



- I. Welcome and introductions
  1. The meeting started at 5:35 pm.
  2. In attendance were Ed, Eric, Hani, and Anne-Sophie
  
- II. GHIC financials:
  1. Bank account (general) \$13,801.72
  2. Bank account (RWISA): \$13,716.31
  3. City account: \$11,700 (7/1/23 – 6/30/24)
  
- III. Old Business
  1. FFF/YIFS 2023: Hani shared the judges' ratings. We will have 10 short films in competition (80 minutes total for the screening). Please try to attend, and **we need a few members to introduce the films** (maybe introduce 2/3 films at a time, since they are short). Awards will be announced on Sunday, at the closing ceremony of the Footcandle Film Festival. Hani has a contact at Hickory Day School who may show some of the films to the students as well. Hani will also contact Jennifer Griffin from HPS, Matt Stauber from Catawba, and Erin Gabriel from Newton-Conover. We'll try to get the Montessori schools and HCA to plan an event as well, whether we participate or not. Maybe next year, we'll try to go back to bringing the schools to see the films.
  2. GHIC rack card & retractable banner: Ed will order the minimum amount of rack cards to start. Ed is looking at Vista Print to order.
  3. Llamas de Hickory at the Crawdads: continue to brainstorm ideas to attract the crowds. Hani suggests having a jar with marbles, and people need to guess how many there are to win a prize. Winner will be announced during the game. Anne-Sophie is looking for cheap merchandise with the GHIC logo for giveaways. Maybe drawstring bags and pencils with coloring books/activities?
  4. Youth Council members: We should know soon who is interested to join. Caroline and Lucas said they would remain on the GHIC for the coming year. Eric mentions Melanie Mora, a student from LR who is interested to join (she lives in Lincoln County).
  
- IV. New Business
  1. Anne-Sophie mentioned sponsoring the Hickory High School Band. They play during football games and the crowd is always big and diverse. (look at the various sponsorship levels and decide what the GHIC is willing to contribute).
  
- V. Adjourn
  1. There being no more topics of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Anne-Sophie DaCosta, recorder

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