

# MINUTES

## Smoky Valley Home Educators Inc.

6/1/2017 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Jesse Smith

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### In Attendance

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Jesse Smith, Melissa Miller, Nikole Bird, Mark & Karla Hoover, Patti Reilly, Jan Meyers, and Donita Hammond ~ gathered at Faith Bible Church, Salina, KS. President Jesse Smith, presiding.

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### Approval of Minutes

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*Meeting was opened in prayer by Jesse Smith thanking God for SVHE and for summer break.* Minutes from November motioned to approve by Mark Hoover seconded by Melissa Miller. February minutes motion for approval by Mark Hoover and seconded by Melissa Miller. Both minutes pass unanimously.

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### Treasurer's Report

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The SVHE Quarterly Treasurer's Report from May 18, 2017 was distributed and presented by Nikole Bird. Ending balance of \$3,701.21 with General Fund Assets of \$1,651.23 and Choir Fund Assets of \$2,049.98. Karla Hoover motioned acceptance of treasurer's report and approved by Melissa Miller.

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### Committee Reports

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- **Graduation:** 6 of 12 graduates participated in the SVHE graduation ceremonies reported by Melissa Miller.
- **COOP:** Jesse Smith reminded group of the Field Day that occurred in May. Karla Hoover stated that a group of moms have met and decided the classes that will be offered in the fall. Some instructors needed.
- **Teen Banquet:** Karla Hoover stated 48 teens participated with a good group of alumni and adult helpers. Kejr Challenge received well and will rotate every several years.
- **TEA:** Melissa Miller reports end of year celebration had low attendance. Survey has been distributed to receive comments. There is a need for help with planning and leading TEA.
- **Choir:** Melissa Miller states Kimmi Smith will accompany junior choir as she directs. Alisa Green will direct the senior choir, but a pianist is needed. Lindi Fahrenthold & Sheila DeHaan are coordinating.
- **Athletics:** Nicole reports skills practices have begun on Mondays at St. John's Military School with beginners at 3:30-4:30 pm and experienced players from 4:30 – 6:00 pm. Other 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above girls desiring to play are invited to join in the fun! Contact Debbie at [thesexton6@cox.net](mailto:thesexton6@cox.net) or 787-7061. \$325 was raised at first fund raiser & the 2<sup>nd</sup> fundraising event is Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Salina Speedway. Official season begins August 14<sup>th</sup> with practices on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. John's Military School. Mark Hoover states basketball schedule is changing due not having 5 HS girls for a HS Girls team. We will host a tournament on a Friday/Sat with Family Fun Activities offered on the Friday evening. More to come.
- **CHECK:** Mark Hoover reported KC Home Schooling Case involving mother/father killing a boy has brought much attention to Kansas Home Schooling regulation. Future regulation discussions include mandatory annual testing and parental background checking. We are encouraged to contact our own senators and representatives. Mark also mentioned intention to involve Lindsborg, Abilene, and Concordia for CHECK updates/events.

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## Announcements

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- Jan Meyer announced an open house on Sat, June 3 from 2-4 pm at 1304 Arlington expressing thankfulness for support and prayers.

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## Old & New Business

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- No Old Business
- Three Advisory Council terms are yearly: vice president (currently Arlen Redden), treasurer (currently Nicole Bird), and secretary (currently Patti Reilly). Mark Hoover moved we cease nominations and vote on current volunteer for vice president. Melissa Miller seconded. Arlen Redden was unanimously voted to accept service into 2017-2018 term. Karla Hoover moved we cease nominations and vote on current volunteer for treasurer. Melissa Miller seconded. Nicole Bird was unanimously voted to accept into service for 2017-2018 term. Melissa Miller moved we cease nominations and vote on current volunteer for secretary. Mark Hoover seconded. Patti Reilly was unanimously voted to accept into service for 2017-2018 term. It was noted that our president and CHECK positions have one year remaining in their terms.
- Fund Raising was discussed as our \$600 fund raising from the Smoky Hill River Festival is not happening this year. Arlen Redden has previously suggested a t-shirt design contest in order to print SVHE shirts for raising funds.
- Choir Funds – as there is an excess of choir funds, Lindi Fahrenthold sent a note to the Advisory Council suggesting fees be reduced. The Advisory Council is leaving the budget the same, yet discussion did reveal agreement for reducing charges to \$10 for the first child and \$5 for following children with a \$25 family cap. It is noted that future years may require recurrent elevation in fees.
- Jesse Smith presented the 2017-2018 Budget with discussion of changes. This was voted upon and universally approved.
- SVHE Monthly gatherings will be reduced to the Quarterly Business Meetings due to low attendance. These will include, but are not limited to: The Ice Cream Social (noted to be early August), A Thanksgiving Event, The Valentine Dinner, and The Closing Business Meeting. Meetings will be on Monday or Thursday evenings.
- **Next Meeting: TBA Pending a decision upon activity accompanying the business meeting.**
- Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Hoover at 8:30 pm. Motion carried. Mark *closed in prayer.*