

Meade Chamber of Commerce Bylaws

Adopted October 1958

Revised 2014

The Meade Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization established for the purpose of promoting the industrial, educational, agricultural and commercial interest of Meade, Kansas.

Article I

Section 1.

Membership in the Meade Chamber of Commerce shall consist of any business enterprise, corporation, farmer, rancher, teacher or individual citizen concerned with the promotion of the commercial, industrial, educational, agricultural, civic and cultural growth of Meade, Kansas.

Section 2.

Any member in good standing and with dues current shall be entitled to one vote at any general and/or special meeting of the Meade Chamber of Commerce. All members are encouraged to attend every Chamber meeting. Membership dues for the following year shall be set at the November meeting by the majority of the members present at said meeting.

Article II

Section 1.

The Chamber of Commerce meeting in the month of November will be devoted to the nomination and election of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer by voice vote unless 25% of the members desire written ballot. Those elected officers will be installed at the following January meeting.

Section 2.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chamber and advise such action to increase the usefulness of the organization as is agreeable with the majority of the members in good standing.

Section 3.

The Vice President shall act in the absence of the President and shall be responsible for the internal affairs of the Chamber.

Section 4.

The Secretary shall attend all meetings to take and preserve the minutes of such meetings, conduct the official correspondence of the Chamber, and collect and dispense mail.

Section 5.

The Treasurer shall send statements of dues, collect such dues and other receipts and deposit them in the Chamber bank account. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds as approved by the Chamber, maintain accurate books and make a financial report as required by the Chamber. The Treasurer shall attend meetings and take the minutes in the absence of the Secretary.

Section 6.

A vacancy in any office shall be filled at a regular or special meeting by a voice vote unless 25% of the members present desire written ballot; provided a notice of the election shall be mailed to the membership ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. Those elected officer(s) will be installed at the following monthly meeting.

Article III

Section 1.

A five member executive board shall be established consisting of the current President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the immediate past President. The executive board shall have the power to borrow money, make contracts and otherwise conduct business on behalf of the Chamber subject to the approval of a majority of the general membership at any regular meeting and approval of amended by-laws.

Section 2.

The President (with consent of the majority of the members present) at a regular meeting shall have the authority to appoint committees and committee chairpersons. The committee chairpersons will report back to the general membership at regular Chamber meetings as necessary and as requested by the President.

Section 3.

Regular Chamber meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at 12:00 noon at a place selected by the majority of the members.

Section 4.

A special meeting may be called at any time by the current President or any three members of the executive board.

Section 5.

At any meeting, whether regular or special meeting of the Chamber, to transact any business a minimum of five members in good standing must be present of which two must be executive board members.

Article IV

Section 1.

Receipts from the membership dues and other sources, unless specifically designated, shall constitute the general fund of the Chamber, from which all fixed charges shall be paid, and serve as a basis to plan promotional ideas for the community.

Section 2.

The fiscal year of the Chamber shall be January 1.

Section 3.

The majority of the members at the regular November meeting shall decide upon a time and place for an Annual Meeting. The members are not required to have an Annual Meeting.

Section 4.

These bylaws may be amended by the Chamber membership at any regular meeting by unanimous decision of the executive board and ratification of 25% of the Chamber membership.

Approved by the unanimous decision of the executive board on the 6th day of March, 2014, and approved by 25% of the Chamber Membership on the 7th day of April, 2014.