



C.W. Henry PTA General Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2025 - 7:00 pm @Summit Presbyterian Church

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1. Welcome and Introductions: Kim Massare, PTA President - president@cwhenrypta.org

- The school is launching a mutual aid program to support families in need, asking for donations of gift cards. More information will be shared in December.
- **Request for Chromebook Carts and Membership Vote**
 - A request for four Chromebook carts from first-grade teachers, which was approved by a unanimous vote. Approved; Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0
- PTA membership updates:
 - Membership has increased by 15 members since the last meeting, reaching 149 members.
 - The household participation rate is at 26%, and the school is expected to meet or exceed last year's membership numbers.

2. PTA Finance Committee: Mark Graham, PTA Treasurer treasurer@cwhenrypta.org

- **Budget Update and Finance Committee Transition**
 - An update on the school's budget, with Mark and Ihuoma closely working together.
 - Mark and Ihuoma are transitioning roles, with Ihuoma becoming the treasurer next year and the school looking for an assistant treasurer.

3. School Advisory Council (SAC) - Tech Committee Updates - Kate Berglund

- **Tech Committee (SAC) and Parent Outreach**
 - Tech committee's recent work: a survey to gather parent feedback, two caregiver conversations.
 - The committee is exploring curriculum transparency, parental control, and the impact of Chromebooks in the classroom. The committee is also working on a professional development day for staff and teachers in April.
 - A parent resource wiki is being compiled, and a reading group on "The Anxious Generation" is being organized.
 - A comment was made by a parent expressing concerns about the district's decision to stop teaching handwriting due to the introduction of Chromebooks.
 - The committee is working to understand and advocate for parental concerns at the district level.
- **SAC Meetings and Committee Updates**
 - Next SAC meeting on January 12th; SAC committees are continuing to work on different projects: the school library committee is exploring the possibility of a science fair; Lindback Award nomination committee is working on the application process.

4. Advocacy Committee: Bethany Huggins-Hartzell - bethany.hartzell@gmail.com and Blithe Riley - beriley@gmail.com

- Positive news from Harrisburg State budget signed, Adequacy Funding approved
- Cost saving Cyber Charter reform to come
- Meeting with School Board President Streater was successful - transparent, authentic discussion held at Unitarian Universalist Church, 25-30 attendees from 5 NW schools
- Seeking to build a community with the 29 schools in NW Philly. Outreach will continue

5. Events Committee: Meghan Medlock, Events Committee Co-Chair - deejayfive1@gmail.com

- Fun Fall Community Night successful! 150 participants enjoyed a meal + fun literacy activities, several community partners participated
- Movie Night planned for 1/30. Will have a theme and prizes this year. Students will choose from a selection of 3 movies. Pitruco Pizza truck will donate a percentage of sales to PTA
- Roller Social - venue booked for Thursday, 3/19 (school closed 3/20 for Eid)

6. Fundraising Committee: Davida Washington - Davita84@yahoo.com and Catherine Coleman - catherinecoleman40@gmail.com

- **Annual Appeal**
 - The annual appeal launched on Giving Tuesday with a goal of \$15,000. The appeal has already received \$5,000 in pledges, and the school is looking for more donations and community support.
 - Thanks to parent Aaron Iglar for his help with producing fun videos to promote the annual appeal
- **3rd Annual Fun Run**
 - positive community event \$8000 raised, 200+ participants, looking to close roads next year for safety
- **Hawktion** (online auction)
 - Shannon Ryan is ready to start planning the 2026 Annual collection and is seeking committee members. For more info and to share auction item ideas, email Shannon.k.ryan@gmail.com.

7. Garden Committee: Kristina Garcia, Co-Chair - kgarciawade@gmail.com

- Garden put to sleep for the Winter, lessons on hold.
- School garden programming for students is currently in question for this spring due to challenges associated with coordinating this program; parent volunteers are no longer able to sustain the coordination this program requires, and the committee is exploring options for partnering with other organizations.
- The Garden Committee needs more volunteers and educators to ensure it remains accessible to all students. Please contact Kristina for more information.
- The school is also looking for ways to make the garden sustainable and include it in curriculum planning; Interest was expressed in a potential 7th grade Victory Garden project.

8. Closing announcements

- Thanks given to all board members and committee members for their contributions and hard work.
- The PTA is looking for more volunteers and support for various committees and projects.
- Raffle winners announced.
- Meeting adjourned.