



- I. Introduced:
 1. In absentia Bella Hazboun, a high school student at UC High School.
 2. Linda Jennings, a recent newcomer to Hickory and a long-time ESL teacher.
- II. GHIC financials: Bank account \$5,323.01 with \$11,700 deposit pending. The City account for the new fiscal year 7/22 – 6/23.
- III. Old Business
 1. YIFF: 659 films submitted. 242 judged already leaving 417 films to be judged. Hani will extend the judging period to allow more time for judging. Show time is Wednesday September 21, 7pm – 9pm. However, based on the discussion the group believes that 6pm – 8pm will be more appropriate. Possibly serving international food will bring in more attendees.
 2. Rudy Wright International Service Award: Tracey and Donna met with Donna Wright. Award guidelines were approved. Around May 7 would be the ideal timeframe for the annual award as it reflects the date the Council was formed. Working backwards, the application submission period would be Jan 1 – Mar 31. Judging period would be April. Recognition around May 7. Hani to create an application form. Also discussed with Donna the logic of raising \$17,000 to fund the scholarship so that it will sustain itself. Donna will provide some names of individuals/businesses (campaign list) who might help in this effort in addition to herself making a “considerable” donation. Donna indicated to Tracey earlier that we need to ensure that we advertise to high school students.
 3. Folkmoot 2022. The event this year is called Summerfest 2022 and will take place on 7/27-7/31 in Waynesville. Check the Folkmoot website for details.
 4. GHIC Subcommittees. The committees are being formed to address their goals and needs.
 - a. Community Conversations / Community Connections: There has been good discussions on holding a NC Honorary Council Meeting at LR. Tracey and the Director of Consulate Core will have a discussion soon. There are around 26 honorary consuls in Charlotte. October timeframe would be preferred. Could add a Great Decisions session around this meeting. Tracey will collect the details and share with the group.
 - b. MUN Committee. Hani talked to John Green and Amy Green about any files that they have kept from the website that was abandoned but they stated that they did not have any. Ed updated the MUN page on the GHIC website to indicate a March 2023 event but Eric indicated that Dr. Combs and the MUN class are not interested to run it next year. Tracey stated that maybe the MUN event has run its course and we need to think of a new program to replace it such as the Jeopardy Trivia game. Hani proposed to take one more stab and check with Laura Crawley and/or Leah Beth Hubbard.
 - c. GHIC website: Ed met with Houston to update the website. Ed asked each member to look at the website and email him with needed updates. The community resources information should have links to the organizations who have a website. Ed’s goal is to have a clean website that is resourceful and accurate/up-to-date.
 - d. Social Media: Anne-Sophie needs help from the youth with Social Media other than Facebook. Kristin Bui might be a resource.
 - e. Community Connections: Great Decisions info is up-to-date.
 - f. Notes:
 1. Tracey spoke at the CC Newcomers group and they seem to be interested in a joint project.
 2. Tracey requested to be moved from the YIFF to FOLKMOOT.
 3. Each committee should issue a summary after their meeting

IV. New Business

1. Foothills Kids Magazine: Carmen agreed to do an editorial on the YIFF. Amount is not agreed upon. Next issue needs to be out by the time the children start school. Second magazine is around Christmas time. The third is around spring break. The fourth is around the end of the year and end-of-grade testing. The magazine hits all of the school systems. Tracey will try for a \$500 scholarship. Hani to reduce the YIFF flyer to half size.
 2. Youth Council Members representation: Dave Leonetti (City Liaison) confirmed that it might be a good idea to have a representative from the GHIC say a few words at one their meetings but he is not sure right now which one it will be.
 3. Great Decisions Discussions: Eric B is interested to attend. Sessions are Sept 6 through Nov 1. Link to join should be on the GHIC website. The link is in the July meeting agenda.
 4. GHIC name plates were distributed today.
- V. Adjourn: The next meeting is planned for August 18, 2022. Place TBD. There not being any further discussion items, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Recorder: Hani Nassar

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