

SMOKY VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS, INC.

Quarterly Business Meeting and Parents Night Out at Old Chicago

In Person

2-17-22

8:20 pm

Meeting called to order by President Arlen Redden at 8:20 pm

**Attendees:** Arlen & Hayley Redden (2), Michael & Melissa Miller (2), Louis & Melissa Ade (2), Jacob & Alisha Hemmer (2), Dan & Regan Peterson (2), Jesse & Kimmi Smith (2), Micah & Missy Mattison (2), Wayne & Erin McQuillan (2), Lane & Maria Mills (2)

**Topics of Discussion:** Approval of minutes from November, Approval of Treasurer's Report, Library, Choir, COOP Classes (Art & PE) Field Trips, Trap team, 4H, TEA, Basketball, Baseball, CHECK, Website, Graduation, VolunTEENs at Salina Public Library, Child Protection Policy, New Business - officers, Communication coordinator

**Roll Call** A sign in sheet was passed around. 9 families signed in for a total of 18 attending.

**Minutes**

**Motion to Approve** Hayley Redden

**2nd** Louis Ade

**Minutes Approved**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Motion to Approve** Jesse Smith

**2nd** Wayne McQuillan

**Minutes Approved**

**SVHE Treasurer's Report**

**February 16, 2022**

|                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance                     | <b>\$9,384.23</b>  |
| Income                                |                    |
| Membership Dues                       | \$175.00           |
| Fund Raiser Income-Salina Dental Arts | \$22.00            |
| Check for Art (made out to SVHE)      | \$45.00            |
| Choir Membership Dues                 | \$655.00           |
|                                       |                    |
| Total Income                          | <b>\$897.00</b>    |
| Expenses                              |                    |
| Social/Programs                       | <b>\$110.25</b>    |
| Misc Fees (i.e. JotForm, Paypal)      | <b>\$75.15</b>     |
| Reimbursent to Art                    | <b>\$45.00</b>     |
| Choir Expenses                        | <b>\$861.05</b>    |
|                                       |                    |
| Total Expenses                        | <b>\$1,091.45</b>  |
|                                       |                    |
| General Fund Ending Balance           | <b>\$9,189.78</b>  |
|                                       |                    |
| Baseball Ending Balance               | <b>\$1,027.60</b>  |
|                                       |                    |
| Basketball Ending Balance             | <b>\$9,691.99</b>  |
|                                       |                    |
| Volleyball Ending Balance             | <b>\$4,963.71</b>  |
|                                       |                    |
| General Fund Assets                   | \$7,030.05         |
| Choir Fund Assets                     | \$1,861.75         |
| Eagle Bot Net Assets                  | \$297.98           |
| Baseball Net Assets                   | \$1,027.60         |
| Basketball Net Assets                 | \$9,691.99         |
| Volleyball Net Assets                 | \$4,963.71         |
| Total Net Assets                      | <b>\$24,873.08</b> |

## Committee Reports

**Library/Kimmi Smith** No updates but looking at updating the SVHE website. A reminder that the library at First Southern Baptist Church can be accessed during church office hours: M-Th 9-12 & 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 available, but there are 2 sets of shelves that are specific to homeschooling in the middle of the room. Kimmi has typed up an instruction sheet for how to search for an item on their computer, which FSBC said we could use for that purpose, especially if no one is there to help.

**Choir/Sheila DeHaan** The spring concert will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 7 at First Covenant Church. The four Golden Belt practices are as follows: Feb. 17 from 3:30 to 5:00, Feb. 21 from 6:30-8:30. March 10, from 6:30 to 8:30, and March 15 from 6:30 to 8:30--all at First Covenant Church. The Golden Belt concert will be at 7:00 p.m. on March 18.

**COOP Art /Hayley Redden** Art classes are held on the first Wednesday of the month at First Southern Baptist Church. There are 70 students registered in 4 classes with 18 in the 4 yrs - 2nd grade age level.

**COOP PE/Hayley Redden** There were 65 kids who participated in the SKY PE event on February 14.

Take note of upcoming PE events:

|                  |                                      |             |                              |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Friday, March 11 | Sun Yi's Taekwondo<br>812 W Crawford | 4 pm & 5 pm | Instruction by Master Redden |
| Friday, April 1  | The Alley                            | 2-4 pm      | \$6 per person               |
| Friday, May 6    | Family bike ride                     | 6 pm        |                              |

**Field Trips/Hayley Redden** The February field trip is on the 25th at 10 am at the Museum of Treasures in Wichita. We will enjoy a private tour of the museum, have a scavenger hunt, and the kids will have an activity with minerals. On March 25 we will go to Rolling Hills at the rate of \$3 per person.

**Trap Team/Peter Browning** We have an exciting opportunity for all students ages 12-18. There is a homeschool trap team which has formed and competes by Milford lake. SVHE students have the opportunity to compete. The meetings/competition will be weekly beginning Thursday March 10th and runs until May 22nd. If a student is not participating in the basketball 3v3 fundraiser on Saturday March 19th the training on March 10th and 17th can be consolidated into that Saturday. Practice/competition will be at Sportsman Acres (by Milford Lake) every Thursday evening @ 5:30 and all shooting will be completed by 7:30 at the latest. The state and national virtual tournament for students who want to compete is June 4-19th. The cost will not exceed \$350 per student. This includes shotgun shells, range fees, registration, etc. It can be less if students already have shotgun shells etc...Loaner shotguns are available and trained coaches/volunteers will be on hand to help students. No past experience is necessary, just a willingness to learn and a commitment to safety. Depending on how many students join we may

need to form a Saline Co team. With that said, it's very important that I hear from interested shooters soon. If there are not enough to form a Saline Co team we will shoot with the Geary Co team. Like basketball we will make time for devotions. The lead coach is BJ Solander, a pastor in Junction City. I will be on site to help. Please feel free to message me, email me, or call me at (785) 493-8119 if you have any questions. Thanks! Peter

Some additional information

1. Create an Athlete Profile through the Athlete Management System (AMS).

Below is a video link that will help you along.

<https://vimeo.com/671505590?embedded=true...>

2. Registration after profile creation- This is done online for a \$35 fee. It must be done no later than March 20th @ [www.usaclaytarget.com](http://www.usaclaytarget.com) When registering choose our Homeschool team - NW Geary County (KS) Homeschool Trap Team (Team ID: nws644) This ID is used by students and staff members so they can create an account on [claytargetgo.com](http://claytargetgo.com).

3. The Student Athlete Firearm Education "SAFE" training. This is required if the student doesn't have a hunter's education certificate. SAFE has two components. The first is an online classroom piece and the second is an in-person gun range training. The Online class takes a couple of hours to complete and is \$25. This must be done on the students time or their homes. The in-person gun training will take place at the range with more details below.

4. Attend FREE & REQUIRED in-person student training Saturday March 19th @ Sportsman Acres 9-3 p.m. Bring shotgun and 2 boxes of ammo as this will be a hands-on training and live fire practice.

The season is 8 weeks long with the first two weeks being practice scores. The third week is the "reserve" week in which the score is held and used as a substitute in case a week during the season is lost due to weather, COVID, etc. The season is then the following 5 weeks. The National tournament is optional and takes place the last week.

All scores are submitted and entered in a virtual competition. We will be placed in a league and could be paired against homeschoolers in Maryland or Hawaii. Currently Kansas has teams in Geary Co, Sedgwick Co, Jackson Co, and Montgomery Co.

I will be an assistant coach and be certified through the training software. Please feel free to reach out to me by text, phone, or email. My cell number is (785)493-8119. If you would like to contact the head coach BJ you can at (785)226-1009.

Facebook page is NW Geary Co Homeschool Trap Team.

Here is the link for the Homeschool Clay Target website: [USA Homeschool Clay Target League](http://USAHomeschoolClayTargetLeague.com)

Looking forward to it!

Let's GO Eagles!

**4H/Karla Schlatter** The next meeting of the Boldly Go 4H club will be on March 8 at 4:15. We will meet at First Baptist Church. Some things our club will be working on this spring are an Adventure in Odyssey play, making blankets for a service project, and project meetings to learn about visual arts, foods and nutrients, and rabbits. Spring is a great time to join 4H.

**TEA/Missy Mattison** Tea will be hosting a missions event on March 10 at 7 pm at Blessed Hope. Leah Graves will be sharing with us about the ministry.

**Basketball/Heather Day** SVHE Basketball is down to the last few weeks of the season. We have home games tomorrow starting at 3:30 against Life Prep and Saturday is Senior Recognition at 2:00pm, with games starting at 10:00am- 4:00pm against NE KS Saints. We will have one more Varsity girl's and Varsity Boy's home game against Elyria on February 25 starting at 6:00pm. We will end the season at the National Division 2 Homeschool Tournament in Hutchinson March 3-5.

**Baseball/Jeff Garretson** This spring, Eagles Baseball begins its fifth year of high school baseball in KASHAA. We begin in March and run through early May with an emphasis on refining our baseball skills through repetitive drills, practice and games. The team is made up of homeschool students from around the area (freshman through seniors). This is high school baseball at the 1A level. We compete against public school JV teams as well as homeschool teams like Southeast of Saline Trojans, Canton-Galva Eagles and Wichita Warriors.

Player fee: \$55 (with a discount for a 3rd player in the same family). Player provides gray baseball pants, black belt, cleats and a glove. We have an assortment of bats, along with other baseball gear. We will wear our maroon jerseys on the road and at home. Each player receives a team hat to keep.

Basketball players must finish their season before practicing with the baseball team.

Initial practice schedule (also on the online calendar):

Practices are 2:50pm-4:30pm at Sunset Park; home games are played at Matson Field, both in Salina. Practice Dates: March 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15. The rest of the practice schedule will be released as we head into the first game of the season on March 17th. They will be updated on this page via the Google calendar.

Games begin March 17 and end May 6.

Throughout the spring, some voluntary batting practice days will be held at Sunset Park in Salina or Eagle Park near Lindsborg on our farm on some Saturdays or off days as weather and schedules permit. They are not mandatory, just held for extra hitting time and fellowship.

All plans are subject to weather. We will see what early March weather brings to our practice schedule and add from there. The gym at St. Francis is our backup for practice if the weather is bad for early March practices.

Coach Jeff Garretson enters his fifth season at the helm of the Eagles. Garretson played college baseball at Kansas Wesleyan University and the University of Northern Colorado. He has

coached at the high school level in Colorado, as well as leading B and C Legion teams in the summer and youth rec league baseball teams for several years.

Questions? Email Jeff at [svhebaseball@gmail.com](mailto:svhebaseball@gmail.com)

**CHECK/Wayne McQuillan** We are meeting at the capitol on Monday, February 21 at 10 am on the West side to distribute cookies and fliers.

New information to consider

Companies are enrolling "homeschool families" to teach public school curriculum. This is not inline with biblical education principals. Education is parental responsibility, not the government's responsibility. This increases income for public schools, that are not actively teaching children.

There aren't any bills that will directly affect home school at this time but anticipate that there will be this legislative session. We need to stay proactive in communicating with our legislators reminding them of their God given responsibilities, protect parents God given authority to fund and decide how to educate our kids all with gentleness and respect that their position warrants.

Prayer

God, we praise you for your justice and mercy, we pray that your glory will spread to the ends of the earth. That your Son will be glorified by the salvation of the nations, when swords are made into plowshares, and we live in peace with our neighbor. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

**Website/Dan Peterson** A new on-line directory is available.

**Graduation/Gretchen Browning** Graduation will be held on April 30 at 1st Covenant Church.

**VolunTEENs/Melissa Miller** Salina Public Library is excited to bring back their VolunTEEN program for the summer. There is an application online under the Support Your Library tab or you can pick up a hard copy in youth services. Applicants must be 13 years old. Application must be filled out in its entirety and is due March 31. Return the hard copy to youth services unless you fill it out online. There will be an interview and orientation process. Duties include but not limited to - retrieving the books from the book drop, shelving media, straightening books on shelves, helping with youth services programs. This is a fabulous way to gain some experience and looks great on a resume. Any additional questions may be answered by Katie, Youth Services Department Head.

## **Continued Business**

**SVHE Child Protection Policy/Arlen Redden** Volunteers include Leah Graves, Lindi Fahrenthold, Gretchen Browning, Hayley Redden and Arlen Redden. We met on February 4 and will be meeting again on February 18. Good progress was made at the last meeting. Hoping to have something official written by the end of the semester.

## **New Business**

**Officers/Arlen Redden** Need nominations by April 15. Arlen is checking on current officers to see if they are willing to serve again. Wayne (CHECK) and Melissa (Secretary) have confirmed

each is willing to serve another term. Todd Zerger said he will not be able to fill the position of President or VP due to other commitments. Currently open positions are President and Vice President.

Arlen also mentioned the idea of having a Communications Coordinator.

**Motion of Adjourn**

***Motion to Approve*** Lane Mills

***2nd*** Wayne McQuillan

***Motion approved***

Lane Mills closed in prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm