

## SMOKY VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS, INC.

Back to School Business Meeting

In Person

08-07-21

7:15 pm

Meeting called to order by President Arlen Redden at 7:15 pm

**Attendees:** Nathan & Jenny Mercy (4), Rebecca Kejr (1), Dan & Regan Peterson (5), Peter Browning (1), Arlen & Hayley Redden (8), Jeff & Deb Garretson (6), Jessica Fahrenthold (1), Katrina Fahrenthold (1), Rachelle Grimmett (6), Danny & Melissa Phillips (4), Amanda Reynolds (5), Micah & Melissa Mattison (5), Wayne & Erin McQuillan (6), Melissa Miller (2)

**Topics of Discussion:** Approval of minutes from June, Approval of Treasurer's Report, Library, 4H, Choir, COOP Classes, TEA, Volleyball, Baseball, Eaglebots, Field Trips, Classical Conversations, CHECK, Website, Fundraising, Basketball Skills, Trap Shooting, Scripture Memory Systems, Child Protection Policy, Approval of \$300 choir request, Hyllningsfest, Game Nights

### **Thanking previous officers**

Lane Miller - Vice President

Leah Graves - Treasurer

Jessica Linam - Secretary

John Woods - CHECK

### **Introducing new officers**

Todd Zerger - Vice President

Regan Peterson - Treasurer

Melissa Miller - Secretary

Wayne McQuillan - CHECK

**Roll Call** A sign in sheet was passed around. 13 families signed in for a total of 55 attending.

### **Minutes**

**Motion to Approve** Peter Browning

**2nd** Wayne McQuillan

**Minutes approved**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Motion to Approve** Deb Garretson

**2nd** Hayley Redden

**Treasurer's Report approved**

Regan Peterson mentioned that the dollar amount for volleyball would have to be amended due to fraudulent charges. They are working with the bank on this matter.

<b>SVHE Treasurer's Report</b>	
<b>August 6, 2021</b>	
Beginning Balance	<b>\$6,396.50</b>
Income	
Membership Dues	\$275.00
Total Income	<b>\$275.00</b>
Expenses	
SVHE Socials	\$164.78
SVHE Basketball Background Checks	\$10.00
JotForm	\$19.00
Paypal Fees	\$11.33
Total Expenses	<b>\$205.11</b>
General Fund Ending Balance	<b>\$6,466.39</b>
Baseball Ending Balance	<b>\$1,027.60</b>
Basketball Ending Balance	<b>\$16,447.66</b>
Volleyball Ending Balance	<b>\$3,301.68</b>
General Fund Assets	\$4,817.36
Choir Fund Assets	\$1,128.38
Eagle Bot Net Assets	\$297.98
Baseball Net Assets	\$1,027.60
Basketball Net Assets	\$16,447.66
Volleyball Net Assets	\$3,301.68
Total Net Assets	<b>\$27,020.66</b>

## **Committee Reports**

**Library/Kimmi Smith** The library can be accessed M-R 9-12 and 1-4 at First Southern Baptist. Ring the doorbell and the church secretary will let you in. All items are available for checkout but the bookshelves in the middle of the room have homeschooling materials on them. A plan is in place to search for materials on the computer.

**COOP/Lindi Fahrenthold** Katrina Fahrenthold provided information for high school students interested in creative writing and speech. Ann Newcomer will be teaching Creative Writing on Mondays from 12:30-1:45 at the cost of \$10 per student and Speech on Mondays from 1:45-3:15 at the cost of \$20 per student at First Southern Baptist Church beginning August 23. Email or phone her if you are interested in those classes. [newcomerfamily@gmail.com](mailto:newcomerfamily@gmail.com) or 785-825-4910

**Choir/Lindi Fahrenthold** Katrina Fahrenthold shared that SVHE choir will begin Wednesday, September 8. Classes will be held at First Southern Baptist Church from 1:00-2:30. Cost will be \$15 for the 1st child, \$10 for the 2nd child, and \$5 for each additional child in a family. An email will be sent out next week explaining how to sign up.

**4H/Lindi Fahrenthold** Katrina Fahrenthold invited members interested in 4H to attend the Boldly Go's Fall Fling at the end of September. They meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 4:15 at First Baptist Church. Contact Robyn Prickett at 785.493.0014 or Lindi Fahrenthold at 785.826.5980 for more information.

**TEA/Missy Mattison** TEA is a meeting for SVHE moms to attend to receive encouragement. Missy passed out postcards advertising the fall events. Events will typically be communicated through emails and Facebook. Missy also announced that Amanda Reynolds and Lisa Claassen would be helping organize events this year.

**Athletics/Heather Day** Hayley Redden shared that volleyball will begin Monday, August 9 at 3:30 followed by a parent meeting at 5:30. Practices and home games will be held at St. Johns. The calendar is available on the SVHE website.

Jeff Garretson talked about SVHE Baseball, a team that is only four years old. The team is composed of 14-18 year olds, playing public schools such as Concordia, Minneapolis, and Southeast of Salina at the JV level. Last year the ten player team graduated two seniors at a double header game. He thanked SVHE for filling the stands that day as they ended the year with a 5-4 record. Play Huge Eagles!

**Eaglebots** Eaglebots is a First Lego League team that has grown by leaps and bounds in 4 years, however, they are in need of a coach to lead them. Registration is actually open now! Robots and programming are key components for the kids, but coaches don't need ANY engineering skills - just to be passionate about kids learning and guide them as they troubleshoot and design on their own. FIRST has many resources for new teams, and Jason Tracy is happy to answer questions for new and interested coaches to pass along our

experiences. If this is something that interests you, please contact Arlen Redden to see how to move forward.

**Field Trips/Hayley Redden** There are opportunities in Kansas that will surely pique the interest of your students - theater productions, pumpkin patch adventures, dinosaurs, animals, gardens, and so much more - take advantage of the field trip schedule that Hayley has put together. Check your email or Facebook for the latest field trip

**Classical Conversations/Hayley Redden** Hayley shared that there are only a few spots left in the Thursday community. Another community will be opening on Tuesdays.

**COOP/Hayley Redden** Hayley is working on organizing art classes for all ages and PE classes. The goal is to meet once a month.

**CHECK/Wayne McQuillan** There is nothing new to report. The first meeting will be August 10.

**Website/Dan Peterson** Our new web master is Dan Peterson. He is looking into new ways to help SVHE families connect through the website. Contact Dan at [web@svhe.com](mailto:web@svhe.com)

**Fundraising/Arlen Redden** SVHE members are invited to work at the River Festival booths on September 3-5. We are paid \$600 to sell t-shirts and provide information to festival attendees. There is no cost to get into the festival if all you are doing is working the booth, otherwise it is \$10 a day at the gate or \$15 for all four days, advanced purchase. Children 11 and under are free. Arlen is checking on the possibility of a walk through to be held on September 2.

**Basketball Skills/Peter Browning** Basketball skills development is held every Tuesday from 6:00-7:30 am at First Covenant Church. This will continue until basketball season starts. Weekly reminders are posted on the SVHE Facebook page and the Facebook basketball page.

**Basic Trap Shooting Clinic/Peter Browning** Geary County Fish & Game Association is offering a beginning trap shooting clinic on Saturday, August 28 from 9:00 am -3:00 pm for new shooters, age 12 through adult. Class includes: trap rules, safety, shotgun & ammo selection, range layout, shooting position, and coaching through 100 targets. It will be held at Sportsman's Acres, 3922 K-244 Spur near Milford Lake, Junction City. Cost is FREE for youth age 17 and under, and \$25 for adults. Includes class, coaching, targets, and lunch. Participants provide shotgun, ammo, eye & ear protection. Class size is limited to 15 to ensure quality instruction. To reserve your spot, contact Larry George at 785.223.1069 or email [lgeorge10@cox.net](mailto:lgeorge10@cox.net)

**Scripture Memory System/Peter & Gretchen Browning** SMS is a program designed to aid families in memorizing Scripture. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Monday for 45 minutes at First Covenant Church. For additional information contact Peter & Gretchen Browning at 913.219.7455

**Continued Business**

**SVHE Child Protection Policy/Arlen Redden** Volunteers have included Lane Mills, Leah Graves, Jessica Linam, John Woods, Lindi Fahrenthold, Gretchen Browning, Hayley Redden, and Arlen Redden. The team met several times last year, but took a break for the summer. Meetings will resume soon, and will continue soon, and will continue until we have an acceptable policy to vote on.

## **New Business**

**Choir** SVHE needs to vote on adding \$300 to the general fund budget. The need comes from the extra expense of paying music directors and accompanists. In the past, they were volunteers. Choir will be taking care of some of the expense with choir signup fee and also possible fundraisers.

### **Adding \$300 to general fund budget for choir**

**Motion to approve** Peter Browning

**2nd** Wayne McQuillan

**Motion passed**

**Banking** Lane Mills and Leah Graves have been removed from the checking account and added Todd Zerger and Regan Peterson.

**Invitation to Lindsborg Activities/Deb Garretson** Deb Garretson announced that the Swedish dancers are needed for Hyllningsfest to be held October 8 & 9. Costumes are provided. To receive more information about practice and performance times, contact Rachelle Grimmett at 785.212.0275.

Deb also mentioned that homeschoolers of all ages are invited to Crosspoint Church in Lindsborg to play games. Contact Deb Garretson at 785.342.4730 for more information.

Peter Browning closed the meeting in prayer.

Meeting adjourned @7:58 pm