



- I. Welcome and introductory
 - 1. The meeting started at 5:30 p.m.
 - 2. In attendance were Lucas, Steven, Hani, and Anne-Sophie.
- II. GHIC financials:
 - 1. BofA:
 - i. Bank account (general): \$9,104.26 (2xgrants of \$400 each)
 - ii. Bank account (RWISA): \$9,358.01
 - 2. City account \$11,700
Expenses incurred need to be submitted soon
- III. Old Business
 - 1. GHIC grants
We received thank-you notes from the two recipients from LR, Oscar and Rosie.
 - 2. Rudy Wright International Service Award
We have a new submission to discuss. Tracey and Anne-Sophie think it is a good candidate for the award.
We have a commitment from Hank Guess and the City Council to present the award on May 2nd 2023, 7pm at City Hall. **Mark your calendars and try to attend!**
 - 3. GHIC website (only if updates are required)
 - 4. GHIC Subcommittees (did you **update your info** on Google Drive?)
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Aokb55J53Sx0xGs7zvE60Bh12N8Dh0MyZOSGNd0tZWA/edit#gid=0>
 - 5. Foothills Kids Magazine: no update
 - 6. Great Decisions Discussions 2023 (completed 7 of 8 sessions)
 - 7. Youth Council monthly update
 - i. Teen Job Fair will take place March 28, 2023 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at CVCC Workforce Solutions Center
 - ii. The Youth Council is stuffing Easter eggs for the Egg Hunt on April 1st at Jacob Fork's Soccer Complex
 - iii. A wellness event will take place on Union Square on April 28 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.
 - iv. The Youth Council is collecting art for their Art Wall at the library.
 - 8. STEMtrek 2023: April 1, 2023
We have purchased a home activity for the students who fill out a survey. They will also get a passport to be stamped by participating businesses, featuring flags. There will be a drawing, the winner will receive a Lego set. **If you want to help set up, come over at the Salt Block by 9am.**
 - 9. TEDxHickory: April 22, 2023 – 12 speakers lined up to speak between 10am and 4pm.
 - 10. Hickory Ballet & Performing Arts International Dance Day - April 29, 2023
 - 11. Folkmoot probably won't happen in Hickory this year, but Hani will keep us posted.
 - 12. GHIC Retreat / Annual Meeting (**check your calendars for 5/20 or 5/27**)
 - 13. GHIC City funding for City Fiscal Year 2023-2024- Waiting for the 1st read in April.
- IV. New Business
 - 1. New member suggestions
Hani emailed Gigi Ochoa to see if she would be interested to join. They will meet on Sunday March 26 at Tasteful Beans.
If you have any suggestions for new members, don't hesitate to bring them up!

2. FFF/YIFF 2023: Hani met with Alan Jackson and Chris Frye to discuss YIFF 2023:
 - The selected youth films will be screened on Thursday September 21, 4pm – 5:30pm and again 7pm – 8:30pm
 - If we want to offer any food/snacks, it will be between 5:30pm and 7pm.
 - There are currently 9 films designated for the youth.
 - Chris Frye will attend the River Run Film Festival in Winston-Salem in April and screen films that could be appropriate for our youth films.
 - Alan to send an email to all film makers in the last 7 years who provided films we have selected. They will be given a code to submit a film for free.
 - The YIFF flyer should be ready by the end of March.
 - Visit <https://www.footcandlefilmfestival.com/> to check the development of the site for the full festival including the YIFF. Check out the emojis used. **Note our event name change.** This is discussed below.
 - Submission cost is currently \$5.00 (\$2.50 for students).
 - The deadline to submit the films is June 1, 2023 but we can extend it to July 15 if needed. We will check the submissions in early May and make decisions.
 - Filmmakers need to be informed by mid-August on their selection.
 - We will again have two awards, a judges' award and an audience award with each getting cash and a trophy.
 - There is a request to change the name of our event so as not to clash with the main event. In other words, if we are "a part" of the Footcandle Film Festival (which we want to be), then we cannot be called "festival" as well. One option is to change the name to Youth International Film Showcase. The reason for this name is that that following day on Friday September 22, the Short Film Showcase will be screened at the Festival. We can come up with other names as well, but let's agree not to use the name Festival. **PLEASE SUBMIT ANY NAMES YOU CAN THINK OF TO THE GROUP.**
 - Budget: Expenses: The expense budget for the youth event is the following:
 - Cash awards 2 x \$500 = \$1,000
 - Trophies 2 x \$75 = \$150
 - Hickory community Theatre rental for one day \$400
 - Use of projector for one day \$300
 - Support/Advertising/Marketing/flyers/Website/Program ??? (they left it for us to decide). Hani suggests \$750
 - Food ?? (Hani suggests \$400 max).
 - Total expenses: \$3,000
 - Budget: Income:
 - # films x \$5.00 or \$2.50
 - Potential sponsorships
3. Other: No other business was presented.

V. Adjourn

1. There being no more topics of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm.

Anne-Sophie DaCosta, recorder

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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."