



- I. Welcome and introductions
 1. The meeting started at 5:35 pm.
 2. In attendance were Tracey, Lucas, Steven, Caroline, Jenny, Ed, Hani, and Anne-Sophie.
- II. GHIC financials:
 1. BofA:
 - i. Bank account (general): \$9,929.87
 - ii. Bank account (RWISA): \$9,357.76
 2. City account \$11,700
- III. Old Business
 1. [Rudy Wright International Service Award](#)
 - i. Tracey contacted several papers who will announce the award: Focus, HDR, Newsbreak, Topic News of Lenoir and Taylorsville Time. All four counties are represented. Schools have also been contacted. It's also on the City of Hickory website and social media page.
 - ii. Donna Wright confirmed she will be on the selection committee.
 - iii. **We need to decide on a date and time to present the award.** Maybe during the Hickory city council meeting on Tuesday May 2nd? – **Tracey to inquire with Donna, Dana and Sarah.**
 2. GHIC Subcommittees
 - i. Ed mentioned the need to promote the [website](#). He showed us how to navigate it, where to find the minutes, etc.
 - ii. **Eddie should add contact info for Centro Latino and his other resources to add to the website.**
 - iii. We discussed adding a blog to increase visibility.
 - iv. **We need to activate committees** when we get closer to events and keep the [Committee Roster and Desired Outcomes](#) updated.
 3. [GHIC website](#)
 4. Foothills Kids Magazine
 - i. Will be published in next couple of weeks and feature Romania.
 - ii. **Should we advertise next Christmas concert (Dec 16th 2023) in the next edition?**
 5. Great Decisions Discussions 2023
 - i. Starts Tuesday January 31, 2023 at 6pm – look for [details on the 8 topics](#) on our website.
 6. International Christmas Concert
 - i. We agreed to a donation of \$1000.
 - ii. Next concert planned for Dec 16th 2023.
 7. STEM Trek 2023: April 1, 2023
 - i. **Should our sponsorship be \$500 like previous years?**
 - ii. Anne-Sophie suggested having a "Scavenger Hunt"-type activity for this year's event, maybe asking visitors to find flags at different booths. **Other suggestions welcome.**
 8. TEDxHickory: April 22, 2023
 9. Hickory Ballet & Performing Arts International Dance Day April 29, 2023
 - i. **Hani to forward Community Relations Council's email about their own cycle of grants.**

- ii. Ed mentioned HBPA's website had a broken link. It seems to be working now:
<https://hickoryballetpa.com/>

IV. New Business

1. Appropriation Request

- i. Deadline is Friday January 20th. **Hani will send it out.**

2. Other

- i. Hani prefers for our monthly meetings to be VIRTUAL for technical reasons. Everyone agreed this is a good option for meetings.
- ii. **Hani to inquire if anyone from Folkmoot has ties to Moldova, since the Moldovan Honorary Consul is here.**

V. Adjourn

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

Anne-Sophie DaCosta, recorder

**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.”