

Henry PTO  
General Meeting Minutes  
11/21/24  
7 pm

Type of Meeting: General Meeting Minutes

Invitees: Christine Eckstein, Kari Roehr, Jessica Banner, Samantha Stirling, Michelle Swatske, Jen Sheron, Alicia Goyal

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call- Samantha Stirling, Jessica Banner, Jen Sherron, Alicia Goyal, Christine Eckstein
- III. Speakers: Heather Davis and Linda Gieseeking from Parkway Pantry Partners 501c3. This is like the districts "PTO" of the food pantry. Linda and Heather are former Henry parents. People are surprised to hear about the food insecurity in West County. Parkway Pantry Partners provides monthly food boxes. Each box contains 20-22 food stable items. They include boxes for breaks (spring break and winter break). During covid they fed \$400/month. They formed in January 2023, in 2023 they helped 7600 individuals. They had 17 distributions, 48 food drives, and collected 38,000 food items. 7000 personal care items, 25000 diapers, and had 2700 volunteer hours. School communities are vital to Parkway Pantry Partners, and Girl Scouts and Elks Lodge are very important to this program. A targeted food drive is a great way to help, or a friendly food drive competition (like the Henry and Claymont competition last year).
- IV. Dr. Oliver Henry Update.
  - a. Back lot is finished! New sidewalk, the circle is removed. The covering over the sidewalk was removed for safety reasons.
  - b. Library doors will be added at some point.
  - c. Family bingo night went well, another free community event is in the works.
  - d. 285 bulldog bags given this year so far.
- V. Officer Reports
  - a. President – Samantha
    - i. Gym blind update- Our gym window coverings are in the works. The sizing was off and the covering were reprinted. They can now be hung but need a full day with no students in the building, we are hoping they will be finished by the time winter break is over.
    - ii. STEAM night- December 4th and December 11th. Registration is required but it is free for Henry families.
    - iii. We are looking to replace the art tables. We will be voting on this at the next PTO meeting, but the quote is around \$5000.
  - b. Treasurer – Kari
    - i. Treasurer's report

1. Hassle free brought in \$6000. We have spent money on grants to teachers. Trunk or Treat and spirit wear have brought in funds, and we are trying to keep a consistent amount in the bank.

c. Co-VP of Fundraising – Michelle & Christine

- i. Charleston Wrap Fundraiser- We have 56 families registered (10% of our school). We are hoping to raise \$3000.
- ii. Trivia night 2/1- more info is coming.
- iii. Restaurant night reminders- Rozannas on 12/12 and Papa Johns on 1/15.

d. VP of Community Events – Jessica

- i. Recap of Trunk or Treat successes- We had 159 families registered with lots of kids. Our profit was about \$1000.
- ii. International Festival will be on 4/25/25

VI. Next PTO Meeting

- a. January 30, 2024 is our next meeting. Our next speaker is going to talk about Parkway's mental health screening. We will be voting on the purchase of the art room tables.

VII. Motion to adjourn