

BYLAWS
Of
FRIENDS OF THE WELLS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Article I

Name

The name of this association shall be the Friends of the Wells County Public Library

Article II

Purposes

The purpose of this organization shall be to maintain an association of persons interested in books and libraries; to focus public attention on library services, facilities and needs; and to stimulate gifts of books, magazines, desirable collections, endowments, and bequests. The Friends group shall also support the library financially through the sales of used books and surplus equipment.

Article III

Membership

Section 1. Membership in this organization shall be open to all individuals in sympathy with its purposes, and to representatives of organization and clubs when such representation is desired, in which case dues shall be paid by the organization.

Section 2. Each individual member shall be entitled to one vote at the annual meeting.

Section 3. A student membership at a reduced price is available to persons under age 18 with no voting rights.

Section 4. Persons with a student membership may not run for office or be a member at large on the board, They may attend meetings and their input is welcome.

Article IV

Officers and Committees

Section 1. The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. A term of office shall be one year. The President and Vice-President shall be limited to two consecutive one-year

terms: The length of service for the Secretary, Treasurer and members at large are not limited. Officers shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the annual Meeting and shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected.

Section 2. The Officers plus 6 members-at-large, shall be known as the Board of directors and shall serve as the governing body of the association. A library liaison shall be a non-voting member of the Board. (removed "at least")

Section 3. The direction of affairs of this association shall rest with the Board of Directors with the President acting as Chairperson. A majority of this Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. Nominations for officers shall be presented by a Nominating Committee of two, to be appointed by the Board. At the annual meeting, nominations from the floor will be invited; no one shall be nominated without his/her consent.

Section 5. The officers and 6 members at large shall be elected at the annual meeting.

Section 6. Vacancies arising on the board and nominating committee shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining board members.

Article V

Meetings

Section 1. This association shall hold its annual meeting in April for the purpose of election of officers, to receive various reports, and to enact any other business. A written notice shall be sent to each member in advance.

Section 2. A special meeting may be held as directed by the President, provided the membership is notified by mail (with the business to be transacted stated) at least two weeks prior to the proposed date.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet at least four times a year at a date and time selected by the Board.

Article VI

Dues

Section 1. The annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The fiscal year of this organization shall begin on February 1 of each year and end on January 31 of the following year.

Article VII

Funds

Section 1. Adequate books of accounts shall be maintained by the Treasurer, who shall be responsible therefore.

Section 2. No funds shall be disbursed without the agreement of the Board.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall appoint an auditor, not an officer, to audit the Treasurer's books prior to the annual meeting.

Section 4. Funds may be used only for the stated purpose of the Friends of the Wells County Public Library.

Article VIII

Amendments

Section 1. The Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of this association by two-thirds of the members present, provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed to all members at least three weeks before the said meeting.

Section 2. Written proxy votes will be accepted for amendments by the Secretary up to the commencement of the said meeting.

Article IX

Parliamentary Authority

All meetings shall be conducted according to the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED, subject to such special rules as have been or may be adopted.

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