



- I. Welcome and introductions
 1. The meeting started at 6:15 pm.
 2. In attendance were Tracey, Ed, Marc and Marla Swinnen, Hani, Britnee, Lucas, Dr. Marion Love, David and Anne-Sophie

- II. GHIC financials (as of 12/14/23)
 1. Bank account (general): \$10,088.09
 2. Bank account (RWISA): \$18,717.44. Hani talked to Chris Johnson (Donna Wright's financial advisor, and he too recommended the Vanguard Money Market Fund.
 3. City account assigned to GHIC: \$11,700 (7/1/23 – 6/30/24)
 4. Expenses through 12/13/23: \$7,938.81

- III. Old Business
 1. International Christmas Concert took place on December 16
 2. Great Decisions Discussions 2024: Books ordered. Sessions start Jan 30
 3. TEDxHickory 2024: No decision yet, but will happen in November IF we host the event at all
 4. STEMTrek 2024: Scheduled for April 20, 2024. We will order clear "stadium" bags with the GHIC logo for giveaways
 5. Llamas de Hickory at the Crowdads: Keep brainstorming ideas for crowd involvement

- IV. New Business
 1. Hickory Ballet & Performing Art Grant – May 4, 2024 event date. We accepted their grant request of \$500 for International Dance Day
 2. Tommy Luckadoo – Honorary Consul Estonia – Jan 22, 2024 visit by the Estonian Ambassador. The GHIC will host an event
 3. Foothills Kids Magazine request for financial help (\$8K goal) denied as we didn't get a good ROI from our previous grant.
 4. Other: Folkmoot 2024 (International Day): Scheduled for July 27, 2024. Should the GHIC be a sponsor although they are outside the Greater Hickory Metro area?

- V. Adjourn
 1. There being no more topics of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Anne-Sophie DaCosta, recorder

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Mission Statement*

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