



# CHIME Planning Meeting

June 21, 2023

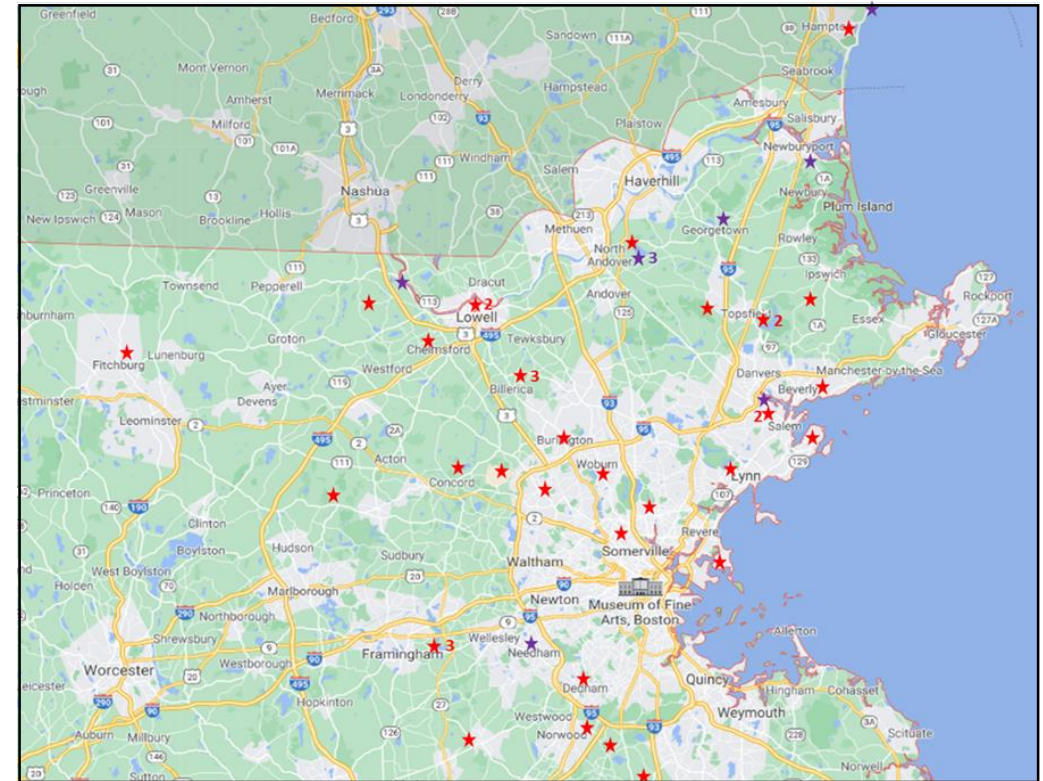
# Current CHIME Status

- 41 member families (5 are veteran homeschoolers)
  - 26 families have replied that they will renew membership
  - At least a dozen inquires, and 8 families have joined in the past school year
- Members have continued to use our private website, and potential members find us through our public site
- Leadership structure
  - Welcome Coordinator - Beth Cuttone
  - Treasurer - Anne Gray
  - Website Admins - Anne Gray, Jennifer Kearns



# Current CHIME Status (cont.)

- Activities in 2022-23
  - Various park days and other outdoor get-togethers
  - Topsfield Fair
  - St. Nicholas party
  - Lexington concert field trip
  - Participation in Third Mondays in Lawrence and First Fridays in Topsfield?
- Continued difficulty in getting events and activities up and running
  - Geographical distribution is a significant challenge



Locations of CHIME Families, May 2021  
(outdated but representative)

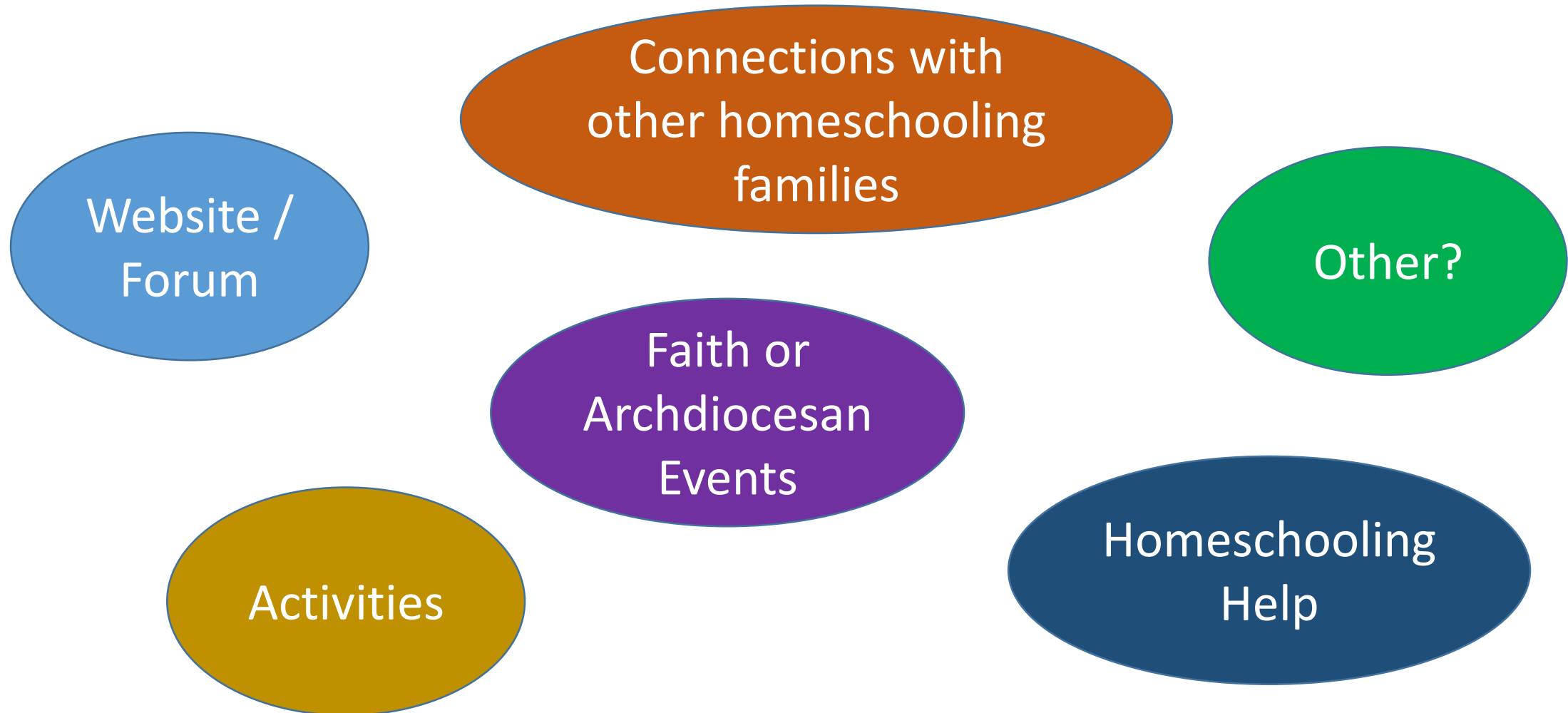
# Treasurer Report for 2022-2023



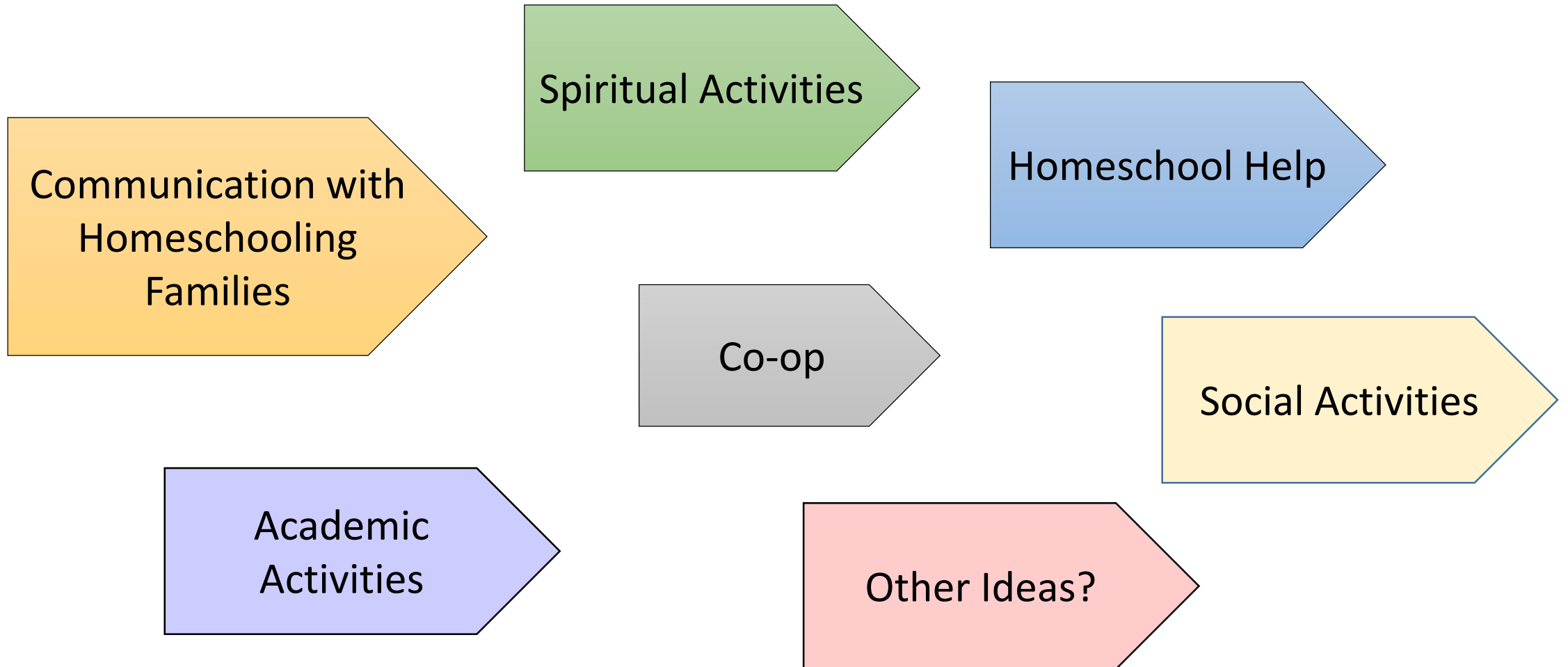
Summary of CHIME funds Pentucket Savings Bank June 20, 2023		
<i>General Funds 2022-23</i>		
6/30/2022 Balance		\$1,224.98
<i>Income</i>		
Registration Dues Collected*	\$554.10	
Total Income		\$554.10
<i>Expenses</i>		
Liability Insurance Premium	(\$695.00)	
Webhosting - Homeschool-Life.com	(\$252.00)	
Webhosting - 10 additional family licens	(\$90.00)	
Total Expenses		(\$1,037.00)
6/20/2023 Balance		\$742.08
<i>*some paypal dues sent incorrectly, which incurred a fee</i>		



# What did you find helpful from CHIME this past year?



# What would you like CHIME to be like next year?



# Member Dues: What is reasonable?

- Costs held low the last couple of years due to Covid restrictions; insurance was paid with help from existing CHIME savings
- Communications costs: ~\$15 per family
  - Homeschool-life site (private forum) – fixed at ~\$10 per family
  - Public site – Variable at ~\$5 per family (dependent on number of members, hosting platform, etc.)
- Insurance: Necessary to use Boston Archdiocese parish facilities (unless sponsored by a pastor)
  - This is around \$700 for our group for a year
  - Cost is spread among members, so more members means lower cost per family
  - If we don't have co-op or parties at a parish, this is not needed
- ***Do members want to keep insurance for the group?***



# What will you contribute to CHIME next year?

- Anticipated Leadership Roles for 2023-24:
  - Welcome Coordinator (Beth Cuttone)
  - Treasurer (Jennifer Kearns, with Anne Gray as backup)
  - Website Admins (Anne Gray, Jennifer Kearns)
- CHIME's traditional Service Team model involved 5 members with "parent-sized" jobs, so that no one was burdened with too much
  - This has been scaled down in the last few years, due to lower membership levels and Covid challenges



# What will you contribute to CHIME next year? (cont.)



Possible support roles (these don't have to be formal leadership roles, but you would plan/organize/recruit help for various activities):

- ***Academic Events Coordinator*** (plan co-op, spelling/geography bees, etc.)
- ***Spiritual Events Coordinator*** (organize First Friday gatherings or other spiritual activities)
- ***Picnic and Party Coordinator*** (offer ideas for fun gatherings to celebrate saint feast days, etc.)
- ***Field Trip Coordinator*** (suggest and recruit others to help with field trips)
- ***Support Group Coordinator*** (plan get-togethers for parents to meet and talk)
- ***Newsletter Editor*** (regularly publish group info to members)



# What will you contribute to CHIME next year? (cont.)

- For everyone: Suggest! Plan! Participate!
  - Activities only work when someone suggests or organizes something, and others join in!
  - Can be one-time or meet regularly
  - Can be informal (park day) or more involved (clubs, co-ops)
- Above all, PRAY
  - Ask God: What do my kids need?
  - How can I use my gifts, talents, and interests to help both my family and other homeschoolers?
- Other ideas?



# Conclusion

- Thank you all for your membership in CHIME!
- Thank you for participating tonight!
- Please continue discussions on the forum!
- May God bless your homeschooling journey this next year!

