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The Good-Will Purity Association

CONSTITUTION AND
BY-LAWS



Messiah Bible School and
Missionary Training Home

HARRISBURG, PA.

MAY 9th, 1910

PREAMBLE

We, as believers in purity, seeing the important need of interesting others in the same and believing that knowledge of the laws of purity are upbuilding to both soul and body, have at a meeting held this 9th day of May, 1911, organized The Good Will Purity Association and do adopt for its government the following Constitution and By-Laws:

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Association shall be known as The Good Will Purity Association.

ARTICLE II.

MOTTO.

Virtue alone ennobles. Colors, *White and Blue.*

ARTICLE III.

OBJECT.

The object of this Association is to instill higher and nobler ideals of life and help man to the high state in which God intends that he should live.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERS.

The members of this Association shall be of two kinds, regular and sustaining.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS.

There shall be two kinds of meetings, regular and special.

ARTICLE VII.

LIBRARY.

There shall be a library.

ARTICLE VIII.

REAL ESTATE.

This Association shall have its own Real Estate, if possible.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Association shall not be changed except by a two-thirds vote of all the members.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. *Regular.*

Any one may become a regular member of this Association by paying the sum of fifty cents.

Sec. 2. *Sustaining.*

Any one may become a sustaining member of this Association by paying the sum of seventy-five cents and an annual fee of twenty-five cents.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. *Election of Officers.*

(a) The officers shall be elected annually in the regular June meeting, and

meeting to be the last in each term of office, and shall constitute an Executive Committee for the transaction of such necessary business as may come before them in the interval of regular or called meetings of the Association.

(b) The officers of this Association shall be elected by ballot, and the election shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast.

Sec. 2. *Duties of Officers.*

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, enforce the Constitution of the Association, receive and submit all proper motions and reports; shall announce all regular business and the result of each vote; call special meetings; appoint committees; fill vacancies by appointment; sign all legal orders on the treasurer and perform all other duties that this office may require.

(b) In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of that office.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a full and impartial record of all the proceedings of the Association; present the same to the Association for

approval; record the same as approved in the minute book; receive all fees of membership provided for in Art. II, under By-Laws, and forward the same to the treasurer; record all amendments to the Constitution; keep a roll of the members of the Association; and perform all the other duties that his or her office may require.

(d) The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys of the Association, shall give a receipt for the same to his predecessor; at the expiration of his term of office or when so ordered by the Association, he shall submit a written report setting forth the condition of the finances and shall deliver to his successor all books, moneys, papers and other property belonging to his office.

(e) Librarians shall keep a record of books and all other literature passing through the library and shall use discretion in giving books to applicants.

Sec. 3. *Resignation of Officers.*

Any officer desiring to be relieved of his or her duties must present to the Association his proposed resignation in writing, setting forth therein his reasons for withdrawal.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. *Regular Meetings.*

Regular meetings shall be held on the evening of the first Monday in each month at such place designated by the Executive Committee for the transaction of business and mutual improvement. Said place to be secured by rental or purchase.

Sec. 2. *Special Meetings.*

The President may call a meeting at any time, due notice having been given as far as possible to all members.

Sec. 3. *Educational Meetings.*

Special educational meetings may be held at any time agreed upon by the Executive Committee and shall be general and special, that is, for male and female, or either.

Sec. 4. *Special Meetings for Women.*

In case of special meetings for women, the President shall designate someone to act as Chairman.

ARTICLE V.

LIBRARY.

This Association shall own and maintain a library consisting of books, periodicals, tracts and any literature conducive to the furtherance of the work of the Association.

Sec. 1. *Librarians.*

The library shall be in charge of two librarians, a lady and a gentleman, who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. *Selection of Books.*

The Executive Committee with the librarians shall constitute a committee for selecting books and shall have the privilege of using 80 per cent. of membership fees as purchasing fund.

Sec. 3. *Drawing Out Books.*

Members desiring books must state whether books are for themselves or for another.

Sec. 4. *Lending Books.*

Persons must not lend books to another without the consent of the Librarians.

Sec. 5. *Use of Library by Non-Members.*

Non-members may have the privilege of using the library by applying either in person or through a member of the Association and by paying five cents for each book withdrawn except the first.

Sec. 6. *Special Rules.*

The Executive Committee, together with the Librarians, shall have the power to prescribe special rules for the library as the need may require.

ARTICLE VI.

REAL ESTATE.

Sec. 1. *Sale of Real Estate.*

Real Estate shall be held in the name of the society and any proceeds realized from the sale of real estate shall be the property of the laity of the Society and shall be held and immured into and for the sole and proper use of the said Society.

Sec. 2. *Signing of Legal Papers.*

In the sale of real estate, the President and Secretary shall be the proper officials to sign the legal papers for conveyance of

such real estate and the Society shall nominate or elect a person to act as its attorney to acknowledge such legal documents for conveyance of title.

Sec. 3. *Three-fourths Vote Required.*

No property shall be sold without a three-fourths vote of the laity of the Society.

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