

HOTH November Board of Directors Meeting November 3, 2025

Attendance: Joel Hawkins, John Kleis, Christy Schuette, Beth Wheeler, Jerilyn Bristow, Sarah Widener, Lindsey McCarty, Bill Barman

*Board Member nomination- Sarah Widener was introduced to the Board. She gave us some background information and answered a few questions. John Kleis made a motion to accept Sarah as a new board member. Lindsey McCarty seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and she was welcomed to the board.

We also discussed some other potential board members that we will be talking to in the next few weeks to fill our openings on the board.

*October board meeting minutes were reviewed. Christy Schuette made a motion to accept the minutes as written. John seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

*ED Report- Joel presented the ED report (see attached).

*Development Report- Jerilyn Bristow presented the Development Report (see attached). We were declined for the Hanson Family Foundation and the KY Fried Wishes grant but invited to apply again next year. We should be hearing soon on a couple of others. Also talked about the TVA grant that would hopefully offset the BGMU bill. Jerilyn is going to follow-up on that. She will be sending out a letter this week to several large local businesses asking them to consider putting us in their budget for 2026. We discussed things to add to the letter including a link to the video and possibly a newsletter.

*Financial Report- Joel went over the financial report and the 2026 budget that is being worked on. Beth asked that Meijer cards be added to the financial report. The Board met our Sept. goal of \$25,000. In October we brought in \$11,600. We need to keep up the effort because we have a lot of needs coming up.

*SNAP Crisis Response- We will continue responding as we have been. Currently when people come in requesting boxes we are meeting those requests based on the date on their SNAP card. We are giving boxes to those whose cards run out first. Hopefully the shutdown will end soon.

We have several Food drives currently in progress for the month of November.

Joel went over the calendar (See attached). Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week Kickoff is November 13 at HOTH at 3:30pm. All Board Members are encouraged to come. The Thanksgiving box packing will be held at the Feeding America Warehouse at 182 Ambassador Dr. on November 20 from 5-7:00. All Board Members are encouraged to attend and bring people to help.