

SMOKY VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS, INC.

Quarterly Business Meeting

In Person Parents Night Out BBQ Dinner at Michael & Melissa Miller's Home

2-11-23

6:00 pm

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

Chris Day opened the meeting with prayer

Attendees: Dan & Regan Peterson (2), Chad & Heidi Crist (2), Darren & Jennifer Bagby (2), Louis & Melissa Ade (2), Chris & Heather Day (2), Conley & Nicole Nichols (2), Jeff & Dawn Kurtz (2), Wayne & Erin McQuillan (2), Brandon & Danielle Shelton (2), Michael & Melissa Miller (2), Arlen Redden (1)

Topics of Discussion: Approval of minutes from November; Approval of Treasurer's Report; Committee Reports: Library, Field Trips, PE, Sports, Choir, TEA, CHECK, Graduation, Website, Eaglebots; Continued Business: SVHE Child Protection Policy; Other Reports: Game Night, Additional Sports

Roll Call A sign in sheet was passed around. 11 families signed in for a total of 21 attending.

Minutes

Motion to Approve Wayne McQuillan

2nd Jennifer Bagby

Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report

Motion to Approve Arlen Redden

2nd Erin McQuillan

Minutes Approved

February 10, 2023	
Beginning Balance	\$11,533.68
Income	
Membership Dues	\$180.00
Choir Fund Raiser Income	\$609.00
Choir Membership Dues	\$815.00
Volleyball Background Check Reimbursement (9/30/22)	\$29.99
Basketball Background Check Reimbursement	\$89.97
Fund Raiser Income-Dillons	\$55.67
Total Income	\$1,779.63

Expenses	
Checkr, Inc- Background Checks- Basketball	\$89.97
New Member Packets	\$96.63
Choir Facility Cost	\$200.00
Choir Sound and Video	\$200.00
Choir Programs	\$40.69
Choir Misc Expenses	\$53.25
JotForm Fees	\$28.50
Paypal Fees	\$8.34
T.E.A. Expense	\$25.00
KSOS Annual Report Filing	\$40.00
Choir Music/Musical Expense	\$96.96
Reordered Checks	\$25.75
Total Expenses	\$905.09
General Fund Ending Balance	\$12,408.22
Baseball Ending Balance	\$374.64
Basketball Ending Balance	\$18,072.41
Volleyball Ending Balance	\$4,908.78
Cross Country Ending Balance	\$4,415.15
General Fund Assets	\$8,802.08
Choir Fund Assets	\$3,308.16
Cross Country	\$4,415.15
Eagle Bot Net Assets	\$297.98
Baseball Net Assets	\$374.64
Basketball Net Assets	\$18,072.41
Volleyball Net Assets	\$4,908.78
Total Net Assets	\$40,179.20

Committee Reports

Library/Kimmi Smith Nothing new to report. The SVHE library is located at First Southern Baptist Church. It can be accessed during church office hours Monday - Thursday, 9-12 and 1-4. You just have to 'ring their doorbell', and the secretary will let you in.

Field Trips/Hayley Redden Once a month field trips have been scheduled. Cost will depend on what the venue charges. Over 27 people visited the Cosmosphere on February 10. We also have the opportunity at the Salina Community Theater for the student production of *Don't Let The Pigeon Drive the Bus* musical on February 28 at 1pm. The cost is \$5/Student. No kids under 3. Teachers are free. Please RSVP to Hayley as there is a limited number of seats reserved for our group.

COOP PE/Hayley Redden For PE this month we will have a Drum fitness class led by Yessica Swenson at the YMCA on February 13th from 2-3pm. Then we will be able to have an open gym on their courts. Kids could play basketball or we could organize some games for the younger students. The cost will be \$1/student. Plan to arrive early to go through their check-in process. Please RSVP as we may need to break up into two groups. At the time of typing these minutes, this event has been postponed.

Website/Dan Peterson Dan has updated pictures on the website and the website calendars. He has combined activity/sports calendars as well as the ability to see them individually. This should help when scheduling events.

Athletics

Baseball/Jeff Garretson Good response in terms of player numbers and other teams wanting to play us. Full calendar and the practice dates will be added. SVHE baseball is for boys ages 15 and up.

Basketball/Heather Day The basketball teams have two more home games remaining this season. All six teams will play on Tuesday, February 14th. We will recognize our three Seniors, Keilah Bachman, Isaac Nichols and Saxon Walker at 6:45 before the Varsity girl's game. The Junior High girls, Junior High boys A and JV boys will play at home on February 20th. Our Varsity boys and Varsity girls will play in the KCBA Tournament February 24-25th which will also be played at our home court, the Salina Fieldhouse. Game dates and times are listed on the Sports Calendar at SVHE.com. Tournament game times will be determined later. The season will end with the National Division 2 Homeschool Basketball Tournament March 2-4 at the Hutchinson Sports Arena.

Cross Country/Peter Browning Heather Day reported the cross country team is beginning to prepare for the 2023 fall season. We will offer a kick off running camp again this year. The camp will be around Memorial Day and held in the Ellsworth area. This event provides kids with training, and sets goals for summer preparation. The season officially begins at the Webster Conference Center around the 3rd week of August and culminates

around October 31, 2023. The meets this year will include places such as Bennington, Beloit, Southeast of Saline, Lawrence, Wamego. It is our hope and plan to attend the National meet held in Springfield MO. If you have an interest in pursuing cross country, please contact Nicole Bachman or Peter Browning.

Trap Shooting/Peter Browning Geary County Fish and Game Association is offering a beginning trap shooting clinic for new shooters age 11 through adult. Class will be held Saturday, March 4, 2023, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm or Saturday, March 11, 2023, 9:00 - 3:00 pm at Sportsman's Acres, 3922 K-244 Spur near Milford Lake, Junction City. Cost is free for youth ages 17 and under while adults cost \$25.00. Class includes trap rules, safety, shotgun and ammo selection, range layout shooting, position, coaching through 100 targets, and lunch. Participants provide shotgun, ammo, eye and ear protection. Class size is limited to 16. To reserve your spot contact Larry George at 785.223.1069 or lgeorge10@cox.net

Choir/Sheila De Haan The Golden Belt Vocal Festival Concert will be Friday, March 17 at First Covenant Church at 7:00 pm under the direction of Eddie Creer. A reception will follow the concert.

The SVHE Kinder and Intermediate Choirs will hold their spring concert on Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at First Covenant Church. A reception will follow the concert.

Two additional notes: Amanda Crosson has joined our group of directors. Amanda and Julie Chamberlin are sharing the directing and accompanying for the Kinder Choir.

On April 15, the Kinder and Intermediate Choirs will be singing two patriotic songs at the Salina Liberty football game.

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TEA/Melissa Miller TEA met on February 4 at Panera Bread with 10 moms present. Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 25 at 2:00 pm at Jenny Mercy's home. Melissa Phillips will be leading a book discussion on *The Convivial Homeschool* by Mystie Winckler. This book is a 30 day devotional specifically written to encourage homeschool moms.

CHECK/Wayne McQuillan Wayne compiled the following information

Session of 2023 HOUSE BILL No. 2048 By Committee on K-12 Education Budget

Providing additional student eligibility under the tax credit for low income students scholarship program and increasing the amount of the tax credit for contributions made pursuant to such program.

CHECK: Neutral

Session of 2023 HOUSE BILL No. 2030 By Committee on K-12 Education Budget

Authorizing nonpublic school students to participate in activities regulated by the Kansas state high school activities association and allowing nonpublic school students who enroll part time in a public school to

participate in nonpublic school activities.

CHECK: Neutral

Session of 2023 SENATE BILL No. 128 By Senators Straub, Peck, Steffen and Thompson

Establishing the ad astra opportunity tax credit to provide an income tax credit for taxpayers with eligible dependent children not enrolled in public school.

CHECK: Neutral

Session of 2023 HOUSE BILL No. 2218 By Committee on K-12 Education Budget

Establishing the Sunflower education equity act to provide education savings accounts for qualified students in Kansas.

CHECK: Has not been discussed yet.

I descent from the opinion that CHECK should be neutral on the issue of state involvement in education, because education is apart of enculturation of children which inherently involves religious beliefs, whether they be Secularism, Islam or Buddhism. This causes the state, and federal government to violate the 7th amendment of the Kansas Constitution, and the 1st amendment of the Constitution of the United States. The Bible limits all human authorities based on their derived nature, and the propensity to sin (Roman 13:1; 3:10-20), The Bible speaks of various governments, State, Church, Family, and Personal, and entreats us to honor them, when the state seeks to create laws to govern outside of it's given jurisdiction it is using the sword to steal from other institutions established by God. Author: Wayne McQuillan 2/9/23

“The real object of the First Amendment was not to countenance, much less to advance Mohammedanism, or Judaism, or infidelity, by prostrating Christianity, but to exclude all rivalry among Christian sects and to prevent any national ecclesiastical patronage of the national government.”

Joseph Story

<http://kansashomeschool.org/>

<https://hslida.org/legal>

Kansas Home Educators (kshomeeducators.com)

<https://www.kshs.org/p/kansas-state-capitol-plan-your-visit/18649>

www.kslegislature.org

<https://openstates.org/>

Graduation/Krisha Zerger SVHE graduation will be April 29th at 2 pm at First Covenant Church with four graduates.

Eaglebots/Arlen Redden The Redden's have the Eaglebots assets in their possession in hopes that a coach will be found to resume the Lego League team.

Game Nights/Deb Garretson Deb wanted SVHE to know that she is going to try to schedule a game night in a month or two if time allows.

4H/Karla Schlatter February 25 brings 4H club day, which is another exciting opportunity for our youth. At club days 4H youth have the opportunity to share in a variety of ways. Boldly Go will have youth sharing speeches, giving dramatic readings, playing instruments, and more. Judges will take the time to give feedback and help our 4Hers grow in their passions. If you have any questions about 4H feel free to email boldlygo4h@gmail.com.

Continued Business

SVHE Child Protection Policy/Arlen Redden Adjustments were made to the policy based on recommendations given by Karen Groot, Forensic Nurse at SRHC and previous SVHE member. Arlen also had a phone meeting with Karen and went over some additional changes needed. Karen Groot has offered to teach a class for SVHE that could be used as training material in the future for volunteers.

Additional thoughts of discussion:

- We'll need to incorporate how to handle a problem if it becomes necessary.
- Athletics has its own child protection policy.
- We should try to get things to coincide between the SVHE policy and SVHE Athletics policy.
- Arlen desires that we vote on this in May.

Athletics/Heather Day Heather mentioned that there is talk of beginning a football team for middle school and high school for the fall of 2023. In addition to football, there is also the possibility of soccer teams being formed in 2 years for both boys and girls. Finally, a softball team is in the works as well.

Motion to Close Meeting Arlen Redden

2nd Conley Nichols

Motion Passed

Louis Ade closed the meeting in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.