

# ***SMOKY VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS, INC.***

## **Business Meeting**

**Virtually via Google meet**

**12-11-2020**

**12:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Called to Order by President Arlen Redden @12:06 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Arlen Redden, Lane Mills, John and Sonja Woods, Leah Graves, Jessica Linam, Jesse Smith, Hayley Redden, and Lindi Fahrenthold

### **Agenda:**

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**Topics of Discussion:** Approval of prior meeting minutes, Treasurer's report, Committee reports, Old Business, New Business and Budget for 2020/2021.

Lane Mills opened in prayer.

Reviewal of last business meeting minutes, Jesse moved to approve minutes from last business meeting. Leah Graves second to approve. Vote to approve meeting minutes. All in favor, none oppose.

**Treasurer's report**, given by Leah Grave's: SVHE has agreed to partner with the basketball program for background checks on all volunteers and coaches. This is being paid through the General Fund to basketball and basketball pays back into the General Fund to cover cost. There was no choir this fall. Incoming membership dues were mentioned. The Kroger fund yielded a small income. Previous balance, minimal expenses, and assets were covered with a total of \$5400.24. Sports balances: Volleyball and Basketball need to correct problems within their accounting before updating. They will finalize balances at the end of Basketball season and final totals can be expected then.

Lindi Farhenthold motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Woods. Vote approved by all, none opposed.

### **Committee Reports:**

Arlen announces no changes regarding SVHE library. Jesse Smith updates that Kimmie Smith is still logging books and hours are the same, Monday- Thursday, from 9 am-4 pm and closed for lunch.

**Coop classes:** Lindi Fahrenthold informs that there was no choir this fall because of Co-vid 19 and the risk to the high-risk pianist, and there will be no choir this spring. In place of choir, hand bells and boom-whackers were suggested. There is money in the choir fund or those can possibly be borrowed, but helpers would be needed.

Music theory will continue into the spring for High School students. Goldenbelt is still on the calendar for March 19<sup>th</sup> to meet 3 weeks before the concert in the evenings. Arlen will send and email request regarding interest in Golden Belt. Lindi Farhenthold suggested and email be sent about not having spring choir as well.

**Classical Conversations:** Director, Hayley Redden reports that CC is full and going well. They are exploring opening a second campus due to numbers. All field trips have been cancelled through February due to Covid but look for email updates as we move into the spring.

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Arlen asked about the status of 4H meetings. Lindi F. reported all meetings are virtual, no meetings are being hosted in person at this time.

Arlen received an email update from Heather Day, Athletic Director, regarding game attendance. No home games are open to the public currently and likely throughout this season. Immediate family members of players can attend games. Accounting was mentioned earlier in the Treasurer's report.

Arlen read Jason Tracy's email regarding Eaglebots update. Eaglebots has gone completely virtual. The organization went virtual, as well as all tournaments. Regional Championships will be held online, the first week of March 2021, with finals on the 6<sup>th</sup>. All entries will be recorded via video presentation, and robot matches recorded. It is a different format, but the team is excited to move forward.

**Check update:** John Woods, CHECK representative, states that due to Covid there was no Capitol Day in 2020 and there is not one scheduled for 2021. Instead they are scheduling online Zoom meetings with Kansas legislators. He recently spoke with Senator Ty Masterson in a trial run on Zoom. Senator Masterson is a homeschool father of six. John shared that he asked about parental rights. Senator Masterson stated he didn't foresee any threats that would directly affect us as homeschoolers. John is planning more Zoom meetings with legislators in our immediate area that include Representative Diana Dierks and Representative JR Claeys. They are East and West of the Salina area. Three to eight families can join in on the Zoom meetings for about 30-45 mins. John inquired of possible interest. Arlen stated an email and reminder can be sent out for more information. Arlen felt if people know in advance, there will be interest. Asked that information be written and sent to him. Sonja Woods felt the Zoom meeting format, with several families involved would be less intimidating for many. Leah mentioned she is interested in attending. Jesse asked if anything was scheduled yet. John: nothing is scheduled so far. Jesse agreed with Arlen, as long as info is giving out with enough notice for planning, there should be involvement. Leah commented that a section of homeschooling adoptees have to prove their academic status, visiting with legislators would be a great opportunity to introduce legislators to adoptive families within the homeschool community. Sonja suggested that CHECK could help write legislation and bills primarily for homeschoolers defense.

Arlen gave a website development update. He is working with Dan Peterson. May be able to switch to the new website soon and that the format is better for presenting information.

**Graduation:** Patty Reilly sent an update email to Arlen. Graduation has been scheduled at First Covenant Church for Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. They are working on setting up livestream for the event. Graduation practice will be at First Covenant Church on Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 pm and students will have the fellowship hall to set up tables and have snacks after the graduation ceremony. Arlen Redden will perform the Master of ceremonies. Jason Reilly will run the sound for the event. They are still looking for a photographer and helpers for the live stream. The students have requested a gospel speaker. The Timkens will handle the money for the graduation budget and funds. Shuarts will be producing the memory video for the students. The DeHaans will be putting together the program and biographies for the graduation. Reilly's will be contacting persons involved in the ceremony. Students were asked to choose a life verse, begin their bios, collect pictures, and select a song for their portion of the memories video. Students will wear whatever color of cap and gown they choose. Each graduate will have two siblings for candle holders during the ceremony. Planning is going well.

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**Old Business:**

Checking account was switched from former Treasure Rebecca Moline to current Treasurer Leah Graves, and from former President Jesse Smith to current Vice President Lane Mills. Online banking was set up and is making Leah's job much easier.

**New Business:**

There is nothing new to vote on. Child protection policy is being developed and implemented through SVHE athletics. A team is being developed, as well as an online format. Discussions are in place regarding what it looks like. The hope is to not create new problems, why trying to prevent future ones. Policy creation is being worked on, thought through, and covered in much prayer. If anyone wants to be involved, please contact Arlen. Jesse Smith and Lindi are also involved in the policy development. Jesse mentioned the need to explore how this operates under the SVHE umbrella. Coop classes would be considered the parents responsibility and discretion, but at his church they do background checks. Arlen agreed, we need good guidelines and to further the discussions so that everything can be covered in the policy. Leah Graves gave the suggestion of building relations with the Children's Alliance Center to provide homeschool families resources for online safeguards. This would help parents become wiser about protecting kids and families from dangers online. Arlen recommended building links to information on the SVHE website for anyone with interest as a tool for parents. This could help open communication with kids and be a helpful and beneficial resource for our families.

Lane Mills asked about the future budget. Jesse said it will not be turned in until April, but work starts on it in February. It will be ready to present by May.

Motion to adjourn by Arlen Redden, John Woods second the motion. All approve, none opposed.

Lane Mills closed in prayer @ 12:50 p.m.

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*Minutes submitted by Jessica Linam, SVHE Secretary*