



- I. Welcome and introductions
 1. The meeting started at 7:02 pm.
 2. In attendance were Steven, Tracey, Eddie, Ed, Eric, Hani, and Anne-Sophie.
- II. GHIC financials:
 1. BofA:
 - i. Bank account (general): \$5,981.31
 - ii. Bank account (RWISA): \$9,358.48
 2. City account
- III. Old Business
 1. Annual Meeting summary/discussions: everyone agrees that this was a productive meeting. The location was also perfect for our gathering.
 2. Folkmoot: since Folkmoot isn't coming to Hickory, we need to revisit how much the GHIC should contribute to the event.
 3. FFF/YIFF 2023: Alan will send a link to screen the films. Since filmmakers now have to pay a small fee to submit their projects, we have a more reasonable amount of quality films (39) to screen. Hani asked that all members screen the films.
 4. GHIC rack card: Ed made a mock-up of the card and everyone pitched in ideas and suggestions. Tracey suggests printing a small amount so we can update the card on a yearly basis or as needed.
 5. John Rambo (ED of the HCT) is bringing [Nouveau Sud](#) to Oktoberfest. He is submitting a grant proposal to the GHIC. Everyone agrees this would be a good contribution for the GHIC (\$500). That also may open the door to a partnership between the Hmong community performers and the HCT.
 6. Llamas de Hickory at the Crawdads: The contract has been signed, we committed to \$1,000 for next year (which includes this year's three remaining games). Next game is June 29.
 7. New member suggestions: Ed and Tracey attended the Hmong lunch and meeting. They invited Mai to join the GHIC.
 8. Youth Council monthly update: N/A
- IV. New Business
 1. [Hmong Southeast Puavpheej](#): Tracey mentioned that it was a fantastic event. A similar event will take place on June 24th for businesses, from 11am to 3pm. Cost is \$50, covered by GHIC.
 2. Local Media Panel workshop: Anne-Sophie mentioned advertising in [BeLocal Magazine](#) to promote the GHIC.
 3. Foothills Kids: Ed thinks that it is a lot of work for very little return. We agree to skip a year before we decide on renewing our \$750 sponsorship.
 4. Tracey mentioned advertising in Hickory City Snippets, a printed flyer that is sent along the utility bills. Hani said we have done this before.
 5. CRC Multicultural Festival: Rescheduled for spring 2024.
 6. Landon Orr (college student) is interested in joining our Advisory Board. Anne-Sophie and Tracey suggested inviting him to next month's meeting instead of meeting individually. Hani will communicate.

7. Tracey mentioned putting together a delegation with Altenburger Land Group next year, partnering with the Western Piedmont Symphony. Other projects: a beer swap (Tracey doesn't think the GHIC should be part of that). Hani suggested having Matthew Troy apply for a grant.
 8. Other: Next month meeting will be at the Museum of Art Library (across from the museum offices) on July 20 at 5:30pm.
- V. Adjourn
1. There being no more topics of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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.”