



- I. Welcome

The meeting started at 5:40pm. In attendance were Eric Brandon, Ed Tashjian, Tracey Trimble, Hani Nassar, Steven Chuang, Eddie Marlowe, and Anne-Sophie DaCosta.
- II. GHIC financials (as of 4/16/24)
 1. Bank account (general): \$8,295.74
 2. Bank account (RWISA): \$18,718.70
 3. City account assigned to GHIC: \$11,700 (7/1/23 – 6/30/24)
 4. Expenses through 4/16/24: \$9,649.31
- III. Old Business
 1. RWISA grant
 - a. We have not received any worthy applications so far.
 - b. We need to hold off for one year to revamp the process. We agreed that the GHIC board would seek and nominate individuals for the award.
 - c. Discussed the investment of the account.
 2. STEM Trek 2024 / STEM Tennis
 - a. Happened Saturday April 20, 10am – 2pm in the West Wing (CSC classrooms & KCR)
 - b. A total of 4 volunteers worked at the event: Hani, Steven, Anne-Sophie and her daughter Tessa.
 - c. We approved the submitted grant for \$500.
 3. Llamas de Hickory at the Crowdads
 - a. Action plan for the upcoming games (our goals, incentives, games, etc.): we will have a table set up with a prize wheel and a Candy-in-a-Jar type game (or marbles so they don't melt?) to give prizes to participants.
 - b. Need volunteers to be scheduled ahead of time. Here is the upcoming schedule, **let us know what day/time you can man the GHIC table:**
 - Tuesday, May 14
 - Wednesday, June 5
 - Sunday, June 23
 - Thursday, July 25
 - Friday, August 23
 4. Challenger Early College High School International Festival
 - a. Eric summarized the event on March 23. It was a good turnout and Britnee did a great job organizing.
 5. International Film Festival
 - a. Action plan to try to revert to showing festival in schools. Tracey will provide contact information for Principals in the Unifour.
 6. Creative Catawba Survey: most people in our group filled out the survey.
- IV. New Business
 1. Apply for the Corning Grant (up to \$7,000): Hani and Ed worked on the grant and sent it. Award expected to come in at \$5,000.
 2. Eddie mentioned bringing in a Mexican musician, Enoch, to Hickory, but the cost would be too prohibitive for the GHIC to commit, and there are also liability issues to consider.

V. Adjourn

There being no more topics of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Anne-Sophie DaCosta, recorder

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Mission Statement***

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