

Smoky Valley Home Educators Activities Updated 8-10

Quoted from the SVHE Bylaws as pertains to the Activities of the Smoky Valley Home Educators Support Group:

Article II- Definition and Purpose (of the SVHE support group)

Smoky Valley Home Educators Support Group is organized for the purpose of encouraging each other in our choice of providing a Christ-centered education for our children at home through Christian fellowship and moral support. We, as parents, have joined together to promote stronger families, raise Godly children to stand against the world's standards and provide quality education for our children through the mutual encouragement of friendship, planned activities, and individualized home school programs. We Christian parents believe that we have a Biblical responsibility to do so according to the inspired Word of God in the scriptures as written: Deut. 6:6-7, Prov. 22:6, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, Eph. 6:1-4, Isa. 54:13, 2 Tim. 2:15, Josh. 24:15, 1 Cor. 15:33

SVHE is a volunteer organization and does not seek to represent, or speak for all home educators in the Salina/north central Kansas area. SVHE is not a governing or certifying body for home educators. SVHE is not a church nor is this organization meant to replace the ministry of the local church to the home education family. SVHE advocates private home education, i.e., parents who take full responsibility for the education of their children without government assistance.

Article III – Statement of faith

We Believe:

- 1. The Bible to be the inspired, infallible, divinely preserved Word of God, the supreme and final authority for all faith and life.*
- 2. That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*
- 3. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His*

vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on

the cross. His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His imminent bodily return in power and glory.

4. That man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin and is therefore lost, and only those who put their faith in Jesus Christ can be saved.

5. That salvation is the free gift of God brought to the sinner by grace and received by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose substitutionary death on the cross paid the penalty for man's sin.

6. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict mankind, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.

7. In the spiritual unity of believers through our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that individual doctrinal differences which may exist, outside of the aforementioned (III: 1-6), should not hinder the unity of Christian home educators.

Article IX: Misc.

1. Accountability of members:

A. Purpose: To ensure compliance with guidelines for membership, to ensure harmonious interpersonal relationships and avoid strife and divisions among the members.

B. Method: When there is a complaint of concern that a member or group is not abiding by the guidelines for membership or that there is concern about the seriousness with which homeschooling is being followed, the person issuing the complaint must have approached the other person they have their complaint with first. If the issue cannot be resolved by the individuals or if there is adequate reason to pursue the issue, a minimum of two Advisory Council members (plus anyone else appropriate if needed) will approach the member/group/family in question to obtain their perspective and to offer help from the members of SVHE. If the issue is not resolved, the Advisory Council may give an appropriate warning. If the issue continues to be unresolved, the issue will again be discussed at the Advisory Council. At that point, a decision can be made; including the option of expelling the member from SVHE (unanimous decision at Advisory Council is required for this action). The member/group/family

in question has the right to appeal to the membership of SVHE as a whole in a regular or specially-called meeting if they so desire. A 2/3 majority of the membership attending the meeting will be required to overturn the Advisory Council decision.

C. If a member is removed from membership in SVHE, a refund of the year's annual dues shall be made.

2. Leadership:

A. Defined: A "leader" of an SVHE group for purposes of these Bylaws is defined as the primary leader or the person who is in charge of or otherwise is commonly perceived to be a leader of one or more children involved in any activity in the name of Smoky Valley Home Educators. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: teachers in the SVHE Co-op, coaches, music directors, field trip leaders, etc.

B. Requirements of leadership: A lead of SVHE activities must be one of the following: 1) A member of SVHE or 2) A person directly sponsored by a named member of SVHE. In this case the leader does not need to be a member of SVHE, although the parent sponsor must be.

C. A member who is a leader of an SVHE group must agree with these Bylaws including the Statement of Faith.

*D. Accountability of leader: A non-member leader of an SVHE activity is encouraged to agree with the SVHE bylaws and in particular the statement of faith. However, responsibility for the actions, beliefs and positions of an SVHE leader is the responsibility of the parent-member sponsor and specifically not of SVHE nor the Advisory Council. **It is the responsibility of parents to choose which activities, if any, their children should be involved in.** The leader of an SVHE activity is specifically not an employee of SVHE nor the Advisory Council.*

E. Compensation of leaders: It is anticipated that both member and non-member leaders of groups may or may not receive compensation from parents or participants for their services. Prior to providing services, any compensation amount should be discussed and agreed to by all parties concerned. It is specifically noted that SVHE is not an employer.

Smoky Valley Home Educators Co-op of Classes

Co-op is a manifestation of Article II—Definition and purpose, stated in the SVHE bylaws and listed on p. 1.

Co-op Enrollment for Primary Classes: The fourth Mon. in Aug. following the Annual Ice Cream Social. Enrollment will then become available on-line at the SVHE website.

Informational meeting and Final Enrollment for Primary Co-op classes is always on the last Mon. in September @12:15 pm, Salina Heights Church, 801 E. Cloud

Classes Begin: 4th week in Aug. —High School

4th Mon. in September—Primary grades

Spring Enrollment/Payment of spring fees: Second Mon. in December (during regularly scheduled classes)

Christmas Break: Third Mon. in December —first Mon. in January

Spring Semester Begins: Second Mon. in January

Spring Break: March

Co-op Classes are scheduled to end the last Mon. in April

High School Enrollment for the following year.—precedes the Annual Business meeting in May (the fourth Mon.)

The Co-op Organizational Planning Meeting for Teachers/ Facilitators of classes is held on the fourth Sat. in July.

Primary Classes meeting times

1st hour classes meet 1:00-2:00

2nd hour classes meet from 2:05– 3:05

High School Classes meeting times

Determined by the teacher

Enrollment Day

Enrollment will be open to the leadership team and to those who are teaching a class first. This is to ensure a spot for their children so that they are able to fulfill their teaching commitment.

Enrollment will then be on a first- come-first serve basis. We as a group will make every effort to accommodate families wanting to co-op and willing to serve.

The co-op participation fee will be \$25 a family per semester. This will be used to cover the building-usage fee and administrative costs.

You must be a member of Smoky Valley Home Educators in order to enroll in a co-op class.

We ask that the parents enroll their children and pay the appropriate fees on enrollment day, though a family can pay the remainder of their fees by the first day of class.

You will be considered enrolled when, if necessary, permission slips and disclaimers are signed, your fees are paid, and you have signed up to serve in a service role.

It is up to the individual teacher's discretion whether or not to accept additional students after the first day of class.

Scholarship availability is determined by the SVHE advisory board.

Summary of fees:

Co-op Participation Fee: \$25.00/family/semester.

Covers: building-use fee, co-op administrative costs.

SVHE Membership Fee: \$22.00/family/year for the email newsletter

Covers: voting privileges in SVHE, the monthly newsletter, and access to the SVHE library, scholarships, and support group activities such as graduation, teen banquet, play-day, etc.

Class Fees: vary

STUDENT PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

Children should be enrolled in classes that are geared to their current age/grade level.

At registration, priority will be given to students who are the age/grade level for which the class is geared. If there is extra room in the class, it is up to the teacher's discretion to accept children who are either a little too young or a little too old for the class.

As a general rule, classes will be taught toward the middle to high end of the age/grade level to which the class is geared.

Most high school classes are offered to help students meet academic requirements for graduation. Therefore, it is expected that the teachers will teach at a high school level. The

students will be expected to take their studies seriously by completing assignments with a positive and diligent attitude. Most high school classes will offer a grade to the parent based on the child's performance in class, but it is up to the parent to issue a final grade.

Students are expected to have class materials and books by the first day of class.

TEACHER / FACILITATORS

Teachers are asked to be available enrollment day. They are given the opportunity to sign up their own children prior to the general enrollment; and are then asked to attend a table to meet parents and answer any questions about the class they will be teaching.

Teacher's children must be independent of their parent in order for the parent to be the primary teacher of a co-op class (we want to be sure and prioritize our parent role first and foremost). Independence comes at different ages for different children. A child who continually cries for his/her parent or a child who needs continual reinforcements from a parent is not independent as of yet. This parent then is encouraged to cooperate in the co-op as a parent-helper.

Teachers will be expected to put planning time into their lessons prior to each class session. It is definitely a working role requiring faithfulness.

Supplies are the responsibility of the parents, though a teacher may set a **supply fee** in order to cover the cost of consumable materials.

Teachers must agree with the Smoky Valley Home Educators Statement of Faith.

The whole body depends on Christ, and all the parts of the body are joined and held together. Each part does its own work to make the whole body grow and be strong with love. Eph. 4:16 (N

SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Parent-helpers as well as teachers are provided for each primary class and a minimum of one instructor for each high school class. Nursery workers, 2&3 year old providers, and study hall supervisors are also needed to properly staff the co-op; along with a director and treasurer. Any one of these roles would be considered "service" to the co-op.

SVHE Co-op is a community of families who join together for mutual assistance and encouragement. We each understand that when we participate in co-op, we are not dropping off our children at a Christian school. In the spirit of cooperating with one another in offering educational opportunities to our children, we all agree to join in serving one another.

As of Sept. 1, if your child is 11 or younger and participating in a co-op class a guardian must be present in the building and serving in a helping role.

A parent of a high-schooler has the option of having a 16 year old or older child serve regularly or intermittently in his/her place. Of course, if the child isn't helpful or continually exhibits a bad attitude about helping, the parent will be asked to step in and fulfill the service role. The idea is to give our older children an opportunity to serve and learn.

Though it is not mandatory for high school parents to serve the co-op directly, families with high-schoolers are also expected to contribute to the co-op by serving SVHE in some way. There are a number of opportunities made available through the community of SVHE. Examples: SVHE committee work, holding an SVHE office, coaching an SVHE sport, helping in choir, planning an end-of-year event, etc.

High-School parents that are unable to help during regular co-op hours will be asked to serve on a sub list.

Helper sign-up sheets will be out on the registration during enrollment. Please fill those in. If you don't sign up, you may be assigned a helping role in an area that was not your first choice.

A parent who is unable to fulfill a service responsibility due to illness, emergencies, or a planned trip out-of-town must try and arrange for his/her own sub.

“We do not want you to have troubles while others are at ease, but we want everything to be equal.” II Cor. 8:13

NURSERY POLICY

The nursery is open only to the children of teachers or teacher-helpers who are currently working in the building. Parents who are not teaching or helping are not allowed to leave their young children in the nursery. A parent must be in the building if a child is in the nursery.

The nursery is for children from birth through age 3.

When you check your child into the nursery **please label your diaper bag and bring a stocked diaper bag; to include: diapers, change of clothes, wet wipes, and any special attachment such as a pacifier. Make any food allergies known to the nursery director.**

ILLNESS POLICY

Out of respect for others, we ask that you not bring yourself or a child not feeling well to the nursery or to any other co-op class or activity.

For the purpose of definition, we will ask that you keep a child home or stay home yourself if your family has endured any of the following symptoms in the last 48 hours:

- vomiting
- diarrhea
- runny nose with colored discharge
- cough
- temperature over 99
- any contagious condition such as chicken pox, head lice, pink eye, etc.

As soon as you become aware that you will not be able to serve please contact the teacher/facilitator of the class/es that you are scheduled to serve in. If you are the teacher/facilitator try and make arrangements with your parent helpers. Notify the director if you are unable to fill a service area.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

All classrooms with children age 11 or under must have a second adult in the room. An adult is considered age 18 or over. Under no conditions will a male be allowed to be alone with any age student not his child, whether in the building or in a car for a field trip. The two adults rule also applies to field trips away from the building.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

There is a message board at the east entrance door of Salina Heights Christian Church. Messages will be posted there about classes, needs, upcoming events, etc. Please make a habit of checking it on arrival.

Dillon's Certificates/ Fundraiser

We are looking for different ideas to raise money for the Co-op. These funds will be used to lower fees and purchase supplies, curriculum, and possibly, compensate outside teachers if /when agreed upon. Please ask a director or the treasurer if you are interested in supporting these endeavors.

Class Cancellations Due to Weather: We will follow the same schedule as Salina Schools. If Salina is out we will be out.

CONDUCT AND DRESS STANDARDS

Co-op classes will meet at Salina Heights Christian Church, 801 E. Cloud Street. Since we are guests in this building, it is expected that students and parents will respect the property of the church. This includes . . .

- Staying in the study hall during class, not hanging out in the hallway
- Sitting in the chairs, not on the tables
- Leaving the bathroom clean
- Picking up after oneself, throwing away trash
- Staying out of the office area of the church
- Wiping feet before entering church

We ask that there be No Public Displays of Affection among the Students (holding hands etc.). We need you to consider that we must be above reproach in all areas and the youngest member of our body must be considered. Thank-you for understanding.

In the classroom, students are expected to be respectful when the teacher or someone else is speaking. Talking back to the teacher will not be tolerated, nor will direct disobedience or rebellion. Students are also expected to be on time and come prepared for class. They will be expected to take their studies seriously by completing assignments with a positive and diligent attitude.

Since we are having school, dress should promote an attitude of work. Any words or pictures on clothing must be consistent with a Christian walk. We ask that students dress modestly and to that end, will maintain these specific standards:

- No spaghetti straps
- No bra straps showing
- No tummy revealing attire
- Skirts need to fall to the knee
- No underwear showing

Each person should judge his own actions and not compare himself with others. Then he can be proud for what he himself has done. Each person must be responsible for himself. Gal. 6:4,5 (NCV)

DISCIPLINARY ACTION GUIDELINES

The following actions will be implemented for students who violate the dress or conduct standards:

First Offense: The student will be asked to correct his attitude or actions by the teacher. No one else will be involved, and the correction will be delivered with grace. The incident will also be mentioned to the parent and her help will be enlisted to ensure the child understands the rules.

Second Offense: The teacher will bring the continuing problem to the attention of the director who will speak with the student and parent about the offense and ensuing consequences. The student will not be allowed to continue in class that day, and the parent may be required to attend future classes with the offending child. **The parent, not the teacher, is ultimately responsible for the child's behavior.**

Third Offense: The student will be permanently removed from Smoky Valley Home Educators Co-op classes and no refunds will be given for any fees paid.

If parents have a concern regarding a classroom matter, they are asked to take that concern first to the child's teacher/facilitator. Only if the problem is not resolved to everyone's satisfaction, should the co-op leadership team be involved. We desire to avoid gossip and back-biting; we want to encourage a mutual working out of problems between parents or parents and teachers with an attitude of Christian love that prefers one another over ourselves.

"Brothers and Sister, if someone in your group has done something wrong, you who are spiritual should go to that person and gently help make him right again." Gal. 6:1

S.V.H.E Sports Program

Mission Statement of S.V.H.E Eagles

Purpose:

S.V.H.E Eagles sports are organized to provide an outlet for students to play a team sport. As Christian parents we believe team sports encourage teamwork, sportsmanship, and physical development. S.V.H.E. sports will provide a learning environment where youth can be encouraged in their Christian growth.

Goals:

- All sports activities are undertaken with an ultimate goal of glorifying God and His Son Jesus Christ both on and off the playing field.
- Our primary aim is to build up each other in Christian character and develop a sound witness for our Lord.
- A key ingredient in this is development of good skills in the sport.

Foundation Scriptures for S.V.H.E Sports

Isaiah 40:31 “But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary they shall walk and not faint.

Matthew 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus grew increased in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and men.

Discussion of Purpose and goals:

Priority #1 is seeking God daily. Priority #2 is living a balanced home schooled life. This includes not only sports but honoring parents, academics, learning new skills, church and community activities, etc. thus preparing to be a responsible God honoring adult.

Most people who play basketball as junior high or high school students will not play college or professional basketball. So what should our goals be? Why have S.V.H.E sports if the purpose is not to prepare for professional sports? The answer is again found in the Bible.

Luke 2:52 states that *Jesus increased in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and men.* That is the goal of S.V.H.E. sports.

We want our players to grow in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and men. To grow in stature is to grow physical. We want our players to develop physical skills. To grow in wisdom is to grow intellectually. To grow in favor with God is to grow spiritually. To grow in favor with men is to grow socially. This occurs by participating on a team and by developing Christian character qualities.

The team experience teaches players to work together, support each other, and place the welfare of the group ahead of self-interest. One of the goals of S.V.H.E sports is to help develop Christian character. This will help the players to be better people. It will produce young people who will be an asset to our society. Character traits to be developed include patience, controlling anger, respect for authority, obedience and submission, diligence, discipline, thankfulness, graciousness, integrity, forgiveness, self-control, brotherly love, wisdom, kind speech, sportsmanship, servant leadership, and trust in the Lord. This list is not exclusive and could also include other Christian character traits.

Guidelines of S.V.H.E sports

Structure of leadership:

Leadership shall consist of a director, coaches, and a treasurer. The leadership shall meet as needed to discuss finances, scheduling, insurance, fund-raising, and other issues. This group will be responsible for recruiting committees. Committees might include: fund-raising, concession stand, tournament, publicity, etc. Coaches shall meet together as needed to discuss any problems, and assure continuity between high school and junior high teams.

All of the above must be members or alumni of S.V.H.E or have a sponsor. All must agree to S.V.H.E Statement of Faith and S.V.H.E Sports Mission Statement and Guidelines.

Guidelines for coaches and assistants

We value teaching good sportsmanship, fair play, persistence, and character-building above “winning at all costs.” Therefore, we desire to see each player participate in each game, as appropriate for his/her skill level.

The coach should model Christian character at all times, and work to build up each individual, both in terms of Christian character and in the skills of the sport. The coach’s attitude and tone of voice should be one of encouragement and not “belittling” or tearing down.

Practices for the sport will be supported by the parents and the players, but will be scheduled in light of the many other activities in the player’s lives. Practices are limited to twice a week.

Academics

At least 50% of academic subjects must be taught through home-schooling. This does not include college classes, vocational or technical classes taken outside the home or classes taken at private or public schools.

Grade point average at least 2.0 (or “C”) shall be maintained.

Eligibility

*High school students cannot be 19 years of age before Sept. 1st of year participating

*Junior high students cannot be 15 years of age before Sept. 1st of year participating

*Once a student is listed as a 9th grader he or she can only play 4 consecutive years as a high school student

*Also, once a student has passed through the graduation ceremonies of S.V.H.E. he or she will not be eligible to participate in S.V.H.E sport

Parent’s Choice Since 1) Parents are in charge of their children’s education, and 2) most tournaments' eligibility rules state that anyone not 15 by Sept. 1st can play on Jr. High level; and 3) Every child has certain skills and qualities. Therefore, parents shall be given the option to place their child on either the High School or Junior High basketball team with the following qualifications:

1. Parents must make their decision before the first game of the season;
2. The child will remain with that team for the whole season (unless there are unusual circumstances).
3. If the child is older than 15 he/she will not be able to play in the tournaments on the Junior High level. Also, during regular season play opposing coaches will need to be apprised of the child.

Parent's Responsibilities

Because of safety reasons, it is requested that players ride with a responsible adult to away games, never alone or with other players only. This is because of possible injury at the game or potential traffic accidents.

It is requested that parents volunteer to help with S.V.H.E. sports. Remember it is a team effort not only for the players but also for the parents. Many opportunities arise each sports season to volunteer. Parents are needed to keep score, run the clock, keep statistics for the coaches, provide water for players, provide rides, etc. And pray for the team.

Parents are to see that your child gets to practices and games. There is a commitment. If your schedule is too busy maybe it is best not to participate in S.V.H.E sports.

Students Responsibilities:

- To be at all practices & games.
- If unable to be there must tell the coach
- Do their very best
- Work as a team with others
- Must be teachable & able to submit to the coach
- Exhibit Christian character at all times
- Have fun

Conflicts

- Pray & Seek God first.
- Go directly to coach or person involved to solve differences.
- Problem still unresolved come to S.V.H.E Sports president. The president will take another coach or officer with him or her to help you confront that person.
- Still unresolved we will have a meeting with all the parents on that particular team to deal with problem.
- Do not go to S.V.H.E officers with sports problems. **The S.V.H.E support group officers will be used only as the last resort if all other avenues fail**

SVHE Volleyball Players' Team Rules

Attitude and Code of Conduct:

1. Exhibit Christian character at all times. Realize you are representing the Lord Jesus Christ, your parents, S.V.H.E., your coach, fellow players, fans and your town.
2. Respect all coaches which includes being submissive and teachable.
Respect others in authority here and while visiting other towns which includes officials, parents and other players.
3. Respect the use of public facilities and equipment at all times in all situations.
4. Demonstrate good Sportsmanship before, during and after all games.
5. Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat.
6. Be aware of your language and conduct around younger players. All players are asked to use God-honoring speech and conduct in practice, while traveling to games and around the team in general. A warning will be given for offensive language or behavior but will not be tolerated.

Practice:

1. Attendance – All girls must make every effort to attend practice on time. If you are unable to attend, please call and let one of the coaches know.

Missing a practice without letting the coach know will result in not being

able to play the first match of a scheduled game. Habitual tardiness without excuse or a phone call will result in a player not being able to play the first match or a match scheduled the week of being tardy.

2. Dress – Players should come to practice with all necessary equipment which includes shoes, knee pads and water bottle. If a player does not have appropriate shoes she will be asked to sit out of practice and not participate. Players are asked to dress modestly to practice and games. No spaghetti strapped tops, low cut shirts, short shorts, or shorts with writing on the back; and no shirts are allowed with offensive writing or graphics.

Games:

Players should be at all games on time with appropriate shoes, socks, knee pads, uniform and hair up out of face and no jewelry should be worn also. Players need to sit together and stay together before, during and after the game until the coaches dismiss them. No going into stands to talk to friends or parents unless being dismissed or excused from a coach. Please be respectful of all facilities and equipment, be courteous and hospitable at all times.

Choir General Information

Choirs and Band begin the Thurs. after Labor Day

@ Salina Bible Church, 2100 Quincy

Welcome to SVHE Choirs! We are pleased you have chosen to allow your child to participate in choral music. We know that you agree with us that music is an important part of your child's overall education. Here are a few guide lines to help us have a great year together!

1. Our Fall Program will be _____. Please put this date on your calendars to keep it open. **Our rehearsals are each Thursday from 1-2:30** until the program. **If you discover you cannot be at the program, please contact your choir director ASAP!** Second semester starts with rehearsal the second Mon. in January at the same time and location.

2. Fees: This summarizes the choir fees.

Choir	Fee
Kinderchoir (K-2)	\$5
Intermediate Choir (Grades 3-6)	\$12
Senior Choir (Grades 7-12)	\$12

Maximum choir fee: \$30/family/semester

Please make your checks out to: **Salina Home School Choir**. Karen Groot is our treasurer and will collect these fees. Please pay the first day of choir or send your checks to Karen Groot, 1940 W. Watkins Road, Salina, K.S 67401 (and not to your director).

3. Each parent will be required to assist in the Kinder-choir one or more times during the semester. If your child is enrolled in this choir, please sign up on the available sheets. You are of course welcome and encouraged to visit your child's choir at any time.

4. In addition to weekly parent assistants, we may also need helpers for costumes, props/decorations, reception help and clean up. If you have a special interest or talent, please let your director know.

5. There is no nursery during choir.

6. Your child is expected to be involved in an activity if he/she is in the church building. **If not involved in an organized activity, he/she should be supervised by their parent or leave the building.** Please discuss with your child what is expected: no running, no loud behavior, no climbing on bushes or trees, obey the leaders, etc. It is imperative that our children be under control and supervised, even if their parents are in the building and involved in other activities. If you have a child who need supervision from 2:30-3:30 (after choir and before band) you may be asked to help with the study hall. Study Hall at Salina Bible Church is located downstairs, second room on the east side of the hall. In particular, students and adults must not loiter, nor visit in the downstairs hallway during band.

7. Dismissal of Students: Parents of Kinderchoir students should come inside to pick up your child. The choir directors will dismiss them only to "authorized" individuals (please indicate who is authorized to pick up your child--including siblings--on the sign up sheets). Because the leaders are volunteers and **often need to leave soon after choir, please be considerate and pick up you child promptly!** Once your child leaves choir rehearsal, they are dismissed into the care of their parent(s). The church and choir directors are not responsible for them at that point.

8. If your child is involved in choir, there should be a commitment to follow through with rehearsals and performances. **Out of courtesy to your director, please call as soon as possible to advise of any unforeseen absences due to illness or being out of town.**

9. Please see the Co-op Disciplinary Guidelines in the SVHE Activities Handbook. We will use these for Choir as well.

10. Dress for programs: Girls: Long sleeve collared white blouses, dark skirts (knee-length or longer). Boys: Long sleeve collared white shirts, dark pants.

11. Directors this year are: **Kinder-choir** (K-2): Director: Ann Newcomer (825-4910; email: newcomer family@gmail.com), **Intermediate Choir**: Director: Michelle David (452-9131; email: pwsmom@juno.com), Accompanist: Marilyn Will. **Senior Choir**: Karla Dennis (825-7012; email: karlasww@gmail.com), Accompanist: David Dennis.

S.V.H.E. Committee Opportunities

1. **Program/Workshop**—A very important aspect of each meeting is the program. There is actually a budget for this to bring “experts” in to talk about various topics of interest to home schooling families. The person who heads this up will be responsible for the program each monthly SVHE meeting. It’s a great way to get involved and make a difference!

2. **Play Day**—At this point I’m not sure what the job description for this is, But it sounds like a lot of fun! I’m assuming that it is for the children of our member families to get together and someone is needed to organize this if we are to have it. Again, another way to be of service to other families.

3. **Child Care**—Another VERY important aspect of our monthly meetings. The person who volunteers for this area of service would be responsible to make sure that there is adequate child care for each monthly meeting. Obviously, if there is child care available families with younger children would find it easier to be involved in the meeting/program.

4. **Make-A-Plate**—I’m sure that the idea is to put designs/art on a plate itself, after a paper has been designed and then sent in to be transferred onto the plate. This has been something that has been done in the past, and if there is someone enthusiastic about this aspect of service to the children of SVHE I’m sure there would be a great deal of participation.

5. **Project Fair**—This event gives all the children in our membership the opportunity to “show off” the various projects that they may have been working on all year long. Special recognition was given to all participants, and it was held during our regular monthly meeting as the program—so whoever chooses to serve as program committee chair already has one month on the calendar!

6. **Graduation Committee**—All graduates as well as eighth graduates (if invited to participate by the seniors) will celebrate their graduation in May. A committee is put together to plan this very important event.

7. **Teen Banquet Committee**—this event usually takes place in April. It has been a very successful event for all involved.

8. **Mom's Night Out**- Organized events for moms to get together.

Each of these areas of service is an important aspect of who we are as an association of home schooling families. Please pray about how God would lead you to serve. Don't worry about not having any experience; we'll learn together, all that is needed is a heart for service!

Specialized Service

Multi Sensory Reading and Spelling— A sequential program for children struggling with reading and spelling. Tutoring is available for children ranging in ages from 7 years through high school. For information call Lana Heaton 823-1018

SVHE officers

President.....Fred Schweer
Vice-President..... Marshall Greene
Treasurer.....Meagan Long
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Band Director

Debbie Metzger

Choir Directors

Senior Choir.....Karla Dennis
Intermediate Choir.....Michelle David
Kinder Choir.....Ann Newcomer
Treasurer.....Karen Groot

Co-op Staff

Director/ High School classes.....Renee Rivera
Assistant Director/ Primary classes.....Gayle Pfannenstiel
Nursery director.....
Treasurer.....Ivy Graves
Teachers/Facilitators.....all serving in that capacity
Parent-helpers.....all serving in that capacity

S.V.H.E Sports

Athletic Director.....

Basketball

Treasurer.....Dave Newcomer

High School boys coach.....Brian Kulas and Mark Hoover

High School girls coach.....Kevin Hazelton and Scott Farenthold

Junior High boys coach.....Geronimo Rivera

Junior High girls coach.....Ann Newcomer

Volleyball

High School/ Junior High coach... Debbie Sexton

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