

SMOKY VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS, INC.

Quarterly Business Meeting

In Person Fellowship Dinner at First Covenant Church

5-5-22

7:30 pm

Meeting called to order by Arlen Redden at 7:30 pm.

Arlen opened the meeting in prayer.

Attendees: Melissa Miller (1), Mark & Karla Schlatter (6), Louis & Melissa Ade (2), Lane & Maria Mills (8), Todd Zerger (1), Dan & Regan Peterson (5), Arlen & Hayley Redden (8), Nicole Bachman (1), Kaleb Bachman (1), Peter Browning (1)

Topics of Discussion: Approval of minutes from February; Approval of Treasurer's Report; Committee Reports: Library, Coop, Field Trips, PE, Choir, 4-H, T.E.A., Athletics, CHECK, Website, Graduation, Fundraisers; Continued Business: SVHE Child Protection Policy; New Business: Election of Officers, Adding cross country as an official SVHE sport.

Roll Call A sign in sheet was passed around. 9 families signed in for a total of 34 attending.

Minutes

Motion to Approve Lane Mills

2nd Louis Ade

Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report

Motion to Approve Maria Mills

2nd Hayley Redden

Minutes Approved

SVHE Treasurer's Report

May 5, 2022

Beginning Balance	\$9,189.78
Income	
Membership Dues	\$50.00
Fund Raiser Income-Dillons	\$50.05
Old Chicago Dinner Fee	\$214.00
Choir Membership Dues	\$15.00
Choir Fundraiser-Concert Love Offering	\$151.00
Graduation Fee	\$275.00
Total Income	\$755.05
Expenses	
Social/Programs	\$376.97
Misc Fees (i.e. JotForm, Paypal)	\$70.86
Choir Expenses	\$375.00
Graduation Expenses	\$575.00
Total Expenses	\$1,397.83
General Fund Ending Balance	\$8,547.00
Baseball Ending Balance	\$729.33
Basketball Ending Balance	\$13,433.93
Volleyball Ending Balance	\$4,963.71
General Fund Assets	\$6,596.27
Choir Fund Assets	\$1,652.75
Eagle Bot Net Assets	\$297.98
Baseball Net Assets	\$729.33
Basketball Net Assets	\$13,433.93
Volleyball Net Assets	\$4,963.71
Total Net Assets	\$27,673.97

Committee Reports

Library/Kimmi Smith No updates other than looking at updating the 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. 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.

COOP Art/Hayley Redden COOP art classes were a success this year. The focus was on the 7 elements of art. There were 4 classes with a total of 70 students. Many new projects were made and love of art encouraged.

COOP PE/Hayley Redden We were able to offer a PE day every month and a 6 week tennis class. Hayley is looking into scheduling a summer camp for tennis during the month of June. Field Day has been rescheduled for Monday, May 9, due to rain.

Field Trips/Hayley Redden We were able to have a different field trip each month with a focus on geology, ancient history, and plants. A field trip to the salt mines in Hutchinson is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10.

Bell Choir/Lindi Fathrenthold Ann Newcomer and Lindi Fathrenthold will be offering an opportunity to play in a handbell choir this fall. The Church of the Cross Methodist Church is graciously allowing us to use their church and handbells. There will be three groups. Mrs. Newcomer is going to do beginning handbells, using the small colored bells. Mrs. Fathrenthold is going to offer an intermediate class for older students, and an advanced class for older and musically experienced students, using the regular handbells. We will be meeting on Monday afternoons, starting September 12, tentatively at 2:30 and 3:15 p.m. Mrs. Newcomer will also be doing music games for the beginning and intermediate bell choirs. Please let Lindi know now if you are interested in participating in this choir. More information will be given in late summer. Cost will tentatively be \$10 per student, per semester.

Lindi Fathrenthold lfathrenthold@yahoo.com or 785-826-5980

Choir/Sheila DeHaan This year 94 students participated in the SVHE choirs. Two well-attended concerts were given in November and April. Choir performances included *Danny and the Shacks*. As far as I know, all of our directors and accompanists plan to return in the fall--our directors being Julie Chamberlin, Jennifer Chlumsky, and Paul Austin and our accompanists being Jessica Rawlins and Coleen Warkentin. Jennifer Henriksen will be joining me as co-coordinator for choir since Lindi Fathrenthold will be leaving that position. We are in the process of scheduling a meeting of all the directors and coordinators as well as Regan Peterson for the end of May or beginning of June. At this meeting we plan to discuss advertising and recruitment, finances, scheduling, and concert format/themes.

Golden Belt Vocal Festival 2022 involved 71 participants from 20 Kansas communities. Eddie Creer directed, and Luke Koerperich was our accompanist. This year Becca Moline joined Lindi and I in coordinating the festival. Lindi, Becca, and I plan to continue as coordinators next year. After some difficult years for choral music (due to the pandemic), we all can praise God for providing a wonderful group of directors and accompanists and so many students. We look forward to growing our choirs and giving more children and young people the opportunity to praise God through music.

4-H/Karla Schlatter The next monthly meeting of the Boldly Go 4H club is May 10 at 4:15. We meet at First Baptist, 843 Lewis Avenue. We would love to have you join us. If you would like to see some of the projects 4-Hers work on, we encourage you to visit the 4H building during the Tri-Rivers fair August 4-6. It's not just animals! Look for more information to come this summer on a tour of the projects/exhibits brought by Boldly Go 4Hers and on 4H family fun day. Let me know if you have any questions.

TEA/Missy Mattison No update

Athletics/Heather Day Coaches from SVHE basketball, volleyball, baseball and Cross Country have unanimously voted to adopt the following eligibility guidelines for SVHE sports and are compliant with ND2 and KSHSAA guidelines.

Eligibility

- High school students cannot be 19 years of age before September 1 of year participating
- Junior high students cannot be 15 years of age before September 1 of year participating
- Once a student has passed through the graduation ceremonies of SVHE or any other high school graduation ceremonies he or she will not be eligible to participate in SVHE sports.

When an SVHE team is competing against KSHSAA member schools, the following eligibility rules ALSO apply:

- Junior High/Middle School Students must be 11 years of age before September 1 of the participating year to be eligible to play against KSHSAA member schools.

In all sports except football, wrestling, and boxing, a student has 3 cumulative and consecutive years to play against KSHSAA member middle school/junior high schools.

A student has 4 cumulative and consecutive years to play against KSHSAA member high schools.

John & Kellie Thelander are happy to do concessions again if someone else can pack up/clean up at the end because they will probably leave after the JHG games. Vicky Donley has volunteered to be our new treasurer.

Needs: Gretchen Browning says we will need to buy more uniforms, particularly for HSB as she scraped around to get 13, and we could need around 19 uniforms. We also need someone to be in charge of hiring referees.

Cross Country/Peter Browning, Nicole Bachman, and Curtis Tonne Peter Browning, Nicole Bachman and Curtis Tonne will be leading the cross country program this year. They would like to have their own checking account to help simplify the accounting side of the program. We will be voting on recognizing cross country as an official SVHE sport. Nicole mentioned that 30 students have already signed up for cross country. Coaches are estimating \$200.00 per runner for the season which includes the uniform, team t-shirt, registration to 8 meets, and a weekend Kick Off Conference at Camp Webster to be held August 12 & 13.

Volleyball Maria Mills mentioned that more high school girls and coaches are needed. Summer practices focusing on strength and conditioning have been scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A summer volleyball camp is being planned as well. Once August gets here, practices will be held Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays with the first tournament being held on August 27.

CHECK/Wayne McQuillian The last meeting was in regard to HB2512.

This is from one of the other CHECK Reps that has regular contact with the legislators involved in this bill.

"The bill would also require school districts to allow for the part-time enrollment of students who are also enrolled in a private school or home school. Each board of education of a school district would be required to adopt a policy to allow such students to enroll and attend any courses, programs, or services offered by the school district."

"If school districts receive specific scheduling requests from part-time enrolled students, the bill would require the school district to make a good faith attempt to accommodate such requests, but the bill would not require such school districts to accommodate all requests." http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2021_22/measures/

HB2512 Has passed which allows for part time enrollment of homeschoolers. Last I knew, it was up to possibly be vetoed. I haven't found out if the veto was successful. There has been concern expressed about things that are going on at the federal level. I know how easy it is to be concerned about things that go on there, but I think that we'd be more effective working at the local and state level. Getting to know your local and state legislators, and respectfully reminding them of their responsibility before God to protect the rights of parents to discipline their children without interference from the government.

We need to remember the warning that God gave Israel through the Prophet Samuel concerning the nature of human kings. (1 Samuel 8:10-18), they will seek to take our children for themselves, so we need to be preaching Christ to them, being Republican and conservative

isn't enough. Without a converted heart, there can be no real resistance to whichever way politics goes.

Additional Announcements

Basketball open gym is starting back up this Tuesday at First Covenant Church at 6:30 am
Project Fair will be Friday, May 13 at First Southern Baptist Church at 7:00 pm

Website/Dan Peterson The new member directory is available.

Graduation Twelve students participated in the graduation ceremony held on Saturday, April 30 at First Covenant Church. Arlen Redden remarked that the ceremony was very encouraging.

Fundraiser/Arlen Redden The River Festival is coming up on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, June 10, 11, & 12. Thank you for SVHE's willingness to help at the two Information/T-shirt booths. Each shift will need at least two people working (more is fine – families are encouraged to work together!) Remember there are two booths, east (by Kenwood bridge) and west (by the Journal bridge). SVHE will be paid \$600 for their work. An on-line sign up form will be posted for volunteers to sign up. The question was asked as to whether or not volunteers would have to pay for wristbands. Arlen is checking into that matter.

Continued Business

SVHE Child Protection Policy/Arlen Redden Volunteers Leah Graves, Lindi Fahrenthold, Gretchen Browning, Hayley Redden and Arlen Redden. We last met on April 8th and will be meeting again soon. Karen Groot has also agreed to advise us as we finalize the policy. Karen was recommended by Lindi since she is a Forensic Nurse at SRHC and previously involved in SVHE. Good progress was made at the last meeting. Hoping to have something official written soon.

New Business

Election of New Officers

President: Arlen Redden

Motion to Approve Lane Mills

2nd Karla Schlatter

Motion Passed

Vice President: Louis Ade

Motion to Approve Arlen Redden

2nd Dan Peterson

Motion Passed

Secretary: Melissa Miller

Motion to Approve Arlen Redden

2nd Louis Ade

Motion Passed

Treasurer: Regan Peterson
Motion to Approve Arlen Redden
2nd Lane Mills
Motion Passed

CHECK Rep: Wayne McQuillan
Motion to Vote Arlen Redden
2nd Karla Schlatter
Motion Passed

Remove Todd Zerger from the checking account and add Louis Ade.
Motion to Vote Karla Schlatter
2nd Maria Mills
Motion Passed

Add high school and junior high/middle school cross country as an SVHE athletic sports team

Motion to Vote Maria Mills
2nd Louis Ade

Motion Passed

Create an SVHE cross country checking account and add Curtis Tonne & Gretchen Browning to sign for the account

Motion to Vote Maria Mills
2nd Louis Ade

Motion Passed

Motion to Close Meeting Todd Zerger

2nd Arlen Redden

Motion Passed

Todd Zerger closed the meeting in prayer.
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.