

Meeting Minutes
Homeless Youth Initiative (HYI)
September 16, 2025, 130 Brandon Wallace Way, Festus, MO 63028

In Attendance: Pat Scherer, Donna Morris, Sarah Davis, Janet McLard, Robin Scott, Becky Watson, Debbie Schumaker and Penny Muniz. The meeting began at 9:35AM; a quorum from the Board of Directors was present. Robin wore one of our HYI t-shirts that Sarah Davis made. Shirts are available in white or gray and will be sold for \$20. Contact Sarah Davis to order one.

First order of business was approving August 19, 2025, meeting minutes that were distributed electronically. No changes were submitted. Pat Scherer made motion to approve, and it was seconded. Motion passed.

Second order of business was review of the 2025 Budget (page 3-4) and August 31, 2025, financial report (page 5). Donations and Program Expenses were reviewed. Pat shared that the Decision Wealth/LPL Financial market value is \$66,581.36; this information will be added to the August financial report. Janet wants to increase the amount earmarked for scholarships; Robin expressed concern because how do we show disbursements from this. Tabled for now. Janet McLard made the motion to accept these August financials and it was seconded. Motion passed. Dan Gielow made the Decision Wealth/LPL Financial account changes as requested (refer to page 6, Appendix A for details).

BB5K – Debbie Schumaker shared how her organization began in 2019 and her main goal is to get the message out to students. This year's 5K teen suicide awareness walk is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th, 10am at Jefferson R-7 high school track. Contact Debbie at 314-471-7213 or DebbieS@BBtake10.org. Debbie also shared that she works with Junior Optimists.

Scholarships – Sarah Davis said this committee is evaluating Logan Barnes application and will let the Board know of these results.

Sarah spoke with Carrie Greer and Paula Carpenter who work at Jefferson College. She said the college and Foundation are willing to work with us to get more scholarships awarded. They have asked that we send our requirements and markup a Covenant with the information we need. Sarah is going to work on this and Robin is available, as needed. **Perhaps all this should wait until the Foundation has a Director.** Sarah will contact them to find out the current balance of our scholarship account there.

In the meantime, we need to decide how many scholarships the Foundation may award each year from our scholarship account. Penny approached this by computing how much may be totally awarded each student, i.e., \$500 first semester and up to \$1,000 each semester thereafter for two years max – total is \$3,500 per student. Need to discuss this further.

School Liaisons – Janet McLard said no more backpacks have been requested but we need to survey the schools to determine the backpack contents because Hillsboro had different requirements.

From the President's Desk – Robin Scott reviewed a McKinney Vento unaccompanied chart used by the schools that showed circumstances when a youth is (and isn't) considered unaccompanied. Foster teens are not considered unaccompanied according to this chart. This will help us defend and explain who we support.

Robin is trying to delegate some of the work and expressed a need for an Executive Director to help deliver stuff to the schools. Robin receives the original request, then (as Treasurer) either writes the check or goes to a store to purchase something but then these items may need to be delivered to a school/college. So, help is needed delivering stuff to the schools. Several present offered to help: Penny, Sarah (weekdays only), Pat and Becky.

Fundraising / Marketing / Awareness

- Our own website: hyi4teens.org – needs content
- Atlas Teen Trunk or Treat – Fri. Oct. 3rd Atlas parking lot (1623 Jeffco) 6-9pm. Becky offered to help but didn't want to be the only one working this event.
- De Soto Outreach – Tues. Oct. 7th Journey Community Church 10am-2pm
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren – Thurs. Oct. 9th Fox C-6 Service Center 5:30-7:30pm

Ideas for next month's agenda

- 2026 budget – draft
- accept Board of Director nominations from the floor

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Respectfully submitted-
Pat Scherer and Robin Scott

- 2025 Meetings are scheduled in-person 9:30AM at 130 Brandon Wallace Way, Festus, MO 63028:
 - Tuesday, October 21, 2025
 - Tuesday, November 18, 2025
 - Tuesday, December 16, 2025 – small DRA conference room

	2025 BUDGET	SPENT YTD	BALANCE
Administration	\$100	\$48.45	\$51.55
Emergencies/Basic Needs 8/23/2025 Board approved increasing this \$5,000	\$15,000	\$10,409.61	\$4,590.39
Fundraising	\$500		\$500.00
Liability Insurance	\$2,300		\$2,300.00
Marketing	\$1,500	\$1,478.08	\$21.92
Pre-College/Training	\$2,500	\$809.28	\$1,690.72
School Activities & Supplies	\$4,500	\$2,105.51	\$2,394.49
Vehicle Expense	\$10,000	\$600.00	\$9,400.00
TOTALS	\$36,400	\$15,450.93	\$20,949.07

EXPENDITURE DETAILS:

Administration	7/15/25 MO Secretary of State	\$20.50
	7/22/25 Deluxe Check (check reorder)	<u>\$27.95</u>
	TOTAL	\$48.45
Emergencies/ Basic Needs	1/6/25 Fanny Liu (college scholarship award)	\$1,000.00
	2/21/25 Washington Univ. Physicians (Fox-TH)	\$ 111.47
	2/24/25 BJC Healthcare (Fox-TH)	\$ 51.66
	3/4/25 BJC Healthcare (Fox-TH)	\$1,859.89
	3/10/25 Windsor C-1 School District (lunch-AP)	\$1,275.00
	3/10/25 Windsor C-1 School District (lunch-MF)	\$ 709.55
	3/10/25 Trent Huch (Fox-physical therapy reimb.)	\$ 105.00
	3/18/25 Trent Huch (Fox-clothes)	\$ 75.66
	4/15/25 Walmart-clothing & food (Festus-SM)	\$ 192.19
	5/7/25 Walmart-food (Festus-SM)	\$ 103.76
	5/7/25 Austin Perry (Windsor-phone bill)	\$ 47.50
	6/15/25 Robin Scott/Ameren (Festus-ALP)	\$ 437.07
	7/8/25 Walmart (gift cards)	\$ 500.00
	7/13/25 Mercy (Fox-TH)	\$1,884.00
	8/3/25 Fanny Liu (college scholarship award)	\$1,000.00
	8/24/25 Walmart-food (Jeffco-LB)	\$ 94.07
	8/24/25 Walmart-personal care items	\$ 107.48
	8/24/2025 Jefferson Square Inn (Jeffco-LB)	\$ 400.00
	8/28/25 Walmart-personal care items	\$ 55.31
	8/29/2025 Jefferson Square Inn (Jeffco-LB)	<u>\$400.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$10,409.61
Marketing	3/10/25 Atlas Youth Outreach (Trivia sponsorship)	\$ 50.00
	3/20/25 Donna Morris-(Sam's & Dollar Tree) candy & prizes for Fox Carnival	\$ 86.35
	5/2/25 DRA (Run, Roll & Stroll Sponsorship)	\$ 250.00
	5/6/25 Immense Impact LLC (website setup fee \$449 and annual subscription fee \$560)	\$1,009.00
	6/3/2025 Sarah Davis/DollarTree/VinylFun (signs)	\$ 26.22
	6/15/25 Robin Scott/GoDaddy (website domain)	<u>\$ 56.51</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,478.08

Pre-College/Training	5/28/25 Chrissy Immken (Windsor-AA job)	\$411.53
	(cognitoforms.com and MPM-STL: lifeguard tng)	
	8/19/25 Bronica Adler (Windsor-AA job)	\$ 67.75
	8/22/25 Jefferson College Housing Application	
	Fee for Logan Barnes (conf#042650)	<u>\$330.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$809.28
School Activities & Supplies	4/18/25 Savvi Formalwear (Fox prom-TH)	\$ 75.00
	5/1/25 Savvi Formalwear (Fox-TH prom)	\$ 175.00
	5/2/25 Seckman HS (Fox-TH prom ticket)	\$ 60.00
	5/19/25 Fox High School (lost book charge-AA)	\$ 150.00
	5/21/25 Julianna Walker (Windsor prom)	\$ 362.47
	5/29/25 Janet McLard (school supplies)	\$ 84.18
	6/15/25 Janet McLard/WalMart (school supplies)	\$ 948.50
	6/23/25 Janet McLard/WalMart (school supplies)	<u>\$ 250.36</u>
	TOTAL	\$2,105.51
Vehicle Expense	1/29/25 QuikTrip gas card (Fox-TV)	\$ 100.00
	1/29/25 Phillips 66 gas card (Fox-AA)	\$ 100.00
	4/10/25 Express Mart gas card (Fox-HB)	\$ 100.00
	4/29/25 QuikTrip gas cards (Fox KP & JS)	\$ 200.00
	5/1/25 Circle K gas card (Windsor-AP)	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 600.00

Homeless Youth Initiative (HYI) Financial Statement
From Donations
August 31, 2025

Balance Forward - Unrestricted July 31, 2025 (\$10,000 earmarked for Scholarships)		\$118,281.54
<u>Donations</u>		
8/27/25 Terri Wolk	\$14.21	
8/28/25 Canaan Baptist Church	\$96.00	
8/28/25 Jane Dunehew	\$100.00	
8/28/25 E. Walter Hausstette Foundation	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	
Total Donations		\$5,210.21
<u>Program Expenses</u>		
8/11/25 Fanny Liu (Emergencies/Basic Needs)	-\$1,000.00	
8/19/25 Bronica Adler (Pre-College/Training)	-\$67.75	
8/25/25 WalMart (Emergencies/Basic Needs)	-\$94.07	
8/25/25 WalMart (Emergencies/Basic Needs)	-\$107.48	
8/25/25 Jefferson College Housing (Pre-College Training)	-\$330.00	
8/25/25 Jefferson Square Inn (Emergencies/Basic Needs)	-\$400.00	
8/28/25 WalMart (Emergencies/Basic Needs)	-\$55.31	
8/29/25 Jefferson Square Inn (Emergencies/Basic Needs)	<u>-\$400.00</u>	
Total Program Expenses		<u>-\$2,454.61</u>
Total Unrestricted Balance August 31, 2025		\$121,037.14
13-month CD at Enterprise Bank maturing 11-20-2024 (5.25% APR)	\$40,000.00	
Interest Earned	<u>\$2,289.47</u>	
Total - This was rolled over into a new CD for 13 months (renewal rate 3.90%) maturing on 12/20/2025		\$42,289.47
<u>Designated Funds:</u>		
Jefferson College Scholarship Fund as of 12/31/2023 (Held at College)	\$15,273.40	
College Scholarship Fund (Held at Decision Wealth/LPL Financial; we invested \$50,428.57)	<u>\$66,581.36</u>	
Total Designated Funds		<u>\$81,854.76</u>
Total Unrestricted and Designated Funds August 31, 2025		\$245,181.37

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Scott
Robin Scott, Homeless Youth Initiative Treasurer

APPENDIX A

From: Daniel Gielow <dan@decisionwealth.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 12:08 PM

To: viola1921@yahoo.com <viola1921@yahoo.com>; rsctt@hotmail.com <rsctt@hotmail.com>

Subject: Money Market Fund

Hi Pat and Robin,

I hope you're both doing well!

Pat, I picked up your message and wanted to get back to you quickly. You asked me to include Robin here, so I've copied her on this email.

Back on 8/25 we talked about the JPMorgan Money Market Fund (symbol **OGSXX**), which is the institutional version of PJLXX. To answer your questions:

- We invested **\$20,371** on 8/25 into OGSXX, leaving about **\$43 in cash**.
- To fund this purchase, we sold three positions to add to the cash we already had on hand:
 - VNG – Vanguard Real Estate Index ETF: **\$3,697.47**
 - AFMMX – Yorktown Short Term Bond Fund: **\$2,517.31**
 - PFF – iShares Preferred & Income Securities ETF: **\$2,584.14**
 - **Total: \$8,798.92**

This fund accrues interest daily and pays a monthly dividend that is automatically reinvested. For August, since the fund was only in place a few days, it paid a **\$13.17 dividend**. September's dividend will reflect a full month and should be closer to **\$64 (give or take)**. Keep in mind, the yield can change daily, so the exact figure may be a bit higher or lower.

Portfolio Performance Update

As a side note, I also ran updated performance numbers on the "Homeless Youth" portfolio. Since the market low on April 8th, the portfolio is up **23.67%** through yesterday. Some highlights from positions we've mainly added in the past 15 months:

- FDN: **+41.3%**
- Cap Strength UIT: **+33.94%**
- Growth & Income: **+22.14%**
- Dividend Strength (more conservative): **+15.05%**

The portfolio is now at an all-time high of **\$66,453.57**, and if today holds, we should see that climb even higher tomorrow.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

All the best,

Dan