Frequently Asked Questions

I. Mission Statement

The primary mission of CrossPointe Co-op is to glorify God! One of the ways we seek to accomplish this is through supporting homeschool parents in teaching their children to love the Lord, walk in His ways, and obey His commands according to Scripture. Secondary to this is supporting member parents in providing excellent academic instruction to further enhance each child's skills needed to become confident individuals in fulfilling the purposes God has placed on his or her life.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Deut 6:5-7

Who Is CrossPointe?
We are an academic-based, Christian co-op, grades kindergarten to 12th. We only offer nursery and preschool for our participating families.

Please be aware that our co-op does not officially start until kindergarten. Although our nursery, preschool, and preK classes do many fun and educational things throughout the year - the main focus of these classes is making sure your children are safe and have playtime. We believe the main way children learn at this young age is through play. Please make sure your expectations of the younger years/classes fit with who we are.

II. Statement of Faith

CrossPointe Co-op maintains its Statement of Faith as expressed by the *Apostles' Creed*:

"We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

We accept the Bible to be the inspired, inerrant Word of God and the supreme and final authority in faith and life. We desire members to be active in a local assembly of believers, living their lives in accordance with the tenets of the Bible. "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God[a] may be complete, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:15-17

We affirm the Bible's authority on creation, which includes God creating all things in six literal days. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1 and following.

We affirm the Bible's authority on Biblical sexuality and marriage, which includes every person created in the image of God, ordained to be male or female at conception, and marriage between a man and woman only. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27

III. When and where do you meet?

We meet every Monday from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm at Christian Family Chapel in Mandarin. We are not associated with the church so do not contact them regarding our co-op. Some optional classes may start earlier or go later (i.e. writing classes, electives, or high school classes). Our optional early writing or high school classes are from 8:00 - 9:25 am. Any late electives are from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. Our mandatory chapel is from 9:30 - 10:00 am.

IV. What classes are offered?

Our co-op is defined as an academic co-op. "Academic" means that we stress the actual academic subjects, so we offer writing, science, and history for grades 3-12. We offer unit studies for kindergarten through second grade.

V. Do I have to teach?
Yes, all moms share in teaching. We use a teaching team approach for the majority of our classes, except in high school classes. We use a combination of moms and paid teachers for high school classes. Each mom shares the responsibility for teaching our children. Teaching teams meet over the summer to plan for the entire year. Class syllabi are due at the end of July.

VI. Do I have to be a certified teacher in order to teach a class?
No, if you teach a subject that you enjoy, and teach it the same way you would to your own children, you will do a fine job!

VII. What other requirements/responsibilities will I have?
In addition to co-teaching a class, each member is required to serve on a committee. Our committees include hospitality, special events, chapel, yearbook, field day, field trips, and middle school/high school activities. Our committees meet over the summer to plan for the upcoming year.

VIII. What other activities are offered through the year?
There are a variety of activities offered throughout the year. Field trips are planned about once a month. Our hospitality committee plans several mom's nights out throughout the year. We also have a variety of special events (ice cream social, fall festival, couples dinner, and end of year celebration). We usually end the year with a field day.

IX. When you have received my request, am I guaranteed admission for next year?
No, we enroll based on space availability, teaching needs, and your homeschooling experience. Returning members/students will have first priority. After attending the Open House meeting, interviews & screening applications will be scheduled for those interested. Again, admission decisions will be made based on needs, space, and experience. Open House and interviews are scheduled for February/March each year, based on availability. Check our website in January each year for specific open house information.

X. What are the fees for co-op?
The current non-refundable registration fee is about $70 per family for the year (paid at registration). There is an additional church facility fee of $125 due in May. At our August Kick-Off meeting, the following additional fees would be due: co-op

fee of $60 per family, student class fees (about $20 per class per student, high school fees are dependent on paid teachers), insurance fee per person, as well as a $10 donation to the HEF per family. You will be responsible for any books/curriculum needed for your children. All fees are non-refundable. The registration fee will be due when registering, the church facilities fee will be due in May, high school fees are due over the summer, and remaining fees must be paid by our August Kick-Off meeting.

XI. Do you take direct payment from FES, PEP, or any other government-issued scholarship funds?

No, we do not take direct payment from any government-issued scholarship funds, nor do we issue receipts for any reimbursements.

XII. How can I find out more and contact someone?

We have our annual open house in late February each year. If you know someone presently in the co-op, please give them a call. They can give you first hand knowledge of our group. If you have any other questions, please email crosspointecoopjax@gmail.com.