

Smoky Valley Home Educators, Inc.

Meeting Minutes August 7, 2017

I. Call to order

Jesse Smith called to order the regular meeting of the Smoky Valley Home Educators at 6:45 pm on August 7, 2017 at Webster Conference Center. He opened the meeting in prayer seeking godly wisdom and expressing a desire to honor God.

II. Roll call

The following families were present: Otey (5), Hammond (5), Greene (5), Smith (5), Woods (2), Bigbey (3) Day (7), DeHaan (5), Sexton (4), Gent (4), Mills (8), Daubrava (3), Walker (4), Reynolds (7), Schweer (3), Jensen (4), Riley (5), Miller (5), Hughes (2), Everhart (4), Fahrenthold (4), Garretson (4), McMillen (5), Morgan (3), Reilly (4), Hoover (3), Redden (7), and Bird (2).

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were posted on the SVHE website. Members were asked to review the June mtg with budget attached. Fred Schweer motioned approval of minutes, Jaleah Morgan seconded, and motion passed.

IV. Open issues

- a) **Treasurers Report:** There was no official report at this meeting. Jesse Smith noted a surplus of funds and the intent to use the funds to keep fees low for members.
- b) **Graduation:** Cathy Schweer noted as contact person. Fred Schweer mentioned some work on a senior t-shirt has begun.
- c) **Library:** Kimmi Smith noted as contact. No report.
- d) **COOP:** We are seeking a contact person for monthly SVHE activities. Hayley Redden is the contact for Classical Conversation and their start date is August 24th for Challenge A&B and August 31st for Foundations and Essentials. Field trips are planned for Fort Riley and Lindsborg. Karla Hoover had COOP class schedule for Jr/Sr high with August 21st start date. A LEGO First Team for 9-14 year olds is mtg at Faith Bible with first section full and they are seeking interest in a second section & volunteer facilitator.
- e) **TEA:** Home schooling gathering for moms (nursing babies welcome) with a devotion and time to connect with other moms. Melissa Miller is contact as well as Donita Hammond & Shawn Jensen.
- f) **Choir:** K-6th Choir is facilitated by Melissa Miller with pianist Kimmi Smith. This year will be a Christmas Musical. Concert is planned for December 4th at 7 pm. Senior choir 7th and up will be facilitated by Alissa Green.
- g) **Athletics:** Volleyball begins the 14th of August and is for 6th grade and up. Nikole Bird contact. 8:08 pm Addendum with forum: There was a motion to remove Andrea Stringer as the b-ball treasurer and adding Cricket Walker to the account. The motion was made by Lewis McMillen and 2nd by Chris Day. Motion carried.
- h) **CHECK:** Mark Hoover continues to encourage our group to contact our state representatives to express our enjoyment of the freedom of regulations with homeschooling. Day under the Dome Date to be announced. Jesse added an encouragement to pray for our representatives.

V. Announcements

- a) Jesse Smith states the numbers of members have been low at SVHE mtgs. The plans is to plan quarterly events for the entire family to increase attendance. November may be a chili contest.
- b) Jesse Smith also noted that our River Festival fund raiser was replaced this year. Therefore SVHE may need to be looking for a different fund raiser to supplement our budget.
- c) Lindi Fahrenthold announced 4-H Boldly Go. A home school 4H Club that meets on Tuesdays at 4:15 pm. This involves community service and public speaking. It is for ages 4-19.
- d) Peter Browning announced a REAL ENCOUNTER event (evangelist) for private school kids. This is August 20th at St. John's Military School with a follow up event August 23rd at the Pizza Center.
- e) Mark Otey announced the Salina Public Library is seeking to offer more classes for home schoolers and is asking for suggestions.
- f) SVHE Membership is \$20 could be done at this meeting or online. There is a Facebook page for members and a public page.

VI. No Old or New Business

VII. Adjournment

Arlen Redden adjourned the meeting with a prayer of thanksgiving and encouragement. Approx. 8pm

Minutes submitted by: Patti Reilly, Secretary

Minutes approved by Advisory Committee