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HISTORY OF HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK IN WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND.
1917 - 1964

Worcester County Home Demonstration Work had it's beginning in the summer of 1917 when a person was there through the summer months to give canning demonstrations.

In March, 1918, Miss Lucy J. Walter came to the county as a full time Home Demonstration Agent and she was labeled also as "the woman who teaches canning".

The one County Woman's Organization known as County Woman's Club had as it's leader a person, Miss Rozelle Handy, who had been interested in developing civic work among rural folk and through the members of the organization representing all sections of the county, gave the Home Demonstration Agent Opportunities to carry demonstrations to different sections of the county.

These were pioneer days. Roads seemed all sand or mud and were difficult to travel over. The Agent had no car and no knowledge of being a driver. Four towns could be reached by train which usually meant a day for one meeting, spending the night to get a return train. Whenever possible the County Agent and Home Demonstration Agent traveled together. There were occasional busses. The County Superintendent of Schools, Mr. E. W. MCMaster and Miss Mary Pusey, School Supervisor, made it possible for the Home Demonstration Agent to visit schools with them, as much of the 4-H work was carried on through schools. On one occasion several county schools had been visited. On the return trip the car got stuck in the sand and it was necessary to remain all night on a little used road waiting for help to be pulled out.

In the fall of the first car was bought and these were hectic days learning to drive and avoiding spending more time in the sand and mud than doing Extension programs.

Through the summer extensive canning and wartime cookery were demonstrated and from these contacts home visits developed. The acquaintance of the family was made and so 4-H work began.

In 1920 the first 4-H camp was held. Through the courtesy of the Clerk of Court, Mr. Oliver Collins, who had a cottage at Ocean City, the 4-H girls were offered use of the cottage for one week. This work grew with demonstrations in projects of food, clothing, poultry, canning and gardens.

Through the next five year period, 1923 to 1927, the work was carried on with the same Home Demonstration Agent and ten adult clubs were organized. They were taught millinery, the making of dress forms, sewing, housing, furnishing, landscaping, nutrition and the care of the poultry flock. Through this period was the beginning of the local Leader and tours were held to show results of work carried on to improve and make more convenient the home. Interesting figures illustrate that home building in 1927 was very different from the present. An eight room house with two baths, including all material, labor and furnishing could be had at a cost of $6,555.00. Today the figure would be more than double this amount, possibly triple this amount. Club members were becoming conscious that convenience afforded by water, lights and arrangements were good investments.

Poultry was an important home project and much time was given to creating better poultry practices.

Beauty inside and outside the home was recognized as a necessity in home life, and so furnishings and landscaping received special recognition.

Importance of nutrition was stressed and many were reached through clinics in cooperation with the County Health Department. Schools began the hot lunch by serving hot drinks and soup with the home packed cold lunch.

This was also a period when community shows prevailed and large exhibits demonstrated results of farm and home demonstrators. The County and Home Demonstration Agents spent considerable time on creditable exhibits at Berlin and Snow Hill. These created much interest and were continued several years.

The first Rural Women's Short Course was held in College Park in 1923. There were four delegates from the county.

Another highlight was the building of the Severn River Bridge at Annapolis. Each County was represented by a float with County and Home Demonstration Agents chairmen of the Worcester County Committee. Worcester received fi st recognition.

In 1923 the Farm Bureau was organized. There were fifteen Locals. The Agents attended the meetings each month and planned their programs.

4-H work also made progress. In addition to the general county work club members attended State Club Week, became All Stars and represented the State at National Camp and Camp Vail.

In 1927 there were slight changes in the Extension program. State Specialists wame to the county to hold training meetings and to assist in training project demonstrators. This was done in order to provide more time for organization of new clubs. The County Advisory Council was also organized as an over-all organization to further Extension work.

The critical financial crisis in the early 30's created many home problems. Women were concerned about ways and means to help through the depression. The people became budget minded and carried budget demonstrations.

To divert the thinking on reverse, programs in music and flowers were developed and a county chorus was organized.

Local meetings in the Farm Bureau decreased and new home groups were formed. The three lower Shore counties combined their Fall meeting and held their Tri-County meeting, which was the event of the year.

The mattress making project was conducted entirely with persons on relief. The Agent found it necessary to do much of the hard work in order to teach others. However, it was worthwhile and provided comfortable beds to many laborers.

In 1945 Miss Walter retired from the Extension Service. Her work was not always smooth running, but she met the many problems in her calm, sympathetic manner and today has a host of friends in the county.

Miss Cynthia Ann MacIntyre served the county from September, 1945 to July 1947. There was little change in the method of carrying on the work. She returned to New Jersey for similar work in her own county.

No appointment was made until April 15, 1948, when Miss Ann A. Hilger came. She served until August 11, 1949, to take over duties of homemaking on a farm. Until 1948 most of the work had been carried on with women possibly thirty-five to sixty-five years of age. Miss Hilger started some new clubs among young married groups, who seemed anxious to learn more about foods, clothing, child care and home furnishings. Most of these are still functioning and they have been the means of helping to spread the work among others.

In July 1950, Miss Laura Belle Harter, Morrisville, New York, was appointed. She likewise left to start a homemaking career. In July, 1952, Miss Helen Irene Smith, then Acting State Home Demonstration Agent, brought Miss Jane M. Cole to look the county over. She had been serving as Assistant Agent in Prince George's County.

Two clubs were soon organized with young homemakers, who were enthusiastic with the programs carried to them. Two 4-H clubs were also organized.

In 1957, Mrs. Alan (Mary Jane Redden) Porter resigned as secretary and this position was filled by Mrs. William (Jean) Green, Jr. Mrs. F.F. (Anna) Littleton was hired to fill this position in 1958 following the resignation of Mrs. Green.

Also in 1958 Mrs. Jane Elliott (Jane Cole) resigned as Home Demonstration Agent to become a homemaker and this position was filled by Miss Elizabeth Langsdale who had been serving as Associate Home Demonstration Agent in Carroll County. New homemaker clubs were organized and new programs on nutrition and home management were given special emphasis.

In 1960 Miss Langsdale was appointed Home Furnishings Specialist at the University of Maryland and Miss Juanita (Bobbie) Nofflet was appointed to fill the position. Under her direction, subject matter was taught at many workshops concerning clothing construction, upholstering, among others. Many individuals who were not members of organized clubs were reached through these workshops. Leadership development also received major emphasis.

In 1964, Miss Nofflet assumed the responsibility of the total 4-H program in Worcester County. The position of Extension Agent, Home Economist, was filled on August 1, by Mrs. William (Rose) Canny who came to us from Connecticut. Mrs. Canny's background and experience will prove invaluable as the Extension program continues on to even greater achievements.

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ARTICLE III. Membership

Section I. Any club of Worcester County having an approved constitution and which is in sympathy and willing to comply with the objects of this county organization may become a member upon payment of required dues.

Section II. This organization may be affiliated with other organizations by two-thirds vote of the Board.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

Section 1. The elective officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall constitute the Official Board.

Section II. The Official Board with Parliamentarian and Project Chairmen, all appointed for two years, shall constitute the Executive Board.

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Section III. The Home Demonstration Agent shall be member ex-officio of both the Official Board and the Executive Board.

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Section 1. The Official Board or Executive Board shall meet at the call of the President.

Section II. Two-thirds members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section III. The Official Board shall have power to fill vacancies.

ARTICLE VI - Election

Election of officers shall be held biennually in September, the President and Treasurer to be elected on even years and the Vice President and Secretary on uneven years.

ARTICLE ~~VIII~~ VII - Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The Official Board shall suggest plans.

Section II. The Executive Board shall approve plans of the Official Board.

Section III. The President shall preside at all meetings and perform the usual duties pertaining to that office.

Section IV. The Vice President shall in the absence of the President perform all duties of the office.

Section V. The Secretary shall keep accurate record of all the proceedings.

Section VI. The Treasurer shall collect and on authorization of President, disburse all funds. She shall render annual report to organization.

ARTICLE VIII - Meetings

Section I. The Worcester County Council of Homemakers' Clubs shall hold two meetings yearly, Spring third Thursday in March; Fall first Thursday in November, to which all members and the public are invited. The place and program of each meeting shall be arranged by the Executive Board and Home Demonstration Agent. Notice of the meetings shall be given each Club and published in county papers two weeks in advance of each meeting.

Section II. The Executive Board of the Council shall have two meetings during the year, at 1:30 P. M. on the third Thursday in February and September.

ARTICLE IX - Dues

Annual dues shall be paid by each club to the County Council. The budget

committee shall designate the sum necessary to cover all county expense. This sum shall be apportioned to clubs according to membership.

ARTICLE X - Re ports

Section I. The Secretary shall give a written report of the preceding meeting at the Annual Spring meeting and at the Executive Board meetings.

Section II. The Treasurer shall make a report in writing to the meeting of the Executive Council and also to the Annual Spring meeting.

Section III. The Treasurer's report shall be audited before being read at the annual meeting, auditors to be appointed by the President.

Section IV. The President or appointee of each club of the County Council shall present a report at the Spring meeting.

Section V. The County Project and County Committee Chairmen shall present a written report at the Spring meeting.

Section VI. These reports shall be handed to the Secretary and highlights of the reports incorporated in the minutes of the meeting.

ARTICLE XI - Committees

Committees shall be appointed by the President as need arises.

ARTICLE XII - Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members provided that proposed amendment has been presented at a previous meeting or by letter two weeks in advance.

BY-LAWS

Section I. Treasurer shall pay dues to State Treasurer by March 1st, amount of dues ten cents per member. Notice shall be sent to each club by Council Secretary one week after the meeting in February.

Section II. A nominating committee of three members appointed by the President of the Council shall prepare a ticket for necessary officers. Nomination for the officers of the Council may also be made from the floor.

Section III. In case of no opposition to report of nominating committee, the Secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot.

Section IV. All voting shall be done by ballot when there is more than one candidate for office. A majority of votes cast by those present and entitled to vote shall be necessary to elect.

Section V. By-laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members provided that proposed amendment has been presented at a previous meeting or by letter two weeks in advance.

Revised and accepted May 18, 1950.

* (At the Advisory Council Meeting, February 15, 1951, Miss Harter explained the amendments to our county Constitution as written below. The motion made by Mrs. Robert Grant that the Constitution be accepted as changed was seconded and passed.)

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It has been suggested that County Project Chairmen be appointed so they will serve one year with the retiring County President and one year with new president. The following amendment is proposed to be added to Article IV:

Section IV - Project chairmen shall be appointed in September of even years with term of office to begin January of uneven years.

The Constitution states the following:

Article VI - Election
Election of officers shall be held biennually in September, the President and Treasurer to be elected on even years and the Vice President and Secretary on uneven years.

It has been suggested that the election of County Council officers conform to that of State Council officers. It is proposed that the following be substituted for Article VI:

Article VI - Election
Election of officers shall be biennually in September, the President and Treasurer to be elected on uneven years with term of office to begin in January of even years. The Vice President and Secretary to be elected on even years with term of office to begin January of uneven years.

The Constitution states the following:

Article XII - Amendments
This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members provided that the proposed amendment has been presented at a previous meeting or by letter two weeks in advance.

It is proposed that the words "of the Executive Board" be inserted before the word "provided".

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Section (3). Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the September meeting, providing the consent of the nominee has been obtained. No officer shall succeed herself more than once for the same office. The President and Treasurer shall be elected on even years, and the vice-president and secretary on uneven years. The regular term of office of all officers shall commence at the close of the Annual Fall Meeting.

Section (4). Qualifications for president shall be that she be a member of a Homemakers' Club for at least three years and has previously served on the County Council.

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ARTICLE VI - Duties of the Officers

Section I. The president shall preside at all meetings and shall be a member ex-officio of all Committees. She shall submit an annual report of the year's work to each club.

Section II. The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in her absence.

Section III. The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence in connection with the organization, keep such records as are necessary and perform other duties pertaining to the office.

Section IV. The treasurer shall collect and disburse all funds of this organization upon authorization of the Executive Committee and keep an accurate record of same, and render an annual report in writing to the organization. The treasurer's books shall be audited at the close of her term by the auditing committee, the auditing committee to be appointed by the president with the approval of the Council.

ARTICLE VII - Council Meetings

Section I. The County Council shall meet the second Thursday in the months of January, March, May and September, unless otherwise ordered by Executive Committee.

Section II. A majority of members of the County Council shall constitute a quorum.

Section III. The Worcester County Council shall hold one annual meeting to which all homemakers and the public are invited.

Section IV. Worcester County Council shall be hostess every third year to a meeting including all members of homemakers' clubs from Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties. This meeting shall be known as Tri-County meeting and shall be held in the Spring on a date agreed upon by the three counties.

ARTICLE VIII - Representation and Expenses

Section I. The County Council President, or her representative shall have expenses, which shall include travel, lodging and meals when attending to official business, or serving on state committees, or representing the Council at other meetings. These expenses shall be paid out of the County Council Treasury.

ARTICLE IX - Committees

Section I. Such other committees shall be appointed by the president as the Council shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the Council.

ARTICLE X - Parliamentary Authority

Section I. The rules contained in "Roberts' Rules of Order Revised" shall govern the Council in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

ARTICLE XI - Amendments to By-Laws

These by-laws may be amended at any County Council Meeting by a two-thirds vote, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous business meeting of the County Council.

1978
REVISION OF CONSTITUTION
OF THE
WORCESTER COUNTY COUNCIL OF HOMEMAKERS' CLUBS

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Worcester County Council of Homemakers' Clubs.

ARTICLE II - Object

Section (1). The object shall be to raise the standards of home and community life, and to demonstrate better methods of homemaking.

Section (2). To develop leadership and initiative among women in the raising of standards of family life.

Section (3). To promote sociability and neighborliness, and to encourage and cooperate with each other in bringing people together, for worthy community activities.

Section (4). To act as advisors to the County Extension Agent, Home Economist.

ARTICLE III - Members and Dues

Section (1). Any homemakers' club of Worcester County who has a policy of nondiscrimination as to race, color or national origin, shall be eligible for membership in the County Council.

Section (2). Any homemakers' club applying for membership in the County Council shall submit its application, together with a copy of its by-laws to the County Council for action.

Section (3). Annual dues shall be paid by each club to the County Council by November 1st of each year. The dues shall be $2.50 per club member based on the membership of each club as of September 30th of the preceding year. If unexpected expenses come up, these shall be paid by volunteer contributions from the clubs.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

Section (1). The officers of the County Council shall be president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Section (2). The Council shall elect in January a nominating committee of three, whose duty it shall be to select a nominee for each office to be filled at the March meeting of the County Council. The report of the committee shall include a brief summary of the qualifications of each nominee and shall be sent to the president of each Homemakers' Club at least thirty days before the annual election. The President shall present this slate to her club and members shall instruct the President how to vote.

Section (3). Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the September meeting, providing the consent of the nominee has been obtained. No officer shall succeed herself more than once for the same office. The President and Treasurer shall be elected on even years, and the vice-president and secretary on uneven years. The regular term of office of all officers shall commence at the close of the Annual Fall Meeting.

Section (4). Qualifications for president shall be that she be a member of a Homemakers' Club for at least three years and has previously served on the County Council.

Section (5). The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint an officer to fill an unexpired term.

ARTICLE V - Executive Committee

Section (1). The four officers of this organization shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Extension Agent, Home Economist shall be an advisory member.

Section (2). The Executive Committee shall have the power to act for the County Council between meetings of the Council.

Section (3). The Executive Committee shall appoint the project chairmen in the even years. Each shall serve for two years and begin her term of office following the Annual Fall Meeting.

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ARTICLE VI - Duties of the Officers

Section (1). The President shall preside at all meetings and shall be a member ex-officio of all Committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall submit an annual report of the year's work to each club.

Section (2). The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

Section (3). The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence in connection with the organization, keep such records as are necessary and perform other duties pertaining to the office.

Section (4). The Treasurer shall collect and disburse all funds of this organization upon authorization of the Executive Committee and keep an accurate record of same, and render an annual report in writing to the organization. The treasurer's books shall be audited at the close of her term by the auditing committee, the auditing committee to be appointed by the president with the approval of the Council.

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Section (1). The County Council shall meet the second Thursday in the months of January, March, May, and September, unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee.

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Section (4). Worcester County Council shall be hostess every 4th year to a meeting including all members of the homemakers' clubs from Wicomico, Somerset, Dorchester, and Worcester Counties. This meeting shall be known as District VI meeting, and shall be held in the Spring on a date agreed upon by the four counties.

ARTICLE VIII - Representation and Expenses

Section (1). The County Council President, or her representative shall have expenses, which shall include travel, lodging and meals when attending to official business, or serving on state committees, or representing the Council at other meetings. These expenses shall be paid out of the County Council Treasury. The president must send a written report of these meetings to each club president.

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Section (1). Such other committee shall be appointed by the president as the Council shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the council.

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Section (1). The rules contained in "Roberts' Rules of Order Revised" shall govern the Council in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

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Newest

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Section I - The object shall be to raise the standards of home and community life by improved methods of home making.

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ARTICLE III
Members and dues

Section I - Any homemakers' club of Worcester County shall be eligible for membership in the county Council.

Section II - Any homemakers' club applying for membership in the County Council shall submit it's application, together with a copy of it's by-laws to the County Council for action.

Section III - Annual dues shall be paid by each club to the County Council. By February 1st of each year, the dues shall be 40¢ per club member based on the membership of each club as of December 31st of each year. Fifteen cents of this amount shall be paid to the Maryland State Council of Homemakers' Clubs.

ARTICLE IV
Officers

Section I - The officers of the County Council shall be president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Section II - The Council shall elect in May a nominating committee of three, whose duty it shall be to select a nominee for each office to be filled at the September meeting of the County Council. The report of the committee shall include a brief summary of the qualifications of each nominee and shall be sent to the president of each member homemakers' club at least thirty days before the annual election.

Section III - Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the September meeting, providing the consent of the nominee has been obtained. No officer shall succeed herself more than once for the same office. The President and Treasurer shall be elected on even years, and the vice-president and secretary on uneven years. The regular term of office of all officers shall commence January 1st.

Section IV - Qualifications for president shall be that she be a member of a Homemakers' Club for at least three years and a former club president.

ARTICLE V
Executive Committee

Section I - The four officers of this organization shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Home Demonstration Agent shall be an advisory member.

Section II - The Executive Committee shall have the power to act for the County Council between meetings of the Council.

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ARTICLE IX
Committees

Section I - Project committee chairmen shall be appointed by the Executive Committee on even years to serve two years. Appointments shall be made at the annual meeting in November and each chairman shall begin her duties at the beginning of the club year January 1st. Each chairman shall make a report at the annual meeting.

Section II - Such other committees shall be appointed by the president as the Council shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the Council.

ARTICLE X
Parliamentary Authority

Section I - The rules contained in "Roberts' Rules of Order Revised" shall govern the Council in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not in consistent with these by-laws.

ARTICLE XI
Amendments to By-Laws

These by-laws may be amended at any County Council Meeting by a two-thirds vote; Provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous business meeting of the County Council.

1982

Revision of Constitution

of the

WORCESTER COUNTY COUNCIL HOMEMAKERS' CLUBS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Worcester County Council of Homemakers' Clubs.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization are:

1. To provide educational opportunities for persons, irrespective of handicap, sex, race, color or national origin, so that they, through their own initiative, can identify and cope effectively with various problems directly affecting their welfare.

2. To strengthen, develop, coordinate and extend adult education to improve the quality of living in cooperation with member councils and the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Maryland.

3. To provide opportunity for homemakers, cooperating in Extension Home Economics and other educational programs to pool their judgement and experience for the betterment of home and community life.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Worcester County Council of Homemakers' Clubs does not discriminate by handicap, sex, race, color or national origin nor does the Council accept for membership any member club which discriminates in its membership based on handicap, sex, race, color or national origin.

Section 2. Any homemakers' club applying for membership in the County Council shall submit it's application, together with a copy of it's by-laws to the County Council for action.

Section 3. A county council whose annual dues are not paid before November 1 shall be considered not in membership. Such a council may become a member in good standing by payment of all delinquent dues. Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

Section 4. Resignation from the State Council shall be a written notice to the President.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS and ELECTIONS

Section 1. *The officers of the Council shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.*

Section 2. *Qualification for President shall be that she be a member of a Homemakers' Club for 3 years, a former Club President, or a member of the County Council.*

Section 3. *The Council shall elect in March a nominating committee of three, whose duty it shall be to select a nominee for each office to be filled at the September meeting of the County Council. The report of the committee shall include a brief summary of the qualifications of each nominee and shall be sent to the president of each Homemakers' Club at least 10 days after the May Council Meeting. The President shall present this slate to her club and members shall instruct the President how to vote at the September Council Meeting.*

Section 4. *Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the September meeting, providing the consent of the nominee has been obtained. No officer shall succeed herself more than once for the same office. The President and Treasurer shall be elected on <u>even</u> years, and the vice-president and secretary on <u>uneven</u> years. The regular term of office of all officers shall commence with installation at the Fall Meeting.*

Section 5. *The term of office shall be as follows:*

A. All officers shall serve a term of 2 years.

B. The newly elected officers shall be installed at the Annual Fall Meeting.

C. Vacancies of elected officers, and Chairpersons shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee for the remainder of the unexpired term

Section 6. *Chairpersons necessary to carry on the various phases of work shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee.*

Section 7. *Educational Chairpersons:*

Citizenship and Community Outreach
Cultural Arts
Family Relationships and Child Development
Family Resource Management
Health, Food and Nutrition
Housing, Energy and Environment
International
Safety and Emergency Preparedness
Textiles and Clothing
Membership

Section 8. *Standing Chairpersons:*

College Days
Public Relations (Subscriptions)
Volunteer Coordinator

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

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ARTICLE VI - DUES and FINANCES

Section 1. *Dues*

A. *Annual dues shall be paid by each club to the County Council by October 1st of each year. The dues shall be $2.50 per club member based on the membership of each club as of September 30th of the preceeding year. If unexpected expenses come up, these shall be paid by volunteer contributions from the clubs.*

B. *The annual dues of member councils shall be seventy-five cents [75¢] per homemaker member, payable to the State Council Treasurer before November 1.*

C. *Dues shall be based upon member councils' total membership as of September 30th of the preceeding year.*

Section 2. *The Worcester County Homemakers Council is a nonprofit educational organization. Any funds received by the organization shall not accrue to the benefit of individual members.*

Section 3. *Expenses*

A. *Room, mileage, bridge tolls, meals, and registration expenses of the President or her representative in attendance at the State meetings shall be paid by the Treasurer within the limits of the budget, upon receipt*

of an itemized bill. In attendance at the National Meeting $75 will be paid each year toward expenses of the President or her representative.

B. The expense of all delegates authorized by the Council to represent the Council at meetings of interest to the organization shall be paid by the Treasurer, within the limits of the budget, upon receipt of an itemized bill approved by the Council.

C. Postage and other expense incurred in the promotion of the work of the Council shall be paid by the Treasurer, within the limits of the budget.

E. All vouchers for miscellaneous expenses approved by the Council and will be paid by the Treasurer, within the limits of the total budget.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, club officersand Council Chairpersons. The Extension Home Economics Agent shall be an advisory member.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have the power to act for the County Council between meetings of the Council.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint an officer to fill an unexpired term.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall appoint the project chairperson in the even years. Each shall serve for two years and begin her term of office October 1.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the president. A majority of members shall consitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The duties of the president shall be:

A. To preside at business meetings of the Council and the Annual Fall Meeting and any Special Meetings.

B. To appoint all special committees needed to carry on the work of the Council.

C. To assign such duties to members of the Council as will aid in performing the work of the office.

D. To be an ex-officio member of all committes with the exception of the nominations.

E. To submit an annual report to the Council and each club President of all meetings attended in which the president represented the Council.

F. To perform such other duties as are prescribed in these by-laws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Council.

G. The retiring president shall be available for consultations as needed.

Section 2. The duties of the vice president shall be:

A. To serve as an aide to the president in all assigned duties.

B. To perform the duties of the president in his or her absence or inability to serve.

C. To perform the duties of the president in case of his or her resignation or death until the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The duties of the secretary shall be:

A. To keep records of all meetings of the Council, and the Executive Committee.

B. To act as historian of the organization.

C. To perform any other secretarial duties as assigned by the president and/or the Council.

D. Introduce Club Presidents for reports at the Annual Fall Meeting.

Section 4. The duties of the treasurer shall be:

A. To receive and keep records of all funds of the Council and deposit them in a depository approved by the Executive Committee.

B. To pay authorized expenses of the Council upon order from the president.

C. To present a statement of accounts to all meetings of the Executive Committee, and at such other times as the president shall request.

D. To serve as chairman of the committee on budgets.

E. To have the books audited by a committee appointed by the president the first two years of the term of office and at the end of the term.

Section 5. Duties of Educational Chairpersons:

A. To plan a program of work using MEHC material.

ARTICLE IX - Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern the Council in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Thse by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the County Council by a 2/3 vote, provided notice in writing of proposed amendments have been presented at the previous Council Meeting.