

By-Laws of the Friends of the Western Sullivan Public Library:

Article I:

Name:

The name of the organization shall be the Friends of the Western Sullivan Public Library

Article II:

Purpose:

Section 1:

The Friends of the Western Sullivan Public Library is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the library in promoting literacy and life learning skills. Our purpose is to inspire and encourage our communities to provide resources that will support and enhance the work of Western Sullivan Public Library

Section 2:

This organization shall maintain an association of persons interested in libraries; focus public attention on the library; advocate on behalf of the library; stimulate the use of the library's resources and services, including technology; receive and encourage gifts and donations to the library; and support and cooperate with the library in developing library services and facilities for the community

Article III:

Membership:

Section 1:

Membership in the Friends of the Western Sullivan Public Library organization shall be open to individuals, organizations, and businesses in agreement with its purpose.

Section 2:

Dues will be paid annually by July 1

Section 3:

There will be a review of the dues structure at each annual meeting

Section 4:

Each member who has paid dues is entitled to one vote

Article IV:

Officers

Section 1:

The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The

officers of the organization, along with at least one other individual, shall constitute the Board of Directors. The Library Director or designee, shall be an ex-officio member of the Board

Section 2:

The Board of Directors shall meet at least four (4) times per year. The majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum

Section 3:

Nominations for officers and the Board of Directors shall be presented by a nominating committee of at least two, to be appointed by the Board

Section 4:

The officers of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting and take an oath of office every July

Section 5:

Vacancies arising on the Board shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining Board members

Section- 6:

The Treasurer shall provide a financial report at each meeting and submit an annual report at the yearly membership meeting

Section 7:

The officers shall have all the usual powers and duties of officers as defined by *Robert's Rules of Order*

Article V:

Meetings:

Section 1:

This organization shall hold its annual membership meeting in the spring for the purpose of election of officers, to receive various reports, and to enact other business. Public notice shall be made prior to the meeting

Section 2:

Additional meetings shall be scheduled as recommended by any special committees and approved by the Board of Directors

Article VI:

Funds:

Section 1:

Adequate books of account shall be maintained by the Treasurer who shall be responsible thereof

Section 2:

All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer or President

Section 3:

The Board of Directors shall utilize a professional external source to review the Treasurer's books prior to the annual membership meeting

Section 4:

No member of this organization shall be liable except for unpaid dues; and no personal liability shall in any event be attached to any member in connection with any of its undertakings

Section 5:

The fiscal year of this organization shall be from July 1 to June 30

Article VII:

Amendments:

These Article of Association may be amended at any meeting of the Board, by a three-fourths vote, provided that notice of the proposed change was given at least one week prior to the meeting

Article VIII:

Dissolution:

Section 1:

This organization shall not be operated for profit. Funds raised in the name of the Friends of the Western Sullivan Public Library shall be expended in support of the purposes of this organization and under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Friends

Section 2:

No part of the net earnings of this organization or funds derived from the liquidation or dissolution of this organization shall be used to compensate a private individual or member for services to this organization

Section 3:

In the event this organization ceases to exist, all of the property and assets thereof shall become the property of the Western Sullivan Public Library.