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**F.I.S.H. P.A.T.H.  
Policies and Procedures**

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The name of this F.I.S.H. cooperative teaching group is Parental Association for Teaching Homeschoolers, abbreviated P.A.T.H., with Psalm 119:105 as our motto. *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105*

**Purpose**

- F.I.S.H. P.A.T.H. was formed by a group of Christian homeschooling parents for the purpose of giving their children the opportunity to interact with other Christian homeschooled children in an informal class setting.
- The classes are generally those that parents cannot teach on their own at home, or are better taught in larger groups.
- F.I.S.H. P.A.T.H. was founded on Christian principles and classes are expected NOT to contradict Scripture or the F.I.S.H. statement of faith. The F.I.S.H. Board, reserves the right to approve or disapprove of any curriculum that may be in question. For this document's purpose, F.I.S.H. P.A.T.H will be referred to below as "P.A.T.H."

**Membership and Dues**

- Membership is only open to members of F.I.S.H.
- If applicable, a waiting list for P.A.T.H. will be maintained by the P.A.T.H. Board representative(s).
- Each family is expected to have a family representative teach or co-teach two classes. If there are three classes a break is provided. The parent must remain on campus during their break period.
- Once a family is part of the co-op, they may pre-register their membership for the next session before membership is open to new families.
- Nursery – Middle School dues for each (12) week session will be \$15.00 per child, up to a maximum of \$45.00 per family. Fees are due by the first day of class. High School drop off student dues for each (12) week session will be \$35 per child. Fees are due by the first day of class. Parents of High School students that are teaching or assisting in P.A.T.H. classes will pay the Nursery – Middle School fees of \$15 per child and maximum of \$45 per family per session.

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- As available and when financially needed, members may petition the President of the cop for a scholarship, and will go before the F.I.S.H. Board for approval.

### **Class Selection and Registration**

- The President of P.A.T.H. will call a mandatory planning meeting prior to each semester for the purpose of selecting and/or assigning classes. Planning meetings will also be used to register new students and/or review registration of students already signed up. Not attending the planning meeting may result in a limited selection of classes for your family.
- During the mandatory planning meeting, if nominations are being taken for classes then each nomination must be accompanied by a willingness to instruct that class or provide curriculum for another parent to instruct that class. Interest, availability and space determine the final class schedule.
- After the schedule has been made, class titles, lead teachers and co teachers will be decided on during the planning meeting and made available for all parents to review. This way parents at the meeting are able to choose teaching roles in the grades they'd prefer. Families not in attendance may simply be assigned to the classes left that are needing a teacher and/or co-teacher.

### **P.A.T.H Leadership**

- The leadership of P.A.T.H. will make up the Advisory Board and will be President, Vice President, High School Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer.
- The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the P.A.T.H. members using a secret ballot. Elections will be held at the last class of the year. New officers will be introduced at the Closing Ceremony.
- During Spring session, open board positions will be announced. Interested parties (P.A.T.H. members) should contact the P.A.T.H. President.
- All current P.A.T.H. families may vote. One vote per family.

### **Duties of Officers**

- The President shall: preside at all P.A.T.H. board meetings and P.A.T.H. membership meetings; coordinate with the F.I.S.H. Board; maintain the P.A.T.H. leadership manual; and delegate other jobs and projects as needed. The term of service for this office is one school year. Re-election may occur at the end of the term.
- The Vice President shall: assist the President as needed; act as liaison with the P.A.T.H. teachers; record attendance; provide name tags for all students and teachers. The term of service for this office is one school year. Re-election may occur at the end of the term.

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- The High School Coordinator shall: coordinate all high school classes; act as main liaison between high school teachers and Board. The term of service for this office is one school year. Re-election may occur at the end of the term.
- The Secretary shall: keep minutes at all P.A.T.H. board and membership meetings; assist the President as needed; be in charge of communication with P.A.T.H. members; keep a file of family registration and class scheduling forms. The term of service for this office is one school year. Re-election may occur at the end of the term.
- The Treasurer shall: work with the F.I.S.H. Treasurer for deposit, reimbursement and disbursement of funds, and work with the Secretary and President to keep an updated membership list. The term for this office is one school year. Re-election may occur at the end of the term.

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### **Amendments**

The Rules and Regulations may be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of each P.A.T.H. group's members present at any general meeting. Proposed amendments will be presented to the F.I.S.H. board and then presented to the P.A.T.H. membership in writing at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Date, time and place of the meeting will be announced in the same communication.