



SHIELD

CHRISTIAN CO-OP

Proverbs 30:5 “...He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.”

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Article 1: Purpose

SHIELD Christian Co-Op exists to connect homeschooling families and assist them in their homeschooling journey in an affordable, encouraging, Christ-like manner. We endeavor to serve our fellow homeschoolers in the greater Houston area, through our educational enrichment program and by providing many opportunities for social interaction for students and parents.

Article 2: Statement of Faith

Our Statement of Faith acknowledges that this ministry welcomes all Christians, and non-believers, and cannot be all inclusive of every point of doctrine held by specific churches or denominations. It is intended to give a basic statement which all Christians can accept and in no way replaces your church's statement of faith. To be a teacher of SHIELD Christian co-op, we ask that you adhere to these basic core beliefs which are supported with scripture.

I. We believe that the Bible is the undeniable and inspired word of God and is intended to be our guide for instruction in godly living.

II. We believe that there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

III. We believe that man was created in the image of God, but chose to sin. Therefore, we remain separate from God until we put our faith in Jesus Christ.

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.” Romans 10:9-10

IV. We believe in the gift of salvation, and that through Christ’s substitutionary death on the cross, the penalty for our sins were paid.

V. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers through our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Article 3: Membership and Fees

Membership to SHIELD Christian Co-op is fee based, requiring dues. Annual dues are set yearly by the Board and are must be paid at the beginning of the SHIELD fiscal year, August 1st.

There are two levels of membership: Social and Full Members. Full membership includes all SHIELD events and activities. Social Members are invited to attend all SHIELD events and activities except Friday enrichment classes and Commencement. In addition to the annual membership fee, Full Members will also pay class and supply fees for the Friday classes.

All members (social and full) will be required to sign the following documents before becoming active members: SHIELD Statement of Faith, SHIELD Waiver of Liability and SHIELD Dress Code and Code of Conduct Agreement.

The board reserves the right to remove any member, who is in direct violation of rules and guidelines set forth by the board or by Copperfield Church, from SHIELD by a unanimous vote.

Article 4: Board of Directors

Section 1 - All business of SHIELD shall be managed by a Board of Directors which should be comprised of no fewer than 3 members. The board is responsible for maintaining the overall policy and direction of the organization. The board shall delegate responsibility of day-to-day operations to the individual board members according to their role and to the appropriate support team members. Board members are volunteers, and therefore do not receive compensation in the form of a salary for their service. However, the board members may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses.

Section 2 - The board is required to meet at least once a month throughout the year and every other week during the time that Friday school is in session. The location and time of each meeting is to be agreed upon by the entire board. The Director must give adequate notice before calling a meeting.

Section 3 - Before business is conducted or motions are made and passed, a quorum consisting of more than 1/2 of the board members must be in attendance.

Section 4 – All board positions are filled by vote from the existing board. And any board member may be removed from office once just cause has been found by the other board members during a meeting where it was put to vote. During the event of a vacancy, the remaining board members may fill that vacancy either by splitting the role between themselves or by voting in another member that they feel is well suited for the position.

Section 5 – Any board member reserves the right to resign, but only after ample notification is given for the board to find a replacement.

Article 5: Support Team

Section 1 - The support team of SHIELD will be appointed by the board members through a vote. These support team members shall consist of, but not be limited to, teen group coordinator, tween boys/girls coordinator, field trip coordinator, and Friday school clean-up coordinator.

Section 2 – These officers are volunteers, and shall not be compensated through means of a salary for their service to SHIELD.

Section 3 – The Board of Directors reserves the right to remove any support team member after a

vote during any regular meeting.

Article 6: Amendments

These by laws of SHIELD Christian Co-Op may be amended when it is deemed necessary by the majority of the Board. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Director and voted on by the entire board during any regular board meeting.