

SMOKY VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS, INC.

Business Meeting

In Person Parents Night Out Meal hosted by Michael and Melissa Miller

2/17/24

6:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Arlen Redden at 8:08 pm

Attendees: Dan & Regan Peterson (2), Conley & Nicole Nichols (2), Jeff & Deb Garrettson (2), Dylan & Jennifer Pierce (2), Wayne & Erin McQuillan (2), Arlen & Hayley Redden (3), Michael & Melissa Miller (2)

Topics of Discussion: Approval of minutes from November; Approval of Treasurer's Report; Committee Reports: Library, COOP Art, 4H, Field Trips, PE, Choir, TEA, Athletics, CHECK, Graduation, Website; Continue Business; Previous Business; Open Forum.

Roll Call: A sign in sheet was passed around. 7 families signed in for a total of 15 attending.

Minutes

Motion to Approve Hayley Redden

2nd Conley Nichols

Report Approved

Treasurer's Report

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Report Approved

February 17, 2024	
Beginning Balance	\$15,436.64
Income	
Membership Dues	\$125.00
Choir Membership Dues	\$770.00
Choir Fund Raiser	\$564.90
Dillons Fund Raiser Income	\$2.80
Background Check Payments	\$260.00
Total Income	\$1,722.70
Expenses	
JotForm Fees	\$28.50
PayPal Fees (Membership)	\$5.44
Paypal Fees (Choir)	\$5.27

Sound/Video Expenses	\$200.00
Programs/Social Expenses	\$20.28
Protect My Ministry (background checks)	\$133.00
Accompanist Expense	\$50.00
Choir Programs Expense	\$92.94
Music/Musical Expense	\$97.99
Total Expenses	\$633.42
General Fund Ending Balance	\$16,525.92
Baseball Ending Balance	\$157.29
Basketball Ending Balance	\$23,658.62
Volleyball Ending Balance	\$7,495.23
Cross Country Ending Balance	\$3,262.82
General Fund Assets	\$11,100.63
Choir Fund Assets	\$5,127.31
Cross Country	\$3,262.82
Eagle Bot Net Assets	\$297.98
Baseball Net Assets	\$157.29
Basketball Net Assets	\$23,658.62
Volleyball Net Assets	\$7,495.23
Total Net Assets	\$51,099.88

Committee Reports

Library/Kimmi Smith The library is being used! SVHE has a section of homeschool-specific materials in the First Southern Baptist Church library including curriculum, missionary biographies, homeschooling encouragement, plus a microscope and rock collection all located on the shelves in the middle of the room. You can also use their library computer to search for a specific title. We are also allowed to check out any resource from their library. It's open 8-12, 1-5, M-Th. Ring the doorbell and the secretary will let you in.

COOP Art Classes/Karla Schlatter This semester we will be continuing our study of art history in our SVHE elementary art class. We will meet on February 14, March 6, April 10, and May 8. We will be offering classes for the following sections: Julie Chamberlain, ages 5-7; Kate George, ages 7-10; Karla Schlatter, ages 10-13. A fee of \$15 will be payable to your student's teacher on the first day of class. If you have an interest in organizing a highschool class please let Karla Schlatter know and she would be happy to help you.

4H/Karla Schlatter No update.

COOP Field Trip/Megan Harding In January, a large group of students and parents visited the Smoky Hill Museum in Salina and learned about the early days of Kansas in celebration of Kansas Day. Our next scheduled field trip will be Thursday, February 22 to Topeka. We will visit the state capitol and have a time to meet with Representative Stephan Owens followed by exploring the Kansas Children's Discovery Center for an afternoon. On March 8, we will visit the Salina Police Department for a tour followed by a tour of the Salina Fire Department. On March 29, we have an opportunity to attend an outdoor survival class hosted by Blackthorn USA in Randolph. Students 6 and up will have a chance to explore outside and learn techniques for making fires, fashioning tools, and other useful skills. Our final field trip will be Friday, April 12 to the Milford Nature Center, picnic lunch, and Hildebrand dairy farm, both near Junction City.
*Please note that Megan will not be able to head up field trips in the 2024-2025 school year.

COOP PE/Julie Chamberlin Our remaining events are a bowling outing at the Alley potentially scheduled for Thursday, April 25 at 2:00 pm and a field day potentially scheduled for Thursday, May 2 in the morning. More information will be announced as the events get closer.

Choir/Sheila DeHaan The Kinder Choir (grades K-2) and Intermediate Choir (grades 3-6) will begin the spring semester of choir on January 17 and meet every Wednesday, except March 13, until the concert which will take place in early April. Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:30 at First Southern Baptist Church in Salina.

Golden Belt Vocal Festival is an opportunity for students in grades 7-12, their parents, and alumni to sing in a large regional choir under the direction of a master vocal clinician. We are very pleased to have Eddie Creer, the director of vocal music at Salina South High School, directing this year. The festival day and concert will take place on Friday, March 15 at First Covenant Church in Salina. To register for the festival go to <https://www.svhe.com/golden-belt-music-festival/>

TEA/Melissa Miller All SVHE Moms are invited to join us in making a difference in the lives of those with developmental disabilities! This event is to support a local business - Choices Network, Inc. We will have a guest speaker Andrea Swenson who is Danielle Shelton's mother. She is co-owner of Choices Network, Inc. She will give a tour of their facility and also share how Choices Network, Inc. goes above and beyond supporting individuals with developmental disabilities in our community. This event will take place Friday, March 8 at 7:00 pm at Choices at 2151 Centennial Rd.

Athletics - Basketball/John Donley The 2023-24 SVHE Basketball season kicked off in November. We have two high school boys' teams, a high school girls' team, two junior high boys' teams and a junior high girls' teams which includes 53 student athletes playing for the teams as well as numerous students who are attending practices but cannot play due to injuries or other circumstances. The 2024 SVHE Hoops Encounter Tournament was very successful with 49 teams participating which is the most teams we have had participate in the tournament. The season will end in two weeks with the annual NDIICHA tournament, which will be hosted in Salina this year. The basketball program is in great shape financially, and we should show an increase in our ending balance. The program is very expensive to run for the year. It is my goal to have a full year's budget in the bank before the season begins. Please contact John Donley 785-531-0274 if you have any questions or concerns.

Athletics - Trap Team/Peter Browning The spring trap season is set to run April through May. The cost is approximately \$360 per student per season. Students may register online by March 18 at <https://www.claytargetscoring.com/ams/>. Contact Peter Browning at 785.493.8119 for more information.

Athletics - Baseball/Jeff Garretson Jeff Garretson is coaching 17-18 high school boys with practice beginning March 4 and 23 games lined up for the season. May 10 will be Senior night. Budget for this year is below. Will be adjusted some with funds from last year's River Festival Fundraiser.

	BUDGET	ACTUAL 2024
FUND RAISER INCOME	400	
PARTICIPANT FEES	1,125.00	
CONCESSION SALES	0	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1,095.00	
MISC EXP	(150.00)	
INSURANCE	(130.00)	
UMPIRE EXPENSES	(440.00)	
FIELD EXPENSES	(350.00)	
PARTIES & SOCIALS	(150.00)	
MEMORY MATES / SENIOR GIFTS	(50.00)	
TOURNAMENT FEES	(150.00)	
UNIFORMS	(525.00)	
SUPPLIES	(30.00)	
EQUIPMENT	(180.00)	
BASEBALL - OTHER EXP	(65.00)	
TOTAL BASEBALL	0.00	

CHECK/Wayne McQuillan The CHECK board has been discussing the possibility of defining homeschooling for the Kansas statute. Amy Buchmeyer from HSLDA and Senator Erickson have been helping to form this definition. Amy explained that the proposal does nothing to change what homeschoolers have been doing; it only strengthens our position to be recognized in statute. She said HSLDA believes this definition would give more solid footing when contesting bills like the ESA, etc. It would still ask each homeschool family to provide a competent instructor, be in session 180 days, and register each non-accredited private homeschool to the state. This would only apply to traditional homeschools and carve them out from other non-accredited educational options (micro-schools, homeschool pods, etc.).

Proposed Change/Add to the definition section of the compulsory school attendance statute:

“Homeschool” means a nonaccredited nonpublic school in which a parent or person acting as parent, as such terms are defined in K.S.A. 72-3127, and amendments thereto, directs the competent private instruction of such parent’s or person acting as a parent’s child. “Homeschool” does not include any nonpublic school accredited by the state board of education or any other accrediting entity.

- This was not moved forward due to lack of support in the senate at this time.
- There is no homeschooling legislation being debated this session.

This year’s Homeschool Capitol Day was a huge success with over 700 people in attendance. The CHECK board is always open to suggestions on how to improve this event and hopes to see you all there in the future.

Graduation/Gretchen Browning The SVHE 2024 Graduation is planned for Saturday, April 27 at 2:00 PM. It will be held at First Covenant Church. If anyone is interested in their student participating, please get in touch with Gretchen at 913.219.7455 or pgbrowning13@gmail.com There are twelve graduates, and one more may be joining. The advisory council increased the graduation budget to \$400.00.

Website/Dan Peterson Dan is continuing to make improvements to signup forms. The new Sexual Abuse and Misconduct Prevention Policy has been added to the website.

Continued Business

Tax Exemption SVHE is officially tax exempt.

River Festival Funds River Festival Fundraiser funds are being distributed to Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball and Choir. Advisory council is currently waiting for the result of a poll taken from participants in last year's fundraiser.

Advisory Council Positions Secretary, Treasurer, CHECK, and VP office positions are being voted on during the May meeting. Melissa Miller has submitted her resignation effective May 31, 2024.

Previous Business

No Previous Business

Open Forum

The following question was asked...Is SVHE/homeschooling growing? There seems to be a larger number of students participating in the fall concert. Homeschooling is up 30% in KS since COVID. Thirty-one new members packets have been passed out during the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion to Close Meeting Hayley Redden

2nd Conley Nichols

Motion Passed

Jeff Garretson closed the meeting in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.