11/7/25 for 7 months
 - c. City funds assigned to GHIC: \$11,700 (7/1/25 – 6/30/26)
 - d. Expenses 7/1/25 through 5/20/26: \$9,883.10
- IV. Old Business
 - a. RWISA – Tracey and the subcommittee members (Hani, Connor, Anne-Sophie) will meet after our regular GHIC meeting on June 18 in the Maple Room to brainstorm.
 - b. GHIC brochure – Tabled for now; waiting on update regarding MUN (see next item)
 - c. Model United Nations Conference – No response from NCSSM regarding hosting the conference in 2027. We will be contacting Lenoir-Rhyne University to see if they could host the event again. The App State Hickory Campus and CVCC could also be contacted to see if there is interest in hosting MUN. Subcommittee members for this event are Hani, Eric, Nancy and Connor.
 - d. International Film Showcase 2026 – There are still films to be judged. Submission deadline is May 30 and judging deadline is June 26. Alexandra is interested in judging the films. She will need a Film Freeway account set up by Alan Jackson.
 - e. GHIC Grants update – International Film & Fare event: 22 tickets have been sold so far. Each ticket is \$50 and admits one person to the meal and cinema. If you, as a GHIC member, pay the full price and attend the event, the GHIC will reimburse you \$25. Spouses are welcome to attend at the 50% discounted price.
 - f. Corning Foundation Grant – Update: the GHIC is supposed to receive a \$7000 grant but there was a hiccup/delay. Hani to clarify with Corning next week.
 - g. GHIC website – We discussed updating the color scheme to make it more “youth-friendly.”
 - h. Sister Cities – Tracey will update us next month.
- V. New Business
 - a. Marketing stuff: Hani will bring us the flashlights at the next meeting. We looked at various banner stand options. We need to create a design and order the banner so we have it available for events.
 - b. Discussed adding a list of local language service providers (classes, translation services, interpreting, etc.) to the GHIC website – Anne-Sophie will compile a list of LSPs from the Unifour area and try to recruit more on FB. If you know of anyone who is interested in having their name or company listed, have them reach out.

- c. Hickory FC: Nancy showed us the new autograph card for this season. Next game is on Saturday May 23rd at 7pm. (See 2026 Schedule at [this link](#)) Note, if you are a member of the YMCA, you can get discounted tickets (50% off for all home matches).

VI. Adjourn

There being no more topics of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Anne-Sophie DaCosta, recorder

**Next meeting will be on June 18, 2026 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the YMCA Maple Room – followed by
RWISA meeting for committee members**

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