

Blessed Sacrament Homeschool Group Mission Statement and By-laws

Mission Statement

The Blessed Sacrament Homeschool Group (BSHG) is dedicated to the education of our children based on the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. BSHG supports and defends the Truths of the Faith as established by the Authority of the Magisterium, which interprets Sacred Scripture and Tradition. In the spirit of ecumenism, we welcome families of other faiths who are respectful of our Catholic Beliefs.

Purpose

1. To support Catholic families in their homeschooling endeavor.
2. To provide families opportunities to participate in celebrating Mass particularly the First Friday Mass.
3. To keep members informed of any pertinent homeschool current events, such as seminars, conferences and legal issues.
4. To provide an atmosphere for exchange of teaching techniques, curriculum and formation.
5. To provide family socials, educational field trips and group activities.
6. To form and maintain networks with other homeschool groups.

Spiritual Director

1. The BSHG will have a spiritual director who is a Catholic priest in good standing.
2. The spiritual director at the time of adoption of these by-laws is Fr. Mike Morgera

Membership

1. Membership shall be open to anyone who will abide by the mission and purposes of this homeschool group.
2. Annual registration is required for all Active and Associate members. (Dues shall be determined by Steering Committee).
3. Lifetime members are exempt from annual registration
 - A. Lifetime membership may be granted upon approved motion of the Steering Committee.
 - B. Such membership shall be honorary and shall carry all rights and privileges of Active Membership.
4. Associate Members will be non-voting members who live outside our geographic area or who are no longer homeschooling.
5. Membership may be revoked by a majority vote of the Steering Committee if a member fails to abide by the BSHG Mission Statement and By-laws.

Steering Committee Selection

1. A Steering Committee will manage the organization of BSHG.
2. All Committee members must be practicing Catholics.

3. Members of the Steering Committee will be nominated and elected by a majority vote of Active Members every two years. Voting procedures to be determined by the Steering Committee.
 - A. Nominations will be accepted bi-annually up to two weeks prior to the election.
 - B. In order to participate in the election, the member must have been registered by October 31 of the year prior to the election.
4. In the event that a vacancy arises before the end of term, the Steering Committee, by majority vote, shall appoint a member to fulfill the remaining term.
5. Should multiple Members request the same Lead Volunteer role of any Group Activity and are unable to agree on Leadership role, the Steering Committee shall determine the Lead Volunteer for the Activity in question.
6. If at least four Active Members disagree with a Steering Committee member or a decision made by the Committee; the members may petition to meet with the Steering Committee to discuss their concerns.
7. Any disputes, which cannot be resolved by or between the Steering Committee and Membership, shall be presented to the Spiritual Director and his decision will be binding.

Steering Committee

The President:

1. Requirements:
 - A. Must have been homeschooling at least one child for at least three years.
 - B. Must have been an active member of BSHG for two years.
2. Duties:
 - A. The President will oversee and assist in the carrying out of the mission statement and by-laws of BSHG.
 - B. The President must organize and preside over all Steering Committee meetings and be the Diocesan Liaison.

Vice Presidents

1. There will be four Vice Presidents
 - Vice President in charge of Social Life
 - Vice President in charge of Spiritual Life
 - Vice President in charge of Education
 - Vice President in charge of Member Support
2. Requirements for all V.P. positions:
 - A. Must have been homeschooling at least one child for one year.
 - B. Must have been an active member of BSHG for at least one year.

Vice President in Charge of Social Life

Duties: To oversee and/or coordinate Lead Volunteers for the social life of BSHG such as, but not limited to:

- All Saints Party

- Lenten Activities
- Field Day/ End of Year Party
- Park Days
- May Crowning
- Teen Group
- Talent Show

Vice President in charge of Spiritual Life:

Duties: To oversee and/or coordinate Lead Volunteers for the spiritual life of BSHG such as but not limited to:

- First Friday Mass
- First Friday Activities
- Sacraments
- Prayer list
- Angel Tree
- Mom's Rosary

Vice President in charge of Education

Duties: To oversee and/or coordinate Lead Volunteers for educational events such as but not limited to:

- Science Fair
- High School Co-op
- Zoo Classes
- Museum classes
- Field trips
- Achievement testing
- Little Flowers
- Catechism, spelling, geography bees
- Curriculum night

Vice President in charge of Member Support

Duties: To oversee and/or coordinate Lead Volunteers for member support such as but not limited to:

- Annual Conference
- Moms' Night Out
- Parent's Dinner
- Dinner Club
- Coffee Club
- New Member Contact/ Mentors

Treasurer

1. Requirements:

- A. Must have been homeschooling at least one child for one year.
- B. Must have been an active member of BSHG for at least one year.

2. Duties:

- A. Handles all things financial
- B. Follows a budget determined by Steering Committee

Secretary

1. Requirements:
 - A. Must have been homeschooling at least one child for one year.
 - B. Must have been an active member of BSHG for at least one year.
2. Duties:
 - A. To manage www.homeschool-life.com to include member registration, meeting minutes and all information needed by group.

Lifetime Members

1. One Lifetime Member will be appointed by the Steering Committee as a non-voting advisory member.

By-Law Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended with a simple majority of the Steering Committee and approval of the spiritual director.

Group Disbandment

If BSHG is disbanded all monies remaining in the treasury, after all obligations have been fulfilled, shall be remitted to the current BSHG spiritual director.

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