



- I. There were no introductions
- II. GHIC financials: No change in bank and city accounts (\$10,581.53 in business account and \$11,700 in City account). Hani has not yet submitted the expenses to the City but will do prior to fiscal year end which is June 30. Hani will make the following payments:
 - Little Samaritan Mission (Ukraine Humanitarian – \$1,000) Hani read a summary sent by Honorary Council of Moldova Florin Pindic Blaj regarding the humanitarian efforts of LSM in Moldova.
 - STEM Trek engineering exercise will be paid \$100 for each design.
 - Rudy Wright Scholarship. Hani decided not to create another account for this scholarship but to use the City funds initially.
 - Youth Film Festival (cost + sponsorship). Hani will pay \$2,000 towards FFF / YIFF. Hani and Alan Jackson to remove films weekly that have been judged by two judges.
 - Young filmmaker award \$1,000 (\$500 judges + \$500 audience). Will add to the FFF/YIFF budget in this fiscal year.
 - Hickory Ballet and Performing Arts \$320. Hani will pay.
 - Folkmoot sponsorship. Receive a Folkmoot sponsorship request. Hani requested to up the sponsorship to \$500 since our expenses are lower at this point and since FOKMOOT is planning to come to Hickory next year. All were in favor.
 - Total from above transactions = \$4,170
 - Balance in 2021-2022 City budget allocation = \$3,550.29
 - Tracey showed the group a WPSCA magnetic name tag. Hani proposed to make similar pins for all adult and youth members.
- III. Old Business
 1. Children’s International Film Festival Update: There are 334 submitted international films. The show times have not yet been confirmed. The judging emails were sent out earlier by Alan Jackson. Anne-Sophie suggested we inform the judges that the judging guidelines are based on a PG film rating. This should expedite the judging process.
 2. Rudy Wright International Service Award: Update. Discussed for the award, the funding, and the guidelines for submittal. Hani and Tracey to get together and come up with a procedure.
 3. GHIC Letters to “local international” businesses – 4 returns: Cemex, BSN Medical, Ricoh, and Volex. Tracey investigated and determined that the businesses had changed.
 4. Zoom renewal: Hani missed the deadline to renew at 30% discount. He renewed at the full price of \$149.00
 5. FOLKMOOT 2022 (Evan Hatch new ED), Summerfest 2022 on 7/28-7/31 Waynesville
 6. GHIC Subcommittees – Ed to update
 7. Zoom renewal (failed to renew at the discounted price of \$119.92 – current is \$149.00)
 8. GHIC website: Committee to develop plan
 9. MUN 2023: Eric has not yet discussed this opportunity with Dr. Cindy Combs. In addition we need the support of Scouts BSA who typically recruit the students to the conference.
 10. GHIC Committees: GHIC members filled out a survey and returned to Ed for analysis. Ed and Tracey brainstormed the size of the committees and how often they should meet. Ed then opened the floor for discussion. Hani asked if the website committee and Social Media committee should be combined. Anne-Sophie felt that they have mutual content and the committees can work together. Tracey mentioned that the follow-up on the international letters may be done via a future event where all of these entities are invited to attend. Tracey also mentioned getting Honorary Council Members to set something up where the various

businesses associated with these countries are invited to attend. MUN was brought up as a massive undertaking that will require GHIC involvement in addition to outside sources. Tracey asked Eric to list the tasks and allow the GHIC members to choose to tackle some of these tasks. Hani mentioned that the MUN website data may be stored somewhere and that he will check with John Green, the person who maintained the site. Tracey requested to be moved from the YIFF to Folkmoot because of time constraints this time of year. Tracey also proposed that an assigned member from each committee write a short summary of the meeting and have it sent to the full board. The group debated their assignments. Ed requested each committee chairpersons to come up with a goal statement with identified tasks. Hani proposed to have the full GHIC meetings meet every other month while the committees meet the other months. Ed to put the committee list on google drive for individuals to update and for meeting summaries.

IV. New Business

1. Foothills Kids Magazine – Tracie stated that this is a sponsorship and not an ad. Only names are listed. Tracey will ask if they can do an editorial promoting the YIFF.
 2. Youth Council Members representation: We may need to make a quick presentation at a Youth Council meeting to promote our organization. In addition, Hani will provide GHIC brochures to Dave Leonetti (City Liaison) prior to the first August session. Tracey also asked Jenny if a letter of recommendation or participation would be helpful in their school or job search.
 3. Anne-Sophie asked if we can ask individuals to attend/join the GHIC. One semi-retired travelling dancer from the Philippines has shown interest to attend. Her name is Jingle Enerio?
- V. Adjourn: The next meeting is planned for June 16, 2022. There not being any further discussion items, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Recorder: Hani Nassar

***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.”