

SMOKY VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS, INC.

Quarterly Business Meeting and Fellowship Dinner

In Person

11-05-21

7:45 pm

Meeting called to order by President Arlen Redden at 7:45 pm

Prayer by Vice President Todd Zerger

**Attendees:** Louis & Melissa Ade (5), Angela Eilts (3), Todd Zerger (1), Dan & Regan Peterson (5), Arlen & Hayley Redden (8), Jeff & Deb Garretson (4), Conley & Nicole Nichols (8), Michael & Melissa Miller (2)

**Topics of Discussion:** Approval of minutes from August, Approval of Treasurer's Report, Library, 4H, Choir, COOP Classes, TEA, Field Trips, CHECK, Website, Fundraising, Child Protection Policy, Game Nights

**Roll Call** A sign in sheet was passed around. 8 families signed in for a total of 36 attending.

**Minutes**

**Motion to Approve** Todd Zerger

**2nd** Hayley Redden

**Minutes approved**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Motion to Approve** Louis Ade

**2nd** Hayley Redden Conley Nichols

**Minutes approved**

<b>SVHE Treasurer's Report</b>	
<b>November 6, 2021</b>	
Beginning Balance	<b>\$6,243.72</b>
Income	
Membership Dues	\$1,860.00
Fund Raiser Income-Dillions	\$49.24
Fund Raiser Income-River Festival	\$600.00
SVHE Basketball - Background Checks	\$30.00
Cross Country Participant Fees	\$1,385.00
Graduation Expenses-Voided Check Leslie Hughes	\$50.00

Choir Membership Dues	\$820.00
Total Income	\$4,794.24
Expenses	
Cross Country Expenses	\$1,255.20
Social/Programs	\$22.00
JotForm	\$47.50
Paypal Fees	\$76.97
Checkr, Inc.-Basketball Background Check	\$30.00
Domain Name Renewal	\$15.50
Website Domain & Privacy Protection	\$25.98
Choir Music	\$150.58
Checkr, Inc.-Choir Background Check	\$30.00
Total Expenses	\$1,653.73
General Fund Ending Balance	\$9,384.23
Baseball Ending Balance	\$1,027.60
Basketball Ending Balance	\$18,630.60
Volleyball Ending Balance	\$4,963.71
General Fund Assets	\$7,018.45
Choir Fund Assets	\$2,067.80
Eagle Bot Net Assets	\$297.98
Baseball Net Assets	\$1,027.60
Basketball Net Assets	\$18,630.60
Volleyball Net Assets	\$4,963.71
Total Net Assets	\$34,006.14

## **Committee Reports**

**Library/Kimmi Smith** No updates. Everything is in their system now and ready to go.

The library can be accessed during church office hours, which are: M-Th 9-12 and 1-4.

You just have to ring their doorbell and the secretary will let you in. We are able to use any of the materials there, but there are two sets of shelves that are specific to homeschooling in the middle of the room. I'd like to label them as such, but haven't yet. I also plan to type up an instruction sheet for how to search for an item on their computer, which they said we could use for that purpose, especially if no one is there to help. We are encouraged to check out the large collection of missionary stories.

**COOP Art/Hayley Redden** Hayley reported 60 children are enrolled in the once-a-month art class that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Next semester starts January 12, 2022.

**COOP PE/Hayley Redden** Hayley has done a fabulous job organizing a variety of PE activities for our students. She reported that tennis in September was such a hit that three more weeks of tennis lessons were given. She is thinking about scheduling six weeks of lessons in the fall of 2022. Take note of the future PE activities and RSVP to Hayley at 785.341.7959.

Friday, November 19	2:00 & 3:00	Pickleball at the Field House \$3 per student
Friday, January 14	10:30-12pm	Swimming at the YMCA \$3 per swimmer, adults free
Monday, February 14	2pm	Sky Trampoline park, \$6/kid
Friday, March 11	4pm	Sun Yi's Taekwondo Instruction by Master Redden
Friday, April 1	2pm	Kickball
Friday, May 6	6pm	Family bike ride

**Field Trips/Hayley Redden** Hayley shared our upcoming field trips. Save the dates and RSVP to Hayley Redden at 785.341.7959.

**11/12/21** Take a tour through the **Sternberg Museum**. There will be lots of fossils and some animals to see. If weather permits, take a walk on their new nature trails. Cost is \$5/person

**1/21/22** Celebrate Kansas Day at the **Smoky Hill Museum** in Salina. This field trip is free and is scheduled from 1:00-2:30 PM.

**Choir/Lindi Fahrenthold** The Christmas choir concert will be Thursday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. at First Covenant Church. Spring Kinderchoir and Intermediate Choir will start January 12, 2022, at First Southern from 1-2:30 pm. It will meet on Wednesdays, with a concert in April. Golden Belt Vocal Festival for grades 7-12 will be March 18 at First Covenant Church. There will be 4 evening practices before March 18 - dates to be determined. The SVHE Senior Choir will meet on Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. at First Southern on Jan. 12, 19, 26, and Feb. 2 to start working on Vocal Festival Songs.

**TEA/Missy Mattison** Homeschool moms will be gathering at Missy Mattison's home on Friday, November 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm for a cookie exchange.

**Athletics/Heather Day** Volleyball and Cross Country just finished a great season. The Cross Country girl's team won first place and the boys were the runner up at the first ever KSHSAA approved schools state championship.

Basketball practices are in full swing and the first games for the JH teams will be Nov 30 at Flint Hills Christian. All teams will kick off the season on December 3-4 at the Christmas Classic Tournament in Haysville.

**Fundraising/Arlen Redden** The River Festival t-shirt booth fundraiser was a success. Thank you to everyone who helped. A \$600 check has been received.

**Graduation/Gretchen Browning** Graduation has been set for April 30, 2022. The ceremony will be held at First Covenant Church or Crosspoint Church. Please contact Gretchen at 913.219.7455 if you have a senior that would like to participate.

**Website/Dan Peterson** The online directory is up and running. The password will be emailed to SVHE members.

**CHECK/Wayne McQuillan** Legislative Training Kansas: Maggie McKneely, Amy Buchmeyer, Tj Schmidt | Summer 2021

Building Relationships Across the Aisle

Maggie McKneely, Tj Schmidt

- Put on Homeschool Capitol Day
- Engage legislators in their district and at local events
- Task a couple of families to try and build relationships with key legislators (i.e. Education Chairs, etc.) Building Relationships Across the Aisle

***Scenario 1- Supportive Legislator Proposing legislation you don't want***

1. Engaging legislator in discussion about legislation.

- Set up a meeting with staff or legislator.
- Bring at least one family (and kids) from their district.
- Have a short information sheet on Kansas law and why you don't want the legislation or why it is unnecessary.

• Tell legislator you appreciate their support and don't want this issue to result in negative calls from homeschoolers.

- Inform legislator you will be forced to testify against the bill if it comes up for vote.

2. Testifying before a committee about legislation.

- Prepare multiple people or individuals to testify against the bill.
- Use older teens when appropriate (from speech and debate if possible).
- Urge families to contact committee members with a clear message against the bill.

### ***Scenario 2- Hostile Legislator Proposing legislation you don't want***

#### 1. Engaging legislator in discussion about legislation.

• Find out as much information about the legislator from someone in their district or friendly legislator.

• Set up a meeting with staff or legislator.

• Bring several families (and kids) from their district. If possible, bring someone they know/respect.

• Have a short information sheet on Kansas law and why you oppose it.

• Tell legislator this issue will result in negative calls from homeschoolers.

• Inform the legislator you will testifying against the bill.

#### 2. Testifying before a committee about legislation.

• Prepare multiple people to testify against the bill.

• Use older teens when appropriate (from speech and debate if possible).

• Urge families to contact committee members with a clear message against the bill.

### ***Scenario 3- Proposing Legislation Proposing legislation you want***

#### 1. Engaging legislator in discussion about legislation.

• Find out as much information about the legislator from someone in their district or a friendly legislator and create a list of possible sponsors.

• Think about all steps the legislation will have to take to pass and reach across aisle to get people on both sides (if possible/necessary).

• Set up a meeting with staff or legislator.

• Bring several families (and kids) from their district. If possible, bring someone they know.

• Have a short information sheet on Kansas law and why you are proposing legislation.

• Tell legislator this issue will result in positive calls from homeschoolers. Don't over promise numbers.

• Inform the legislator you will be willing to testify for the bill.

• Enlist help from HSLDA to get word out on bill, background information/statistics, etc.

#### 2. Testifying before a committee about legislation.

• Prepare multiple individuals to testify for the bill.

• Try to plan out testimony to address different aspects of the bill or reason for need.

• Tell personal impact of legislation

• Use older teens when appropriate (from speech and debate if possible).

• Urge families to contact committee members with a clear message in support of the bill.

### **Proposal for implementing the training.**

• Find families willing to build relationships with their local Kansas Legislators.

- Contact them personally, set up a face to face meetings are the most effective, talk about non-legislative interests that are shared such as, sports, family, faith, etc.
- Ask what you can do for them.
- Middle School aged children and older may be able to serve as a Page for their Legislators.
- Trips to the Capital.
  - So Legislators can see the home-school community.
- Home-school families regularly contact their Legislators.
  - Send emails, not directly relating to legislation. Such as your family is praying for them, encouraging them, or reminding them of their duty to God. (1 Tim 2:1-4, Rom 13, Phil 4:6, Prov 21:1, Col 1:16-17).
  - Send emails directly related to legislation that affects education, whether it's positive or negative expressing the view of the home-school communities views on the proposed legislation. (Is 54:13, Pro 22:6, Deut 6:4-9, Eph 6:1-4).

There is only about 5% of the population that actively contacts their Legislators, so let's fill it with the voices of Christians. I want to emphasize that as Christians, we are to be joyful, and not pugnacious, (not unnecessarily combative), so when we engage our legislators we do so with the respect of their office, that God appointed them to; but never compromising on the authority of Christ, The KING of kings. (1 Peter 3:13-22, Rom 13).

I (Wayne McQuillan) have a link to the legislative training meeting. If there is anyone interested in seeing it, they can email me, and I will send it to them. This meeting is considered private, so we request that the link not be publicly shared.

If there is anyone interested in finding out more, they can email me with their questions.

**Game Night/Deb Garretson** Homeschoolers of all ages are invited to Crosspoint Church at 101 ½ North Harrison Street in Lindsborg (behind the dentist's office) to play games on Friday, November 19 night from 7-9 pm. Bring your favorite board games.

**SVHE Child Protection Policy/Arlen Redden** The committee will begin working on this again soon. The goal is to have a template to follow for background checks as new coaches or leaders step up to facilitate sports or classes. Those that have helped in the past will be contacted to see if they have a desire to continue working on this project. If you would like to help, please contact Arlen Redden at 785.452.8104.

## **No New Business**

Our next meeting will be a Parents Night Out on Thursday, February 17, 2022.

## **Motion to adjourn**

***Motion to Approve*** Conley Nichols  
***2nd*** Todd Zerger  
***Motion approved***

Arlen Redden closed in prayer  
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.