

Morris Woman's Club Information

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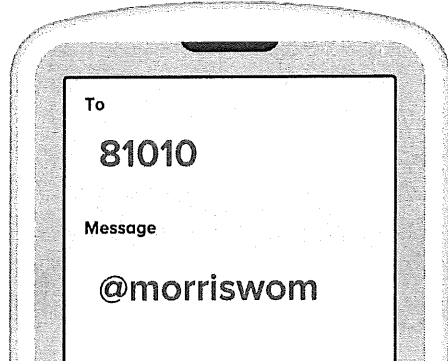


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MWC Summer Workshop Meeting

August 6, 2018

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING (5:45 PM): attendees—Kaileen Cummings, Caroline Cummings, and Angelique Minett. Angelique agreed to be the social media chair. She will take care of the Instagram and Facebook account pages, posting on them every 2-3 pages with relevant information and photos. Angelique also mentioned cross-advertising with the groups we are involved with, especially GFWC and GFWC-IL. She discussed setting up a Google number and forwarding calls to people. Kaileen and Caroline will work on a semi-annual newsletter to be sent out to a wide circle of interested parties. The group discussed setting up a REMIND TEXT account for interested members. Caroline will tackle the web page in a more timely fashion, and focus the content on the idea that people can pick what matters to them and make the time commitment that works for them.

REGULAR MEETING (7:00 PM): 13 attendees.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed for audit.

SUPERHERO RUN recipient is Reclaim 13 Human Trafficking House. It will be added to the web pages.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Donna Cockream motioned and Kaileen Cummings seconded to get a free Google number and forward calls to the President and President Elect along with any appropriate project chair as needed. Motion carried.
- Penny Hexdall motioned and Angelique Minett seconded to open a free REMIND TEXT account that members could voluntarily join. Either the President or President Elect will send out text reminders one day ahead of events. Motion carried. Chris Perry suggested adding GFWC and GFWC-IL to the texts if they wanted to belong.
- The decision was made to send out a photo release sheet in the fall for members to sign again. There was a discussion about making it a digital option as well.

PROGRAMS:

- Christine Fredericks will be the speaker in September on Bees: questions were brought up such as can people have bee colonies in town and where to get locally sourced honey.
- Kaileen suggested that Natalie Polson could be the speaker at the October banquet on pelvic floor health. Natalie is a PT student specializing in women's health.
- November will be elections and another program.
- December will be officer installation and a social event.

PROJECTS:

ART: Next event is August 15. Donna Cockream will run.

By-Laws: the group will meet On August 20 at 6 pm at the PMI building.

CONSERVATION: The next I&M Canal clean up is **August 9 at 4:15 pm**. Meet at the trestle bridge on Calhoun Street. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided.

- Kaileen Cummings stated that over the Labor Day weekend (September 1-3) there is a Canal Corridor Association clean up and they are tracking volunteer hours.
- Vi Sargeant will provide a master list of the magazines MWC is collecting. It was mentioned that we need a PDF of collectibles on the web page.

EDUCATION:

- Rose will make MWC stickers for the books that go in the Little Free libraries.
- Caroline discussed the bench situation. A bench will cost \$300. There are enough caps, and Angelique can get some scouts to take care of the sorting component of the project (a necessary requirement for the program). Rose will ask Lyondell if they might sponsor a bench for Chapin Park. Caroline will write a grant to the Community Foundation for two benches and two LFL.
- Caroline will send an email to the county in regards to putting one at the county building garden lot. She will also work on registering the LFL on-line so they will be on the map.

HOME LIFE: Mary Lee stated that the committee proposed collecting silver pop tops for several families collecting them for the Ronald McDonald House. There are two nonmembers individuals willing to operate it. It will be added to the collections the club participates in.

- The next sewing day is **August 11 from 9-1 pm**. Mary lee will open and Ann Polson will close.

UNITY PROJECT: Mary Lee stated that she had called Regency Care to see if they had a need for a project to spend the last \$100 from the project. They have not provided her an idea yet.

OTHER:

- Donna Cockcream is having a lemonade stand at her house on **August 9 at 2 pm** to help fund school supplies for students in need.
- On **Saturday, August 25 from 2-4 pm** Joshua 1:9 will be holding a tea party at the United Methodist Church to help fund the organization's efforts.

Morris Women's Club Treasurer Report 09/10/18

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$2246.95 - 8/6/18		
Caroline Cummings	banquet expense	-\$74.50		
Caroline Cummings	Website expense paid through 9/21/2023	-\$124.80		
3/2/18 General Acct	Shriner check added to general account	-\$300.00		
Run Account	Shriners should have been added to run acct	+\$300.00		
Membership Dev.	\$130.64			
5K Balance	\$1226.15			
Bridge Club Balance	\$414.00			
Regency Care Balance	\$116.92			
General Acct. Balance	\$159.94			
ENDING BALANCE	\$2047.65			

THEN & NOW

A History of Postcards

Deltiology, the term used for the collection and study of postcards, is thought by many to be one of the largest collectable hobbies in the world.

In order to best understand the inscriptions on the postcards, a brief background account of the U.S. formal postal rules and design of the card is necessary.

The private postal card was first developed by John P. Charlton of Philadelphia in 1861, for which he obtained the copyright and later transferred to H. L. Lipman.

These early cards, decorated with a slight border pattern and labeled "Lipman's Postal Card, Patent Applied For," were for sale on the market until 1873 when the first government postcards appeared.

The U.S. Postal Service issued pre-stamped postal cards in 1873. The USPS was the only one allowed to print such cards until 1898, when Congress passed the Private Mailing Card Act, which allowed private companies to produce and sell cards.

Postcards printed and sold before 1898 are generally considered to be part of the Pioneer Era. The term "Private Mailing Card" was required to be printed on all cards not issued by the United States Postal Service.

At this point, only the government was allowed to print the term "Postcard" on the back of the cards. All private printing firms used various terms, such as Souvenir Card or Mailing Cards Correspondence Cards. Postcards produced from 1898 to 1901 are considered part of the Private Mailing Card Period.

Most pre-1901 postcards are characterized by an "Undivided Back," meaning they do not have the line going down the center of the card. By law, writing was not permitted on the address side of the postcard, and that is why messages were written across the front over the photographs or artwork on the card.

Some private postcard firms even provided a small space on the front for messages. These private mailing cards were to be posted with one-cent stamps (the same rate as governmental postals) instead of the two-cent letter rate.

The turn-of-the-century also saw the beginning of "Real Photo" postcards. These were postcards that had real photographs and were usually printed on a special stock paper.

The top postcard is an example of the



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.



*Wm Milne Esq
Lockport
Ill*

THE MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, 5/16 1883.

Dear Sir :

I have received your favor of 15 with enclosures, as stated.
We Credit. Accepted. Entered for Collection.

*174.75 to Merchants Nat Peoria
use Peoria Canal Comrs*

*Wm Milne coll 149.75
Secy 25.00
174.75*

Yours Respectfully,

C. B. BLAIR, President.

Photos by Christine O'Brien for Shaw Media

Postcards courtesy of David Belden and the Local History Project's digital collections.

OLD POSTCARD IMAGES SOUGHT FOR PUBLICATION

David Belden is a history teacher at Minooka Community High School and currently is publishing local postcard books with Arcadia Publishing in his Local History classes. He and his students are looking for old Joliet

photos and postcards, and images from Joliet's parks, for a new publication.

Photographer Christine O'Brien is an English teacher at Minooka Community High School and currently edits and authors books

with Arcadia.

If you are interested in contributing a postcard image, email dbelden@mchs.net or localhistory@mchs.net; or call 815-467-2140, ext. 260.

address side of the private mailing era postcards. Notice that the graphic states that the card is a "U.S. Postal Card," and the one-cent postal stamp is actually printed on the card.

Notice the instruction to the sender that "Nothing But The Address Can Be Placed On This Side." The private postal card was mailed to William Milne Es-

quire of Lockport, Illinois (Will County).

The bottom postcard also dates from the private mailing era. This private mailing card is typical of cards sent from banks as payment reminders. This postcard is from The Merchants' National Bank of Chicago and is dated May 16, 1883. The private-era postcard was mailed from Chicago to Lockport.

The typed card reads: "Dear sir: I have received your favor of 15 with enclosures, as stated." The handwritten portion reads: "\$174.75 to Merchants National Peoria, use Weds Canal Commissioners." The card is signed, "Yours respectfully, C.B. Blair, President."

More on the different postcard eras in a later column.

REGISTRATION FORM TO FOLLOW WITH
COMPLETE WORKSHOP & RSVP INFORMATION.



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Hosted by Districts 5 & 11



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Voyage Into Leadership

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018

CHECK-IN: 9:15 A.M.

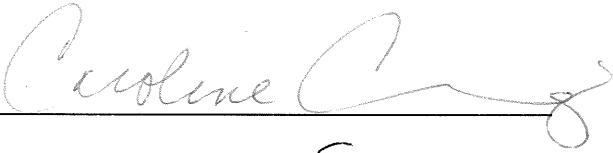
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NOTIFICATION OF SPECIAL MEETING

The By-Laws Committee has finished its review and is ready to present the attached. Due to the amount of by-law changes, we are giving you a hard copy now for your review. If you have any specific concerns that you would like me to address, please let me know via email. We will have a special meeting on Monday, October 15, 2018 at the banquet room of Professional Meters, Inc. located at 3605 N. Route 47, Morris, IL at 6:30pm with the sole purpose of voting on the by-law changes.





Proposed By-Laws Revisions – 2018

Article II – Delete “it” before members, to read “The object of this Club shall be to promote fellowship among members, . . .”

Article III, Section 3(a) – Delete “New” to read “Membership”. Insert “Any person interested in becoming a member will be accepted upon payment of dues.”

Article III, 3 (a) - Delete Sections (1), (2).

Article III, Section 3 (b) – Delete “so testifying, without the necessity of being proposed for membership” following “may apply for membership through a letter of transfer.”

Article III, Section 3 (c) – Change “December 1st” to “October meeting” to read “A member failing to pay dues by the October meeting . . .”

Article III, Section 4 (a) – Change “June 1st” to “September meeting” to read “Resignation shall be in writing and sent to the Corresponding Secretary not later than the September meeting . . .”

Article III, Section 4(b) – Change “December 1st” to “the September meeting” to read “pay dues by the September meeting . . .”

Delete “by mail” to read “shall be notified by the Treasurer. . . .”

Delete “and final”; change “in January” to “October meeting” to read “A second notice will be sent by the October meeting. . . .”;

Delete “Board meeting preceding the”; change “April meeting” to read “Annual meeting in December (Article V, Section 2)” to read “If dues remain unpaid by the Annual meeting in December (Article V, Section 2) membership shall be forfeited.

Article III, Section 5 (a) – Change “by letter” to “via communication” to read “A former member in good standing who has resigned via communication . . .”

Delete “non-resident” to read “returning after a period of a year . . .”

Article III, Section 5(b) – Delete the entire subsection.

Article III, Section 5(c) – Change “(c)” to “(b)”

Delete “by vote of the Board of Directors” to read “A member wishing to renew membership lost for non-payment of dues may be reinstated. . . .”

Insert “Dues from the year member was” following “payment” to read “upon payment of dues from the year member was delinquent and current dues.”

Article IV, Section 1 – Change “June 1st through May 31st of the following year” to “January 1 through December 31” to read “The fiscal year shall be from January 1 through December 31.”

Article IV, Section 2 – Delete “(a)” – Reasoning – there is no section 2(b)

Change “first meeting held in the Fall of the year” to “September meeting” to read “All dues are payable at the September meeting.”

Change “Those elected membership after the January” to “Those persons joining after the May” to read “Those persons joining after the May meeting shall pay”

Article IV, Section 3 – Delete Sub-sections (a) and (b). Insert “Guests are welcome throughout the year to meetings and to help with service projects.”

Article IV, Section 4(a) – Insert title “Funds”. ; Insert “A second signatory of the President shall be on all bank accounts.”

Article IV, Section 4(b) – Delete “All funds remaining in the various budgets at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to the General Fund, unless otherwise recommended to the Club by the Board of Directors.”

Article IV, Section 4(d) – Change “the Finance Committee and the President shall authorize payment.” to “the Treasurer shall pay those funds upon a receipt being provided.”

Delete “A system of written authorization for the payment of all Club funds shall be adopted.”

Article IV, Section 4(e) – Change “made at the October meeting of the Club” to “provided after December 31.” To read “The records of the Treasurer shall be audited annually and the report of the audit shall be provided after December 31.”

Article V, Section 1 – Change “October through May” to “January through December.” To read “Regularly meetings of the Club shall be held each month on dates scheduled in the Standing Rules for January through December.”

Delete “time of the”, to read “The meeting may be”

Insert “by phone, mail or electronically” after “given to all members”, to read “notice of such change is given to all members by phone, mail or electronically”

Add “If necessary or in an emergency, votes on issues before the club may be taken by phone, mail or electronically; responses must be received within 48 hours. Any emergency vote must be a simple majority of all members. “

Article V, Section 2 – Change “on the 1st Monday in October.” To “in December.” to read “The annual meeting of the Club shall be held in December.”

Article V, Section 3 - Add title “Executive Board Meetings.”

Move “when needed to the end of the sentence, to read “The President will convene the Executive Board when needed.

Article VI, Section 1 – Change “Vice –President” to “President – Elect” to read “President, President-Elect . . .”

Article VI, Section 2 – Add title “Executive Board”.

Article VI, Section 3 – change “from the close of the last meeting of the Club to the close of the last meeting of the Club year in which successors are elected” to “and installed at the Annual Meeting.” to read “The officers shall be elected in the even numbered years for a term of two years and installed at the Annual Meeting.”

Article VI, Section 4(b) – Add “(See Standing Rules.) to read “No one shall be elected to the office of President who has not served at least one year on the Board of Directors (See Standing Rules.)

Article VI, Section 6 (a) – Add title “President.” Add “The Immediate Past President shall direct the Communications chair to change the electronic password after the club year following an Election.” at the end of the paragraph.

Article VI, Section 6(b) – Add title “President – Elect.”

Change Vice-President to “President-Elect”; delete “be the President Elect and”, Insert “also be” to read “The President-Elect shall also be the Membership Chair, . . .”

Insert “creating social events and all other duties associated with membership development;” to read, “. . . Membership Chair, creating social events and all other duties associated with membership development;”

Delete “by” and insert “no later than”; change “October” to “January” to read “to be completed no later than the January meeting;

Article VI, Section 6(c) – Add title “Recording Secretary.”

Change “historian” to “Historian”

Insert “and to the webmaster to be placed on the website or digital drive as appropriate;” to read “place all permanent records with the Historian of the Club and to the webmaster to be placed on the website or digital drive as appropriate;”

Change “within one (1) month after her term expires.” To “before the January meeting”. To read “deliver the current Secretary’s books and all current records in her custody to her successor before the January meeting.”

Article VI, Section 7 (d) – Add title “Corresponding Secretary”.

Delete “notify all members of special meetings when required; inform committees of their appointment and new members of their elections.”

Insert “send thank you notes to speakers, etc.” to read “The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence of the Club, i.e ,send thank you notes to speakers, etc.”

Article VI, Section 7(e) – Add title “Treasurer”

Change “annual” to “Annual”

Insert “by mail, phone call or electronically” after “notices” and delete “ at the designated time” to read “send Club dues notices by mail, phone call or electronically”

Article VII, Section 1(a) – Change “at the meeting of the Club in January of an election year” to “by the President no later than the September meeting.” To read “A Nominating Committee consisting of three shall be named by the President no later than the September meeting.”

Article VII, Section 1(b) – Change “at the meeting of the Club in April” to “at least 30 days prior to the November meeting.” To read “present the report of the Committee’s slate at 30 days prior to the November meeting.”

Article VII, Section 2 – Change “Club” to “November” to read “Nominations from the floor may be made at the November meeting . . .”

Article VII, Section 4 – Delete “April” and insert “meeting prior to the Annual” to read “Election of officers shall be by ballot at the meeting prior to the Annual meeting of the Club.”

Change “plurality” to “majority” to read “A majority vote shall elect.”

Insert “acclamation.” Following “voice vote” to read “. . . election may be by a voice vote (acclamation).

Article VII, Section 5 – Delete sub-sections (a) and (b).

(c) Insert “All members attending state convention shall be voting members.”

Change “Unless so instructed by the Club, the delegates are free to vote on an issue as individual persons.” To “The delegates are free to vote on an issue as individual persons, unless so instructed by the Club.”

Article VIII, Section 1 – Delete “Named” to read “Board of Directors.”

Insert “(BOD)” after “Directors” to read as “The Board of Directors (BOD)”

Insert “Communications Chairperson” after “Past President”; insert “Community Service Program (Areas of Interest) after “and” to read “. . . Immediate Past President, Communications Chairperson and Community Service Program (Areas of Interest)”

Change “Chairmen” to “Chairpersons”

Article VIII, Section 2- Delete “shall be: The” to read “Community Service Programs:”

Delete “Health and” to read “Home Life”

Change “Affairs” to “Outreach” to read “International Outreach”

Delete “and” and change “Affairs” to “Issues” to read “Public Issues,”

Insert “and special GFWC and GFWC Illinois projects.” after “Public Issues,” to read “Public Issues, and special GFWC and GFWC Illinois projects.”

Article VIII, Section 3 – Change “Board of Directors” to “BOD” to read “The BOD shall . . .”

Delete “control and” and change “affairs” to “logistics” to read “The BOD shall manage the logistics of the Club;”

Delete “determine the disposition of Club funds and” to read “. . . make recommendations to the Club . . .”

Article VIII, Section 4 – Delete “annually” to read “. . . to be determined by the standing Board . . .”

Insert “by phone, mail, or electronically” following “called” to read “Special Meetings of the Board may be called by phone, mail, or electronically by the President . . .”

Article IX – Insert “AND CLUB POSITIONS” after COMMITTEES to read “STANDING COMMITTEES AND CLUB POSITIONS”

Article IX, Section 1 -

Delete “Named” to read “Standing Committees.”

Change "Auditor" to "Audit"; Delete "Banquets, Bridge Marathon, Public Relations, Telephone"; Insert "Communications, Fundraising General, and Scholarships" to read ". . . Audit, Communications, Finance, Fundraising General, Historian, Parliamentary Advisor, Programs, and Scholarships . . ."

Article IX, Section 1(a) - Delete the entire sub-section.

Article IX, Section 2 – Delete "annually" to read "evaluated by "

Change "officers" to "BOD" to read "by the BOD of the Club.

Delete "They shall be responsible for establishing these duties."

Article IX, Section 3 – Change "Special committees to carry on the work of the Club may be named by the President from time to time as the need arises." to "Additional Standing Committees may be appointed at the discretion of the BOD of the Club or to comply with committees listed in the Illinois Federation Program."

Article X, Section 1. – Insert "GFWC Illinois" before "Morris Woman's Club" to read "GFWC Illinois Morris Woman's Club"

Change "Club" to "club".

Insert (GFWC)" after "Clubs" to read General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC)."

Article X, Section 3 -

Insert "GFWC Illinois" before "Morris Woman's Club" to read "In the event of the dissolution of the GFWC Illinois Morris Woman's Club,"

Change "Morris Woman's Club Board of Directors" to read "GFWC Illinois Morris Woman's Club BOD"

Article XII – Insert "(2/3)" following "two-thirds" to read ". . .by a two-thirds (2/3) vote . . ."

Standing Rules

1. Delete "October through May" and insert "January through December unless posted in the yearbook and designated by the Board of Directors" to read "The Club shall meet the first Monday of the month from January through December unless posted in the yearbook and designated by the Board of Directors."

2. Delete "this year" to read "If you are scheduled for any duties, it is your responsibility . . ." Delete "We believe this makes for a smoother working Club."
3. Change "\$10.00" to "\$25.00" to read "The Club shall contribute \$25.00 to Shawnee National Forest. . ."
4. Change "\$31.00" to "\$32.00" to read "Current dues of the club shall be \$32.00 . . ."

Delete "Dues: Please make your payment of \$31.00 for dues no later than December 1st of the Club year to the Treasurer."

Insert "made payable by the September meeting to the Treasurer." To read "Current dues of the club shall be \$32.00 made payable by the September meeting to the Treasurer."

5. Add all of the following: "Committee Information:

Community Service Program (Areas of Interest): Committee Chairs are responsible for finding committee members, networking with the community to find projects, once approved keeping the Club informed of progress of projects, keeping records for report purposes, and preparing materials for the next chair person. Look at GFWC-IL and GFWC International for project ideas. Includes Art, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues (Article VIII, Section 2).

Special GFWC and GFWC Illinois Programs: These committees have a special focus, timeframe and are event specific following guidelines from GFWC or GFWC Illinois. Committee Chairs are responsible for finding committee members, networking with the community to find projects, once approved keeping the Club informed of progress of projects, keeping records for report purposes, and preparing materials for the next chair person. Look at GFWC-IL and GFWC International for project ideas. May include Prevent Child Abuse (PCA), Blue Ribbon Fashion Show, Easter Seals Telethon, Convention, etc.

Audit – This committee shall audit the Treasurer reports and bank statements as well as the Club organizational documents such as IRS, Secretary of State, etc. Shall be accomplished after December 31 and reported at the February meeting.

Communication – Shall consist of the President, President Elect and webmaster as well as any other interested parties. Shall maintain website, social media sites, send general press releases, and communicate with members via phone, mail or electronically.

Finance – Shall consist of President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Treasurer and any other interested party to create and review the budget for the calendar year, which shall be presented to the BOD and the Club at the January meeting.

Fund Raising (General) – Shall consist of at least three members and shall raise operational funds and work in tandem with project committees.

Historian – Shall consist of at least one member who will create and maintain a pictorial depiction of Club events, which shall be on display at least during the annual meeting.

Membership – Shall consist of the President Elect and any other interested parties to develop programs to enhance membership engagement and development.

Parliamentary Advisory – Shall advise and make sure that the Club is following parliamentary rules.

Programs – Shall consist of the President Elect with assistance from the President and any other interested parties to secure programs for the general meetings and to make sure payments are provided by the Treasurer and that thank you notes are sent by the Corresponding Secretary.

Scholarship – Shall consist of the Education Chair as well as two other individuals to fund, promote and distribute scholarship funds (includes Bridge Marathon Chairperson).

By-Laws Proposed Revision 2018

ARTICLE I - NAME

This association shall be called the GFWC ILLINOIS MORRIS WOMAN'S CLUB, a not-for-profit organization.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The object of this Club shall be to promote fellowship among its members, to unite in action for civic improvement and to join with the State and General Federation in the accomplishment of their projects.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. Any woman in sympathy with the object of this Club is eligible as an applicant for membership.

Section 2. Classifications of Memberships. There shall be one classification of membership. Members shall conduct the work of the Club. They shall pay dues and be entitled to all privileges of the Club.

Section 3. Admission into Membership.

(a) Membership. Any person interested in becoming a member will be accepted upon payment of dues.

~~(a) New Membership.~~

~~(1) Invitation. A member desiring to sponsor a candidate for membership shall invite the candidate to visit the Club and shall submit the name to the Membership Chairman.~~

~~(2) Acceptance. The vote to membership by the Board of Directors is obligatory and shall be by majority vote.~~

(b) Transfer. A member in good standing, of any member club of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, may apply for membership through a letter of transfer. ~~so testifying, without the necessity of being proposed for membership.~~

(c) Illness Waiver. A member failing to pay dues by the October meeting ~~December 1st~~ due to illness or injuries shall be removed in good standing.

Section 4. Termination of Membership.

(a) By Resignation. Resignation shall be in writing and sent to the Corresponding Secretary not later than the September meeting ~~June 1st~~ or her name will be included in the membership list in the yearbook and dues required for the current year. A member shall not be allowed to resign in good standing unless dues for the current year have been paid.

(b) For Non-Payment of Dues. A member failing to pay dues by the September meeting ~~December 1st~~ shall be notified by mail by the Treasurer. A second and final notice shall be sent by the October meeting in January. If dues remain unpaid by the ~~Board meeting preceding the Annual~~ the Annual meeting in December (Article V, Section 2), ~~April meeting,~~ membership shall be forfeited.

Section 5. Renewal of Membership.

(a) A former member in good standing who has resigned via communication ~~by letter,~~ returning after a ~~non-resident~~ period of a year or longer, may be restored to membership by the Board of Directors on payment of current dues.

~~(b) A member withdrawing for a year or longer, may waive the necessity of being proposed and endorsed but, on reinstatement by the Board of Directors, must pay current dues to be reinstated.~~

(b) A member wishing to renew membership lost for non-payment of dues may be reinstated ~~by vote of the Board of Directors~~ upon payment of dues from the year member was delinquent and current dues.

ARTICLE IV - DUES AND FINANCE

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year shall be from January 1 through December 31 ~~June 1st through May 31st of the following year.~~

Section 2. Annual Dues.

(a) Members shall pay current dues. This amount includes per capita dues to the Twelfth District, Illinois and General Federation of Women's Clubs. All dues are payable at the September meeting ~~at the first meeting held in the Fall of the year.~~ Those persons joining after the May ~~January~~ meeting shall pay one-half of the current dues.

Section 3. Guests. ~~(a) Guests are welcome throughout the year to meetings and to help with service projects. Anyone who is not a member, living within Morris or vicinity, shall have the courtesy of the Club no more than once during the Club year, banquets included.~~

~~(b) The courtesy of the Club shall be extended to the house guests of members.~~

Section 4. Club Funds.

(a) Funds. All funds of the Club shall be in the custody of the Treasurer and shall be deposited by her in a bank approved by the Board of Directors. A second signatory of the President shall be on all bank accounts.

(b) General Funds. All dues and funds received by the Club shall be placed in the General Fund and used as approved in the budget voted upon unless otherwise designated by majority vote taken at any meeting of the Club. ~~All funds remaining in the various budgets at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to the General Fund, unless otherwise recommended to the Club by the Board of Directors.~~

This is designed to allow a department, such as Art or Conservation to hold onto funds for a larger project if need be.

~~*(c) Disbursement of Club Funds.* Disbursement of the funds of the Club may be authorized by vote of the Club. Where funds have been designated in the budget for certain activities and purposes, the Treasurer shall pay those funds upon a receipt being provided. ~~the Finance Committee and the President shall authorize payment. A system of written authorization for the payment of all Club funds shall be adopted.~~~~

~~*(d) Audit.* The records of the Treasurer shall be audited annually and the report of the audit shall be provided after ~~January~~ December 31. ~~made at the October meeting of the Club.~~~~

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Club shall be held each month on dates scheduled in the Standing Rules for January through December. ~~October through May.~~ The time of the meeting may be changed by the officers in an emergency, provided notice of such change is given to all members by phone, mail or electronically in advance of the meeting. If necessary or in an emergency, votes on issues before the club may be taken by phone, mail or electronically; responses must be received within 48 hours. Any emergency vote must be a simple majority of all members.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Club shall be held in December. ~~on the 1st Monday in October.~~

Section 3. Executive Board Meetings. The President, ~~when needed,~~ will convene the Executive Board when needed.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President, and ~~shall~~ must be called upon written request of 25 percent of the members. The purpose of the meeting shall be given in the "call" via phone, mail or electronically and no other business shall be transacted.

Section 5. Quorum. A majority of the members present and voting shall constitute a quorum for any Club meeting.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Officers' Names. The officers of this Club shall be a President, ~~Vice-President Elect,~~ Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. Executive Board. The elected officers constitute the Executive Board.

Section 3. Election and Terms. The officers shall be elected in the even numbered years for a term of two years and installed at the Annual Meeting. ~~at the Annual from the close of the last meeting of the Club to the close of the last meeting of the Club year in which successors are elected.~~

Section 4. Eligibility.

(a) Any member in good standing shall be eligible to hold office. No member may hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms. A member having served the major portion of a term shall be considered to have served a full term.

(b) No one shall be elected to the office of President who has not served at least one year on the Board of Directors (See Standing Rules).

Section 5. Vacancies. A vacancy in any elective office shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term.

Section 6. Duties of Officers.

(a) *President.* The President shall be the official representative of the Club; preside at all meetings of the Club and Board of Directors; be ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee; appoint Chairperson of Nominating Committee; appoint chair people and members of committees, with the approval of the other officers; approve bills for payment by the Treasurer; serve as a member of the 12th District Board; see that Federation information is presented to the Club and encourage interest and action; sign checks in the absence or inability of the Treasurer to do so. The ~~Immediate~~ Past President shall direct the ~~newly appointed~~ Communications chair to change the electronic password after the club year following an election.

(b) *President Elect.* The ~~Vice-President Elect shall be the President Elect~~ also be ~~and~~ the Membership Chair, creating social events and all other duties associated with membership development; perform the duties of the President in her absence; interest new members in Club work and acquaint them with the history and policies of the Club; act as chairperson of the committee responsible for assembling and

printing the Club yearbook to be completed by no later than the ~~October~~ January meeting; also perform other duties that may be assigned to her.

(c) *Recording Secretary.* The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all the meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors; prepare and send to the President a copy of each meeting's minutes within a week; keep a membership list of the Club; place all permanent records with the Historian of the Club and to the webmaster to be placed on the website or digital drive as appropriate; deliver the current Secretary's books and all current records in her custody to her successor ~~within one (1) month after the her term expires,~~ before the January meeting.

(d) *Corresponding Secretary.* The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence of the Club, i.e., send thank you notes to speakers, etc. ; ~~notify all members of special meetings when required; inform committees of their appointment and new members of their elections.~~

(e) *Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall be custodian of all Club funds; keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements; make a monthly report to the Board of Directors and to the Club; submit a yearly report at the Annual meeting; send Club dues notices by mail, phone call or electronically ~~at the designated time;~~ remit per capita dues to the District Treasurer; deliver all records in her possession to her successor at the completion of the audit.

ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee.

(a) *Appointment and Election.* A Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members shall be named by the President ~~no later by at least the September meeting~~ ~~at the meeting of the Club in January of an election year.~~ The Board of Directors shall approve this cCommittee.

(b) *Duties.* The Nominating Committee shall prepare a ticket consisting of one (1) candidate for each office to be filled; present the report of the Committee's slate at least 30 days prior to the November meeting. ~~at the meeting of the Club in April.~~

Section 2. Nominations from the Floor. Nominations from the floor may be made at the November ~~Club~~ meeting following the report of the Nominating Committee. After nominations from the floor, prepare the ballot for the election, when a ballot vote is required.

Section 3. Consent to Serve. Consent to serve if elected must be obtained from any candidate before she may be nominated either by the Nominating Committee or from the floor.

Section 4. Election. Time and Vote. Election of Officers shall be by ballot at the meeting prior to the Annual ~~pril~~ meeting of the Club. A ~~plurality~~ majority vote shall elect. When there is only one (1) candidate for a given office, election may be by a voice vote (acclamation).

Section 5. Delegates to the Convention.

~~(a) Delegates to state convention shall be the President and the Vice President.~~

~~(b) Alternates to district conventions shall be by appointment by the President.~~

~~(c) All members attending state convention shall be voting members. tThe delegates are free to vote on an issue as individual persons, unless so instructed by the Club. (Now all members attending Convention are voting delegates, so a and b can be eliminated and replaced with "" . C can remain the same or have the first phrase removed.)~~

ARTICLE VIII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Board of Directors. ~~Named.~~ The Board of Directors (BOD) shall consist of the Officers, Immediate Past President, Communications Chairperson and Community Service Program (Areas of Interest) Chairpersons ~~men~~ appointed by the President. Should we add the Fund Raising Chair?

Section 2. Community Service Programs. ~~shall be:~~ The Arts, Conservation, Education, ~~Health and Home Life, International Outreach, Affairs and Public Issues, and special GFWC and GFWC Illinois projects.~~ ~~Affairs.~~ Informational packets will be distributed to each Community Service Program chairperson by the President.

Section 3. Duties of the Board of Directors. The ~~Board of Directors~~ BOD shall ~~control and~~ manage the logistics ~~affairs~~ of the Club; ~~determine the disposition of Club funds~~ and make recommendations to the Club; perform such other duties as may herein be provided or authorized by the Club; have discretion to call special meetings of the Club.

Section 4. Meeting of the Board of Directors.

(a) Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall meet prior to the monthly general Club meeting at a time and date to be determined ~~annually~~ by the standing Board of Directors.

(b) Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by phone, mail, or electronically by the President or shall be called upon written request of three (3) Board members. Notice of such meeting shall be given to each member at least three (3) days before the meeting, the purpose of the meeting to be stated in the "call" and no other business transacted.

Section 4. Quorum. A majority of the members present and voting shall constitute a quorum for all meetings of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX - STANDING COMMITTEES AND CLUB POSITIONS

Section 1. Standing Committees. ~~Named.~~ There shall be the following Standing Committees: Audit ~~or, Banquets, Bridge Marathon,~~ Communications, Finance, Fundraising General, Historian, Parliamentary Advisor, Meeting Programs, ~~Public Relations~~ and Scholarships, ~~Telephone;~~ chair people and members of which shall be selected by the President, with the approval of officers. ~~(By stating Meeting Programs, are you eliminating social events from the program responsibility? It sounds like it's being restricted.)~~

~~(a) Committees as listed in the Illinois Federation Program. The Chairman of the Program Committee shall be named by the Board of Directors in September, shall become a member of the Board at the annual meetings and shall continue in office for one (1) year.~~

~~**Section 2. Duties of Standing Committees.** The duties of each Standing Committee shall be specified in the standing rules and evaluated ~~annually~~ by the BOD ~~officers~~ of the Club. ~~They shall be responsible for establishing these duties.~~~~

~~(b) **Section 3. Other Committees.** Additional Standing Committees may be appointed ~~annually~~ at the discretion of the BOD ~~officers~~ of the Club or ~~established~~ to comply with committees listed in the Illinois Federation Program ~~or to carry on the work of the club at the discretion of the officers. (I don't think you need to strike annually because of the qualification you've added that allows you to change them as needed. Nice to have some consistency for a term.)~~~~

~~Section 3. Other Committees. Special committees to carry on the work of the Club may be named by the President from time to time as the need arises.~~

ARTICLE X - AFFILIATION

Section 1. The Morris Woman's Club GFWC-IL shall be a member cClub of the Illinois and General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC).

Section 2. The Club shall have representation at the District and State conventions and shall be bound by the rules for payment of per capita dues provided in the By-Laws of each Federation.

Section 3. In the event of the dissolution of the Morris Woman's Club GFWC-IL, the total assets shall be liquidated and allotted to organizations of like purposes to be determined by the Morris Woman's Club GFWC-IL BOD ~~Board of Directors~~ in accordance with governmental regulations. No portion of such funds shall be distributed among individual members.

ARTICLE XI - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, revised, shall govern at all meetings, except in cases covered by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting, provided notice of such amendment has been given to all Club members via mail or electronically at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting, at which the proposed amendment is to be considered for adoption. All proposed amendments shall be given to a Revision Committee for proper wording and presentation to the Club.

STANDING RULES

1. The Club shall meet the first Monday of the month from January through December unless posted in the yearbook and designated by the Board of Directors ~~October through May~~ at
First Presbyterian Church
200 E Jackson Street, Morris, IL 60450
Or other specified location.
2. *Reservations made are reservations paid, i.e., bus trips, banquets, etc.*
3. ~~If you are scheduled for any duties this year, it is your responsibility, if you are unable to perform the duties, to find your own replacement. We believe this makes a smoother working club.~~
4. ~~The Club shall contribute \$25.00 \$10.00 to Shawnee National Forest as a memorial to each deceased Club member.~~
5. **Current dues of the club shall be \$32.00** ~~Dues: Please make your payment of \$31.00 for dues no later than December 1* of the club year to the Treasurer.~~ made payable by the September meeting to the Treasurer.
Checks made payable to

Morris Woman's Club
PO Box 334
Morris, IL 60450

6. *Committee Information*

Community Service Program (Areas of Interest): Committee Chairs are responsible for finding committee members, networking with the community to find projects, once approved keeping the Club informed of progress of projects, keeping records for report purposes, and preparing materials for the next chair person. Look at GFWC-IL and GFWC International for project ideas. Includes Art, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues (Article VIII, Section 2).

Special GFWC and GFWC-IL Illinois Programs: These committees have a special focus, timeframe and are event specific following guidelines from GFWC or GFWC Illinois. Committee Chairs are responsible for finding committee members, networking with the community to find projects, once approved keeping the Club informed of progress of projects, keeping records for report purposes, and preparing materials for the next chairperson. Look at GFWC-IL Illinois and GFWC International for project ideas. May include Prevent Child Abuse (PCA), Blue Ribbon Fashion Show, Easter Seals Telethon, District 12 Convention, etc.

Audit—This committee shall audit ~~Audits~~ the Treasurer reports and bank statements as well as the Club organizational documents such as IRS, Secretary of State, etc. Shall be accomplished after December 31 ~~by January 31 of the next Club year~~ and reported at the February meeting.

Communication—Shall consist of the President, President Elect and webmaster as well as any other interested parties. Shall maintain website, social media sites, send general press releases, and communicate with members via phone, mail, or electronically.

Finance—Shall consist of President, VP, Immediate Past President, Treasurer and any other interested party to create and review the budget for the calendar year, which shall be presented to the BOD ~~by the Annual January meeting and to the Club at the Annual January meeting. (The annual meeting is the installation of officers, so the new officers do not take over until that time. Plus the books need to be reviewed before a new budget can be put into place officially.)~~

Fund Raising (General)—Shall consist of at least three members and shall raise operational funds and ~~to~~ work in tandem with project committees.

Historian—Shall consist of at least one member who will create and maintain a pictorial depiction of Club events, which shall be on display at least during the annual meeting.

Membership—Shall consist of the President Elect and any other interested parties to develop programs to enhance membership engagement and development.

Parliamentary Advisor—Shall advise and make sure that the Club is following parliamentary rules.

Programs—Shall consist of the President Elect with assistance from the President and any other interested parties to secure programs for the general meetings and to make sure payments are provided by the Treasurer and that thank you notes are sent by the Corresponding Secretary. ~~instruct the corresponding secretary to send thank you notes after the meetings.~~

Scholarship—Shall consist of the Education Chair as well as two other individuals to fund, promote and distribute scholarship funds (includes Bridge marathon Chairperson).