The Benton Club of St. Joseph

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Articles of Association

In 1894 the Club was reorganized and incorporated under the name of The Benton Club of St. Joseph. The following are the articles of association:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, whose names are hereunto subscribed, desiring to form an association under the laws of Missouri, and more particularly under the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, Chapter 42, Article X, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Association:

First: The name of this Club shall be "THE BENTON CLUB OF ST. JOSEPH."

Second: It shall be located in the City of St. Joseph, Mo.

Third: The object of this Club shall be to furnish facilities for bringing together as often as may be, gentlemen in commercial, manufacturing and professional pursuits in the City of St. Joseph, for educational purposes, through the medium of discussion of all general educational and scientific subjects and the reading of papers, magazines, periodicals, and books of a scientific, literary and financial character, and the submission of original essays and papers, and the discussion of the same from time to time, upon all themes tending to train, stimulate and develop the mental and moral faculties of its members, especially such as have a trend for benevolence, good will and morality in the community; the submission and discussion of original plans and enterprises for the higher and better education of all the inhabitants of said City of St. Joseph, and the promotion of public benefactions; and as incidental to said object and to facilitate the same, establish and maintain a library and reading room, furnish such accommodations as are required during the intervals of business by erecting and maintaining a building in said City, or leasing such building, or parts of building, as may be needful.

Fourth: The management of the affairs of the Club shall be governed by such by-laws as the club may from time to time adopt.

Fifth: The Board of Directors shall consist of thirteen members of the club, and those agreed on for the first year are: John S. Lemon, John B. Brady, John D. Richardson, M. A. Reed, John M. Frazer, James N. Burnes, Jr., H. R. W. Hartwig, S. A. Walker, James H. McCord, H. L. George, Milton Tootle, Jr., Vinton Pike and B. J. Woodson.

Sixth: The duration of the corporate existence of this club shall be one thousand years.

BY-LAWS

Benton Club

ARTICLE I.

Membership

Section 1. Number of Members. The membership of this Club shall be limited to eighty-five residents and twenty-five non-residents and twenty-five junior members, except that by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors the membership may be increased to not more than one hundred resident, fifty non-resident and fifty junior members.

Section 2. Qualifications. (a) No person shall be eligible to membership unless he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years.

(b) No person shall be eligible to become a resident member until such person shall have resided in Buchanan County, Missouri, or in some adjoining county thereof in Missouri for a period of at least six consecutive months prior to such person's election as a resident member of the Club.

Section 3. Election of Members. (a) Every member shall be elected by the Directors by secret ballot.

(b) He must be proposed by one, and seconded by two other members.

(c) His name and the names of the members proposing and seconding his nomination shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the club house for at least ten days preceding the day upon which his name is to be balloted on.

(d) It shall require an affirmative vote of not less than eight of the Board of Directors to elect a member.

(e) Any candidate receiving two negative votes shall be declared rejected.

(f) After a candidate for admission shall have been balloted for and rejected, any member of the Board then present can call for and have a second ballot; provided, request be made and ballot had before the Board adjourns.

(g) No person who has made application for membership and been rejected shall be proposed for

membership until six months have elapsed since
former application, unless by a unanimous vot
the whole Board of Directors.

Section 4. Resident Members. (a) A resident member is a m
ber who resides in Buchanan C
ty, Missouri, or an adjoi
county in Missouri.

(b) The admission fee and an
dues of a resident member shall be such amount
shall be decided upon by the Board of Direct
provided, that the admission fee shall not be
than fifty dollars ($50.00), payable in advance,
the annual dues shall not be less than fifty dol
($50.00) payable semi-annually in advance, on
first day of May and November of each year. I
vided, however, that if a member is elected a
time between the dates of the regular semi-an
payments, the member shall pay pro-rata from
of election to the date of the next semi-annual p
ment.

(c) A 'Junior Member' is a member between
ages of twenty-one and twenty-five years who
sides in Buchanan County, Missouri, or an adjoin
county in Missouri.

(d) The admission fee and annual dues o
Junior Member shall be such amount as may
designated by the Board of Directors from time
time.

(e) When a Junior Member shall become twer
five years of age, or married, he shall forthwith
classified as a resident member, shall be entitled
vote, and shall be liable for full dues and the
mission fee of a resident member, from wh
admission fee there shall be deducted any amo
he shall have paid as admission fee on becomin
Junior Member.

Section 5. Non-Resident Members. (a) A non-resident member i
member whose residence is ot
than Buchanan County, Misso
or an adjoining county in Misso

(b) When a non-resident member shall becom
resident of Buchanan County, Missouri, or an
joining county in Missouri, he shall thenceforth
classified as a resident member, shall be entitled
vote and be liable to full dues and the admission
of a resident member.

(c) When a resident member shall become
non-resident of Buchanan County, Missouri, or
adjoining county in Missouri, he shall be entitled,
notice to the Secretary of the club, to be classified
a non-resident member.

(d) When a non-resident member shall h
resided in Buchanan County, Missouri, for th

consecutive months or for the greater portion of the time during six months, he shall be considered a resident member, and shall be required to pay the admission fee and regular dues of resident membership, except that by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors a person residing for an indefinite period in Buchanan or an adjoining county may be designated as a non-resident member for a period not exceeding two years.

(e) None but resident members, liable to pay full dues, shall be entitled to fill any office, be counted in the number necessary to form a quorum, vote at the meetings of the Club, or take any part in the proceedings thereof.

Section 6. Visitors. (a) No member shall have any right to invite to the club house a resident of Buchanan County, Missouri, who is not a member, but the privileges of the Club may be extended to a non-resident visitor for the period of two weeks, upon application to the Secretary by any member of the club. The member so making application for extension of privileges to a non-resident visitor shall be responsible for his guest. The privileges of the club may be extended beyond the two weeks' period by the Board of Directors, upon such terms and conditions as may be designated by it.

(b) The Board of Directors upon special occasions may extend the privileges of the club to visitors upon such terms and conditions as may be designated by it.

Section 7. Arrears and Forfeiture of Membership. (a) On or before the fifth day of each month members shall be notified of their indebtedness to the Club (including dues, house bills and all other indebtedness). If such indebtedness be not paid in full by the twentieth day of same month, a second notice (including a copy of this Section) shall be sent to members whose accounts are unpaid. If such indebtedness be not paid in full by the twenty-fifth of the same month, such members shall be deemed delinquent and the names of such delinquent members and the amounts of their indebtedness shall be posted on the Club bulletin board. If such indebtedness be not paid in full on or before the tenth day of the following month, further credit shall be refused to such delinquent members until their indebtedness is paid in full. If such indebtedness be not paid in full within 90 days, after such members have become delinquent, the membership of such delinquent members shall thereupon automatically terminate, unless the Board of Directors shall determine otherwise by appropriate action duly recorded in the minutes. A member whose membership has thus been terminated may be reinstated thereafter within a period of

one year by unanimous vote at any meeting Board of Directors, provided, that all arrear been then paid.

(b) All notices shall be sent to the member known place of address, and it shall be cons sufficient notice if so sent.

(c) If any member of the club leaves th and remains absent for the space of one ye shall be exempt from paying his annual dues his absence; provided, he notify the Secret writing of his intention of so leaving and rem absent.

Section 8. Resignations. All resignations must be m writing to the Secretary. member resigning, or in any ner ceasing to be a member, shall forfeit all ileges pertaining to the Club. Any member shall resign can not again become a member club, unless all of the provisions of Section four and five are again complied with. All acc and dues must be paid in full before the resign of a member may be accepted.

ARTICLE II.

Board of Directors.

Section 1. Duties and Selections. (a) The affairs of this Club be managed by thirteen dire These directors shall be di into three groups or classes first group to consist of five directors, and the two to consist of four directors each. Each g shall be elected to serve for a term of three y with the following exceptions: At the first a meeting after the adoption of this by-law, shall be selected thirteen directors. The five having the greatest number of votes shall com the first group, the four men with the next hig number of votes shall comprise the second g and the remaining four men shall comprise the group. Group 1 shall be elected for a term of years; Group 2 shall be elected for a term of years; Group 3 shall be elected for a term of year. Therefore, at the expiration of the ter any group of directors, a similar number of Di ors shall be elected to serve a full term of years.

(b) After the expiration of the term of an rector, such retiring Director shall be ineligibl re-election or re-appointment to the Board until lapse of one calendar year from the date of expiration of his last year of office on the Boa

Section 2. Vacancies. The Board of Directors shall power to fill any vacancies oc ring among its members.

Section 3. Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet at the club house, or at such other place as may be designated by it, upon the second Monday of each month.

Section 4. Expulsion. The Board of Directors shall have the power to expel any member on account of unbecoming conduct, by vote of ten members of the Board at a special meeting held for that purpose; provided, that the accused member shall have received a written notice signed by the Secretary, of the charges again him, and the date set for the examination of the charges.

Section 5. Special Meetings. A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or in his absence, by the Vice-President, upon two days' notice of such meeting to each Director.

Section 6. The action of a majority of those present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, a quorum being present, shall be considered as the action of the Board, except as herein otherwise provided. Any member of the Board of Directors absent from three consecutive regular meetings, without permission of the President, may by a vote of the Directors, be held to have resigned his office, and his successor may be elected by the Board.

Section 7. Standing Committees. (a) There shall be appointed by the President from the Board of Directors, (except as herein otherwise provided) the four standing committees hereinafter named, and such other committees as the Board of Directors may determine upon, to-wit: an Executive Committee, a House Committee, an Entertainment Committee and a Membership Committee.

(b) The Executive Committee shall be composed of not more than five nor less than three members, of which the President shall act as Chairman.

(c) The House Committee shall be composed of not more than five nor less than three members.

(d) The Entertainment Committee shall be composed of not more than five nor less than three members.

(e) The Membership Committee shall be composed of not more than five nor less than three, the majority only of whom must be members of the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Duties of Committees. (a) The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the business affairs and finances of the Club, and shall audit the accounts of the Steward and Treasurer.

(b) The House Committee shall have charge the Club House and shall provide rules and regul tions for its government. It shall receive a investigate all complaints made in writing a signed by members of the Club, and when in judgment it shall be necessary, report same Board of Directors; it shall direct the purchase literature and other supplies, and attend general to all matters of the Club other than its busine affairs.

(c) The Entertainment Committee shall ha general charge of all entertainments which may given by the Club, and shall provide for the Cl such entertainments as in their discretion they m think will be for its best advantage.

(d) The Membership Committee shall submit report upon such names as may have been propos for membership, in accordance with Section two a three of Article I, after they shall have fully inv tigated the qualifications of such proposed membe

Section 9. Nominating and Historical Com. (a) The President shall within t days preceding the second Mond of May, appoint, subject to the a proval of the Board of Directo a Nominating Committee of three members, n more than two members of which committee sh be members of the Board of Directors. Such No inating Committee shall nominate such number resident members of the Club as candidates f Directors as shall constitute twice the number the Directors that are to be elected at the annu meeting of the Club, as provided in Section 1 Article II of these by-laws. At such annual meeti of the Club, each member voting shall vote for t same number of names as there are directors to elected at such meeting; but in so doing, shall not limited to such names as may have been selected the Nominating Committee, but may vote for a duly qualified member of the Club.

(b) The President each year shall appoint Historical Committee, composed of not more th three members. It shall be the duty of this co mittee to keep in permanent form a record of t activities of the Club and its members.

ARTICLE III.

Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the Club shall c sist of a President, a Vice-Pre dent, a Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected the Board of Directors from their number.

Section 2. President. It shall be the duty of the President to call and preside at all meetings of the Club and Directors, and to have general supervision over all affairs of the Club.

Section 3. Vice-President. In case of the absence, resignation, dismissal or death of the President, the Vice-President shall perform all duties pertaining to the office of President during the continuation of such absence or vacancy. In case of the absence, resignation, dismissal or death of the Vice-President, the Secretary shall perform all duties pertaining to the office of the President during the continuation of such absence or vacancy.

Section 4. Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to have charge of all funds and securities of the Club, to keep accurate accounts thereof, subject to investigation by the President and Executive Committee, and to submit the same whenever required to do so by the Board; he shall deposit all funds as directed by the Board, and shall pay all obligations of the Club as they fall due. In case of the absence or inability to act of the Treasurer, the President or such other officer as may be designated by the Board of Directors shall be authorized to pay such obligations of the Club as may fall due during such absence or inability of the Treasurer to act.

Section 5. Secretary. The Secretary shall collect all fees, charges and subscriptions, or see that they are so collected. He shall have charge of all deeds, documents and other instruments of writing. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Club and Board of Directors, notify members of their election, and conduct the correspondence of the Club.

ARTICLE IV.

Annual Meetings.

Section 1. Time. There shall be an annual meeting at the Club House, at St. Joseph, Missouri, on the second Monday of May, at eight o'clock p. m.

Section 2. Quorum. (a) If there should be no quorum before the hour of nine o'clock p. m., the presiding officer shall adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be had, and notice of such adjournment shall be given to all members. Thirty members shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting of the members.

(b) A special meeting of the Club may be calle by the President or Vice-President, upon ten day notice.

Section 3. Order of Business. The order of business shall b substantially as follows:

1. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of standing committees.
3. Report of special committees.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. General Business.
6. Election of Directors.

ARTICLE V.

Amendment.

Section 1. By Directors. (a) These by-laws may be amen ed by a vote of nine members the Board of Directors at ar meeting called for that purpose; provided, that n tice is given to each member of the Board of th proposed amendment one week before the date upc which the special meeting for the purpose of votin upon the proposed amendment is held, except herein provided.

By Members. (b) These By-Laws may be amen ed by a vote of a majority of th membership at any meeting called for that purpos provided, that notice is given to each member of th Club of the proposed amendment one week befo the date upon which the special meeting for th purpose of voting upon the proposed amendment held.

HOUSE RULES

Benton Club

I.

The Club House will be open every day at 7:00 m. and shall remain open not later than 12:00 'clock midnight on week nights, or 1:00 a. m. on aturday and Sunday nights, with the exception f nights on which parties, or other functions, are ·ld. Members or guests remaining in the Club ter 12:00 o'clock on week nights, or 1:00 a. m. Saturday or Sunday nights, upon other than ove-excepted nights, will be required to pay a o rata charge at the rate of $5.00 per hour for ch overtime hour to cover the cost of keeping the lub House open.

II.

Meals will be served only between such hours as ay be fixed by the House Committee.

III.

Ladies using the Club and its privileges shall use ly such parts of the Club as are set aside for their e, and are not expected to enter the bar before 00 p. m., except on Sundays, and the Men's Lounge om is for the exclusive use of the men at all nes.

IV.

The following rates have been established for e use of the facilities of the Club: For the use of e ballroom and the Club House $25.00. For the e of the clubroom for teas, cocktails and simliar rties when the guests number 20 or less, $5.00; nen the guests number more than 20, $10.00. Din- rs or buffet suppers will be served when the cilities of the Club have been retained for parties actual cost and the cost of extra help, if any, us a service charge of 50c per plate, such service harge, however, not to exceed $25.00.

V.

1. Evening meals requiring the services of the ok should be ordered from the steward before 00 p. m. on week days, and 9:00 p. m. on Satur- ys, Sunday and holidays. An extra charge of 25c r person, with a minimum extra charge of $1.00 ll be made on all orders placed after these hours, d all orders placed within such hours, but on the

request of the member not served within a ha after the times above fixed. This rule does ply to orders for sandwiches, drinks, et requiring the services of the cook in the p tion thereof. No special parties will be serve after 1:30 p. m. on days when regular nc luncheon is served to members.

2. A member so desiring may make table reservation with the Manager for hims his party for a definite specified time, an table reservation will be held for him in acc with his request; however, such table rese must be specified for a definite time and held at that time and for an additional 15-m only. If the table reservation is not taken 15-minutes of its specified time, then the reservation automatically is cancelled, an member and his party shall take such se may be available when they are ready for service.

VI.

All service charges, all orders for servi for articles supplied from the kitchen or fro room in the Club, and all merchandise purc must be signed for by the member or guest ing a guest card duly issued by the Secretary cash will be accepted.

VII.

The House Committee may grant temporar limited privileges of the Club to the son of a ber upon the written request of his father, shall be responsible to the Club for the ind ness and acts of his son.

VIII.

1. Upon the written request of a member Club, the Secretary may issue a guest card t person, not a member, residing outside the torial limits prescribed for qualification for res membership, for a period of no longer than fou days. The territorial limits prescribed for qu cation for resident membership comprise Buch County, and its adjoining counties in Mis (Andrew, DeKalb, Clinton and Platte), and no ber shall have any right to invite to the Club H any resident of these several counties who is member of the Club. No extension or se issuance, whether at the request of the sam another member, may be made to the same p in any three-month period. An extension of a card may be made only by the membership mittee. In the absence of the Secretary, Manager may issue guest cards upon the ins

tions, as to each particular case, of the President or Chairman of the House Committee.

2. A guest who does not hold a guest card shall not incur any indebtedness to the Club. Guests holding guest cards shall sign written orders for all service and merchandise.

3. Any member who shall request the issuance of a guest card shall be responsible for the payment of all debts and liabilities to the Club that may be incurred by the holder of such guest card.

4. When authorized by the Board of Directors upon certain specified times, and for certain specified functions and entertainments, such as New Year's Eve parties, Christmas afternoon dances, etc., members may entertain persons residing within the territorial limits prescribed for qualification for resident membership (Buchanan County and its adjoining counties in Missouri), so long as the member attends his guests, or sponsors their activities, provided, however, that the facilities of the Club shall not be used by such guests to the inconvenience of members. Any member of the Club introducing a guest in the Club, knowing said guest to be objectionable, shall be subject to such penalty as the Board of Directors may see fit to impose.

5. A member shall not be permitted to introduce as a guest in the Club any person who has been dropped or suspended, nor members who are delinquest in their accounts to the Club.

6. Non-members calling for or upon a member will be detained in the reception rooms, and, unless accompanied by a member, excluded from all other parts of the Club.

7. No guests shall be permitted to attend Club meetings or to introduce others in the Club building.

IX.

A wife of a member shall be entitled to all the privileges and facilities of the Club available to women.

A mother, unmarried daughter or unmarried sister who form a part of the member's household, and also sons of members under twenty-one years of age, may upon written request of such member be admitted to the same privileges and subject to the same restrictions as active members, except that they shall not have the right to request the issuance of guest cards, the right to vote or the right to hold office. The names and ages of such minor sons and the names of such mothers, unmarried daughters and unmarried sisters shall be

registered with the Secretary. The said wive mothers, unmarried daughters, unmarried siste and minor sons shall not be required to pay a initiation fee or annual dues, but they shall sign t sponsoring member's name for all services a merchandise, and the sponsoring member shall held responsible for their proper conduct and indebtedness to the Club incurred by them.

X.

The following provision of the By-Laws will strictly enforced: "On or before the fifth day each month members shall be notified of their debtedness to the Club (including dues, house bi and all other indebtedness.) If such indebtedne be not paid in full by the twentieth day of sa month, a second notice (including copy of t Section) shall be sent to members whose accou are unpaid. If such indebtedness be not paid full by the twenty-fifth of the same month, su members shall be deemed delinquent and the nam of such delinquent members and the amounts their indebtedness shall be posted on the Club bul tin board. If such indebtedness be not paid in f on or before the tenth day of the following mon further credit shall be refused to such delinque members until their indebtedness is paid in fu If such indebtedness be not paid in full within days, after such members have become delinque the membership of such delinquent members sh thereupon automatically terminate, unless Board of Directors shall determine otherwise appropriate action duly recorded in the minutes.'

Accordingly, the Treasurer shall send to me bers the notice provided for in the above provisi of the By-Laws; the House Committee shall see t the provisions in regard to suspension of credit enforced; and the Secretary, upon the terminat of the membership as provided in the above Sect of the By-Laws, first being directed so to do by Board of Directors, shall strike the name of member whose membership is so terminated fr the list of members, and further shall notify in wr ing writing the delinquent member that his me bership has been automatically terminated.

XI.

1. No entertainments of a private or se public nature shall be given in the Club Hou except by a member and then only after permiss shall have been obtained from the House Comm tee, provided further that such use of a portion the Club House shall not materially restrict interfere with the use of the Club House by me bers of the Club. The House Committee may,

its discretion, make a reasonable charge for such use of the Club House.

In reserving rooms for entertainment of a private or semi-public nature, it shall be understood that individuals other than members of the Club, attending the meeting, shall be restricted to the use of the rooms so reserved.

2. Upon application to and with the permission of the House Committee, a member may, for the purposes of entertainment, take over the entire facilities of the Club, including the bar, kitchen and ballroom; provided, however, that he shall invite the entire Club membership to his party or entertainment, and shall also pay the regularly scheduled charges for the use of the Club facilities. If these requirements are met, the member then may invite as his guests individuals living and residing within the territorial limits prescribed for qualification for resident membership, which include Buchanan County and its adjoining counties in Missouri.

XII.

Payment of all bills due the Club shall be made by check in favor of the Club. Vouchers representing the exact amount of the charges will be delivered to members.

It is particularly requested that no bills be paid in cash or currency. If so paid and if no receipt therefor can be produced, the member will be held responsible to the Club in the event of any dispute as to payment.

XIII.

No member or visitor, or any guest of the Club, shall give money or any gratuity to any person in the service of the Club.

XIV.

No member shall be allowed to send the Club employees out of the Club House, nor employ such employee to perform any personal service during the time such employees are on duty.

XV.

No member shall reprove an employee. All complaints regarding employees must be made to the Manager of the Club.

XVI.

All complaints against the Management of the

Club, or against the conduct of any officer or me
ber, must be made in writing to the Hou
Committee and signed by the complainant.
verbal complaints will be considered.

XVII.

No animals will be allowed in the Club House

XVIII.

Any damage to the Club property by any me
ber or his guests shall be charged to the account
that member.

XIX.

No subscription paper or petition (unless rel
ing to the business of the Club) shall be posted
circulated in the Club House, nor shall subscripti
be solicited from members therein, except for C
purposes. No posters or other advertisements v
be permitted except those of strictly Club functio
The membership list shall not be given out
anyone to be used as a mailing or solicitation lis

XX.

No newspaper, magazine, or book, or other p
perty of the Club shall be taken from the C
Rooms by any member, guest or employee, exc
books which may be taken out under such ru
as may be set up by the House Committee.

XXI.

All requests, suggestions and complaints m
be made in writing and signed and addressed to
Chairman of the House Committee.

XXII.

The Manager is authorized to enforce such
these rules as are applicable to service and the
of the Club premises.

XXIII.

The House Rules governing the operation of
Club House may be changed or modified at a
time by the House Committee subject to the cont
of the Board of Directors, which shall have
authority to interpret and enforce all By-Laws a
House Rules.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Benton Club

ACTIVE MEMBERS

A

Ayers, N. I., Jr.....3324 Allerton Parkway

B

Bailey, C. A.....2521 Francis St.
Barrow, J. D.....424 No. 21st St.
Barrow, W. C.....1060 North Noyes Blvd.
Bartlett, A. L., Jr.....Country Club Place
Bartlett, P. C. K.....815 North 24th St.
Bartlett, W. C.....610 North 8th St.
Bartlett, W. C., Jr.....610 North 8th St.
Bayer, H. F.....1124 North 26th St.
Beasley, W. C.....1030 North Noyes Blvd.
Biles, N. D., Jr.....2603 Ashland Ave.
Binswanger, M. E.....502.. North 22nd St.
Birdsall, S. W.....802 Hall St.
Boder, Bartlett.....2649 Frederick Ave.
Bradley, D. R.....2634 State St.
Bradley, H. D.....Country Club Place
Bretz, R. C.....Victorian Court Apts.
~~Broadhead, H. H.....2015 Clay St.~~
Brown, R. A., Jr.....1307 Ashland Ave.
Burnes, C. C.....2821 Ashland Ave.

C

Calkins, R. R.....1070 North Noyes Blvd.
Campbell, F. C.....Country Club Place
~~Clark, W. M.....2019 Ashland Ave.~~
Clayton, R. G.....208 North 19th St.
Corby, J. E.....22nd & Holman St.
Corby, John.....22nd & Holman St.

D

Davis, True, Jr.....503 North 5th St.
Douglas, C. W.....2806 Frederick Ave.

E

Eckel, G. R.....1324 North 25th St.
Enright, W. F.....2901 Douglas St.

F

Fleeman, W. J., Jr.....1946 Colhoun St.
Forgrave, Dr. J. R.....1908 Clay St.
Forgrave, Dr. L. P.....Hundley Drive

G

Garvey, J. M.....2201 Lovers
Goetz, M. K.....R. F. D.
Guitar, A. L.....9th & Robidou

H

Hanna, F. S.....817 North 24
Hastings, R. E.....311 North 8
Hegarty, W. L.....1802 Crescent
Hillyard, R. B.....528 North Noyes
Hillyard, W. S.....2701 Fairleigh T
~~Hooton, W. B.....920 North 24~~

J

Jornayvaz, R. P.....1043 North Noyes

K

Karbach, A. C.....Victorian Courts
Kiefhaber, R. D.....2101 Fara

L

Laubach, W. H.....East Savannah
Logan, Byrne.....1906 North 22

M

McCaskey, J. D.....2634 St
McCord, J. H., Jr.....2702 Lovers
Marshall, Elliott, Jr.....Country Club
Merrifield, D. A.....1017 Ang
C. J. Meyer.....622 North Noyes
Morton, W. M.....1822 C

O

Orr, R. B.....603 North
Orr, R. W.....R. F. D.

P

Pitts, B.....627 Nort
Pitts, B. L.....1210 North
Porter, G. E.....1207 Nort

R

~~Randall, W. R.....1610 Ashlan~~
Richmond, C. T.....2623 Fols
Richmond, G. U.....2704 Fols
Ryan, Dr. J. H.....2901 Lover

S

Schneider, Ulrich.....2902 Lover

Schroeder, G. J.....627 North 25th St.
Seaman, C. R.....2757 Fairleigh Terrace
Semrad, C. A.....2114 Lovers Lane
Smith, J. T.....Country Club Place
Smith, L. H.....2028 Clay St.
Sprague, F. M.....1001 Ashland Court
Symon, R. G.....2723 Fairleigh Terrace

T

Thompson, F. G., Jr.....Country Club Place
Toben, W. H.....2715 Francis St.
~~Toben, W. W.....2603 Francis St.~~
Tootle, Jack.....2401 Faraon St.
Tootle, J. J.....802 Hall St.

V

Voss, F. H., Jr.....1302 North 22nd St.

W

Wall, T. R., Jr.....2619 Folsom St.
Wallace, Dr. H. K.....R. F. D. No. 3
Wheeler, L. B.....2807 Frederick Ave.
Wheeler, W. W., Jr.....2807 Frederick Ave.
Wheeler, W. W. III.....Country Club Place
Whimple, M. D.....Country Club Place
Whimple, W. R.....Benton Club
Wiehl, Noel.....506 North 24th St.
Wilde, Dean.....2117 Eugene Field Ave.
Willis, D. L.....Victorian Court Apts.
~~Wooten, J. A.....American Air Lines~~
Wyeth, John.....2916 Frederick Ave.
Wyeth, John II.....418 North Noyes Blvd.
Wyeth, W. M.....2101 Frederick Ave.

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Zwick, G. L.....907 North Noyes Blvd.

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

Adams, W. P. II.....Odebolt, Iowa
Bartlett, W. N....Petroleum Bldg., Wichita, Kansas
Bundschu, A. J.....1512 W. Lex., Independence, Mo.
Davis, R. M., Jr...Civil. Personnel, Ft. L. Wood, Mo.
Dale, J. F.....307 E. 7th St., Maryville, Mo.
Dunlap, R. L...Commerce Tr. Co., Kansas City, Mo.
Garth, Com. C. R.....U. S. Navy
Goetz, F. L., Jr....Bellerive Hotel, Kansas City, Mo.
Lemon, H. Y.....8120 E. Jefferson, Detroit, Mich.
Lontz, C. R.....125 So. 20th St., Richmond, Ind.
Thomas, B. H...Commerce Tr. Co., Kansas City, Mo.
Townsend, Bohm.....Maryville, Mo.
Tucker, N. P...249 E. Center St., Manchester, Conn.
Waggener, B. P.....Atchison, Kansas

HONORARY MEMBERS

Albrecht, Mrs. Wm. . . . . 2818 Frederick, St.
Broaddus, Mrs. J. W. . . 2110 Lovers Lane, St.
Costigan, Mrs. R. E. . . . . Georgian Court, St.
Ford, Mrs. F. L. . . . . 2820 Lovers Lane, St.
Forgrave, Mrs. H. S. . . . . 1908 Clay St., St.
Forgrave, Mrs. L. R. . . . 630 North 8th St., St.
Geiger, Mrs. C. G. . . 2731 Frederick Ave., St.
Motter, Mrs. S. I. . . . . 2101 Faraon St., St.
Neipp, Mrs. Chris. . . 2820 Frederick Ave., St.
Potter, Mrs. C. A. . . . . 2604½ Pacific St., St.
~~Schmid, Mrs. W. F.~~ . . . . . Victorian Court, St.
Taylor, Mrs. A. R. . . . . 627 North 25th St., St.
Van Natta, Mrs. A. Z. . . . . Century Apts., St.
Wallace, Mrs. C. H. . . . . 605 North 8th St., St.
Wyeth, Mrs. Houston. . . . Frederick Blvd., St.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, June 18, 1945.

The following Directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, Binswanger, Bradley, Clark, Forgrave, Hillyard, Richmond, Sprague and Wyeth. Absent: Messrs. W. C. Bartlett, Bayer, Brown and Smith.

The President, Robert B. Hillyard, presided at the meeting, and the Secretary, Floyd M. Sprague, acted as Secretary thereof.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on April 9, 1945, of the Annual Membership Meeting held on May 14, 1945, and of the meeting of Directors held on May 14, 1945 immediately following said annual membership meeting, were read and approved.

The President announced the appointment of the following committees for the ensuing year:

House Committee: George U. Richmond, Chairman
Melvin E. Binswanger
Henry F. Bayer

Executive Committee: William M. Clark, Chairman
Henry D. Bradley
John Wyeth

Membership Committee: Walter C. Bartlett, Chairman,
Dr. L. P. Forgrave
John Wyeth

Entertainment Committee: Floyd M. Sprague, Chairman
John T. Smith
Albert L. Bartlett, Jr.

Historical Committee: Robert A. Brown, Jr., Chairman
Robert G. Clayton
R. E. Costigan

The financial report was given by Mr. Binswanger, the Treasurer, which report showed a gain of $293.68 on the operations of the Club for the month of May, 1945.

Mr. Richmond, reporting for the House Committee, stated that a bid of $350.00 for a Century oil burner and a 1,000 gallon oil storage tank had been received from the St. Joseph Fuel Oil & Manufacturing Company, a bid of $170.22 had been received from the Gas Service Company for a new gas burner to be installed in the present furnace, a bid of $1538.16 had been received from the Gas Service Company for the installation of a new American Ideal gas fired burner (including both gas burner and boiler), and that a bid of $655.00 had been received from the Barber & Neely Plumbing & Heating Company for installing new sections 1, 2 and 5 in the present boiler and putting said boiler in a state of repair. After considerable discussion of the problem of adequately heating the Club, a motion was made by Mr. Clark, and seconded by Mr. Wyeth, and unanimously carried, that the House Committee procure several other bids from other plumbing and oil burner concerns and then be authorized to go ahead and order and secure such necessary new equipment, or such necessary repairs to the present heating plant, or both, as in the judgment of the House Committee it deemed proper and for the best interest of the Club to adequately heat the Club House during the winter seasons.

Mr. Richmond also presented to the Board some preliminary
made by Messrs. Eckel & Aldrich for converting the Dutch Room into
a part of the bar, said plans consisting of two alternative schemes
for a new opening between said Dutch Room and the bar. Mr. Richmond
stated he had received tentative bid of $1061.25 from Sam Hotchkiss
making the alterations in conformity with one of such plans, and tha
Mr. Hotchkiss had stated the cost would be about $300.00 less if the
alternative plan were adopted. After considerable discussion of thi
matter, it was the sense of the Board that new plans should be made
which should include the conversion of that part of the Dutch Room si
north of the north wall of the bar into a locker room; and on motion
duly seconded and carried, the House Committee was instructed to hav
Messrs. Eckel & Aldrich draw plans and specifications for conversion
the Dutch Room to a part of the bar with lockers at the north end of
said Dutch Room, and upon the procurement of such plans and specific
to secure bids from three or four contractors on the cost of making s
improvements or alterations. The House Committee was also instructe
to secure bids for improving and redecorating the Ball Room, includi
the opening of adequate and sufficient exits therefrom.

A long discussion was had concerning the manner of raising
funds to finance the proposed improvements and alterations to the Du
Room, bar and Ball Room, but it was decided to defer any definite ac
until the cost thereof shall have been ascertained, after the receip
bids from the contractors.

Doctor Forgrave, reporting for the Membership Committee,
presented for consideration as a military member the name of First
Lieutenant Don Wilson. Lieutenant Wilson was duly elected as a
military member of the Club.

The Secretary read the resignations of Lt. Col. John Wilso
and of Captains William Bell and Paul Hom, as military members, due
their respective transfers away from St. Joseph. Upon motions, duly
seconded, and unanimously carried the three above resignations were
accepted.

On motion of Mr. Richmond, seconded by Mr. A. L. Bartlett
and unanimously carried, thanks were extended to Mr. Bradley for hi
tasty fried chicken dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Brown to be h
at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meetin
the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

Robert S. Hillyard
President.

Floyd M. Spring
Secretary.

August 15, 1952

Mr. Jerome Taylor
5215 Webster
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The Benton Club wishes to apologize to you concerning the old note which was forwarded to you the day before yesterday.

The payment in full had not been entered on the note itself and when it turned up it was assumed that there was a balance.

Please accept our regrets on this matter.

Cordially yours,

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
Benton Club

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August 15, 1952

Mr. Kenneth Robinson
Robinson, McWilliams & Burnham
412 Felix Street
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The Benton Club wishes to apologize to you concerning the old note which was forwarded to you the day before yesterday.

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Please accept our regrets on this matter.

Cordially yours,

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Benton Club

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August 15, 1952

Mr. Noel Wiehl
506 North 24th
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mr. Wiehl:

The Benton Club wishes to apologize to you concerning the old note which was forwarded to you the day before yesterday.

The payment in full had not been entered on the note itself and when it turned up it was assumed that there was a balance.

Please accept our regrets on this matter.

Cordially yours,

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
Benton Club

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R E N T O N C L U B

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VICE PRESIDENT.....Walter C. Bartlett

TREASURER.....MelvinE. Binswanger

SECRETARY.....Floyd M.Sprague

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Geo. U.Richmond.....Chairman

Melvin E. Binswanger

Henry Bayer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wm. M.Clark.....Chairman

H. D.Bradley

John Wyeth

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Walter C. Bartlett.....Chairman

Dr. L. Paul Forgrave

John Wyeth

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Floyd M.Sprague.....Chairman

John T. Smith

A. L. Bartlett, Jr.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Robert A. Brown, Jr.....Chairman

R. G.Clayton

R. E.Costigan

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, July 9, 1945.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, W. C. Bartlett, Binswanger, Bradley, Brown, Clark, Forgrave, Hillyard, Richmond, Smith and Sprague.

Absent: Mr. Wyeth

The President presided at the meeting and the Secretary acted as Secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on June 18, 1945 were read and approved.

The Financial Report was given by Mr. Binswanger, the Treasurer, which report showed a loss of $173.58 on the operations of the Club for the month of June, 1945.

Mr. Richmond, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the committee had determined to procure a new gas fired furnace, and that a low bid of $1478.00 for the same had been received from the Enright Plumbing and Heating Company.

Mr. Richmond also presented to the Board plans and specifications which had been prepared by Messrs. Eckel & Aldrich for converting the Dutch Room into part of the bar. Mr. Richmond stated that bids had been received from a number of contractors for making such alterations. He stated that the cost of making such improvement, including the redecorating of the enlarged bar room would be approximately $3,000.00. He further stated that the cost of improving and redecorating the Ball Room, including the opening of additional exits therefrom would be approximately $1,000.00.

After much discussion concerning these proposed projects, on motion of Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Clark, and unanimously carried, the House Committee was instructed to go ahead with such improvements and redecorating of the Ball Room at a cost of approximately $1,000.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. A. L. Bartlett, Jr., that the House Committee be instructed to go ahead with the proposed improvement for converting the Dutch Room into part of the bar. Such motion was lost.

Thereupon a motion was made by Mr. W. C. Bartlett, and seconded by Mr. Binswanger, that the House Committee proceed with its original plan to redecorate the Dutch Room. This motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Richmond, seconded by Mr. W. C. Bartlett, and unanimously carried, thanks were extended to Mr. Brown for his delightful turkey dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Clark to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

Lloyd A. Sprague
Secretary.

Robert B. Hillyard
President

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, August 13, 1945.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, W. C. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Bradley, Brown, Clark, Forgrave, Hillyard, Richmond and Sprague. Absent: Messrs.Smith and Wyeth.

The President presided at the meeting, and the Secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on July 9, 1945 were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. Binswanger, which report showed a gain of $200.81 on the operations of the Club for the month of July, 1945.

Mr. Richmond, reporting for the House Committee, stated that a new gas fired furnace had been ordered from the Enright Plumbing & Heating Company, and that the Club was waiting delivery thereof. Mr. Richmond also reported on the progress of plans for improving and redecorating the Ball Room, including the opening of additional exits.

Mr. Richmond also reported that the redecoration of the Dutch Room had been completed.

On motion of Mr. Sprague, seconded by Mr. Brown, and unanimously carried, a vote of thanks was extended to the House Committee for its work in redecorating the Dutch Room.

After considerable discussion in regard to the ventilation of the bar and Dutch Room, the House Committee was instructed to investigate the matter of said ventilation and also to look into the matter of procuring storm windows for the Dutch Room.

The Secretary read the resignation of Capt. Albert J. Bundschu as a military member, due to his discharge from the Army. Thereupon, Mr. W. C. Bartlett, reporting for the Membership Committee, presented for consideration as a non-resident member the name of Mr. Bundschu. Mr. Bundschu was duly elected as a non-resident member of the Club.

Mr. Sprague, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that the committee had placed an order for hats, streamers and noisemakers for the New Years Party.

Mr. Brown, reporting for the Historical Committee, made some suggestions as to how the committee could be assisted in their work.

On motion of Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Binswanger, and unanimously carried, thanks were extended to Mr. Clark for his gustatory steak dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Hillyard to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

President.

Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, September 10, 1945.

All of the Directors were present.

The President presided at the meeting, and the Secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on August 13, 1945, were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. Binswanger, which report showed a loss of $2.58 on the operations of the Club for the month of August, 1945.

Mr. Richmond, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the committee had been notified that the shipping date for the new gas furnace was September 23, 1945.

Mr. Richmond also reported that the work had been started on the plans for improving and redecorating the Ball Room, and that the openings for the new exits had been made.

Mr. Richmond further reported that the old ventilator over the bar had been cleaned out.

Mr. Richmond also reported that a new janitor had been hired.

Mr. Wyeth suggested that one steam heating unit be installed in the ball room in lieu of the several radiators located therein, and after considerable discussion, the House Committee was instructed to look into the matter.

Upon motion of Mr. W. C. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Binswanger, Mrs. William Albrecht was elected to an honorary membership in the Club with full privileges thereof, and the Secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Albrecht of the Board's action.

There was a general discussion among the members of the matter of improving the quality of the food served at the Club, as well as in improving the service thereof.

Upon motion of Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Wyeth, and unanimously carried, thanks were extended to Mr. Hillyard for his appetizing steak dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Smith to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

Robert B. Hillyard
President.

Floyd M. Binswanger
Secretary.

September 12, 1945.

Mrs. William Albrecht,
2818 Frederick Boulevard,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. Albrecht:

I am pleased to inform you that at a meeting of the Directors of the Benton Club, held on last Monday night, September 10, 1945, you were elected to an honorary membership in the Club with full privileges thereof.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

FMS:OM

Mrs. W. Conger Beasley

September 12, 1945.

Dear Floyd -

Mother asked me to write and thank you and the Directors of the Renton Club for her honorary membership. She appreciates it very much.

Sincerely,

Ardus A. Beasley

September fifteenth

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, October 15, 1945.

The following directors were present: Messrs. W. C. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Bradley, Brown, Clark, Forgrave, Hillyard, Richmond, Sprague and Wyeth.

Absent: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett and Smith.

The President presided at the meeting and the Secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on September 10, 1945 were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Binswanger, which report showed a gain of $339.67 on the operations of the Club for the month of September, 1945.

Mr. Richmond, on behalf of the House Committee, reported on the progress of the Ball Room repairs and redecorating. He also reported that the exterior painting of the Club House had been completed, at a cost of $620.00, which cost included some carpenter work.

There was some discussion of the matter of disposing of the old furniture and pictures which had been in storage for a long period of time upstairs in the Club House, and several of the Directors made suggestions to the House Committee with respect to their disposition.

There was also a discussion of the matter of securing additional help, particularly on Saturdays, for improving the service at the bar and the service in respect to answering the telephones.

The President suggested that new slot machines were not available, and could be purchased at a price of between $225.00 and $275.00. On motion of Mr. Bayer, seconded by Mr. Bradley, and unanimously carried, the House Committee was instructed to purchase two new slot machines for use by the Club.

Mr. W. C. Bartlett, reporting for the Membership Committee, presented for consideration as non-resident members, the names of Commander Craig Garth and James Fielding Dale. After written ballots duly taken, Commander Garth and Mr. Dale were elected as non-resident members of the Club.

Upon motion of Mr. W. C. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Binswanger, Mrs. Ralph E. Costigan was elected to an honorary membership in the Club, with full privileges thereof, and the Secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Costigan of the Board's action.

Upon motion of Mr. W. C. Bartlett, seconded by Doctor Forgrave, and unanimously carried, it was voted that a member returning from active military or Naval service should be billed for dues commencing from the time of the expiration of his terminal leave.

The Secretary read the resignations of Lieut. Col. G. A. Sweeten and Captains H. T. Greene and T. D. Higgins, Jr., as military members. Upon motions, duly seconded and unanimously carried the three above mentioned resignations were accepted.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. W. Conger Beasley expressing the thanks of her mother, Mrs. William Albrecht, for electing Mrs. Albrecht to an honorary membership in the Club.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Samuel S. McCord expressing her thanks to the Board for extending to her the privi of the Club.

The Secretary also read a card of thanks from Mrs. Tuck and Mrs. W. C. Bartlett for flowers sent to the family of Mr. Cos

Mr. Sprague, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that negotiations were under way for music for the Christm Tea Dance and for the New Years Dance.

Upon motion by Mr. Binswanger, seconded by Mr. W. C. Bartlett, and unanimously carried, thanks were extended to Mr. Sn in absentia, for his very delicious lobster dinner, and the invit of Mr. Richmond to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meet the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

President.

Secretary.

October 16, 1945.

Mrs. Ralph E. Costigan,
Georgian Court Apartments,
422 North 7th Street,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. Costigan:

I am pleased to inform you that at a meeting of the Directors of the Benton Club, held on last Monday night, October 15, 1945, you were elected to an honorary membership in the Club with full privileges thereof.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

FMS:OM

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, November 12, 1945.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, W. C. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Bradley, Clark, Forgrave, Hillyard, Sprague, and Wyeth.

Absent: Messrs. Brown, Richmond and Smith.

The president presided at the meeting, and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on October 15, 1945 were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. Binswanger, which report showed a loss of $797.41 on the operations of the Club for the month of October, 1945, but an operating gain during said month of $393.49.

Mr. Bayer, on behalf of the House Committee, reported on the progress of the Ball Room repairs and redecorating, stating that it was expected that the work would be completed by Christmas. Mr. Bayer also reported that the House Committee had purchased two new slot machines at a price of $225.00 each.

Mr. W. C. Bartlett, reporting for the Membership Committee, presented the name of Noble I. Ayers, Jr., for consideration as a member of the Club. After written ballot duly taken, Mr.Ayers was elected to membership.

Mr. Bartlett also reported that John Wyeth, Jr., a non-resident member, had become a resident of Buchanan County, Missouri, and the Secretary was instructed that Mr. John Wyeth, Jr., be classified and carried as a resident member from November 1, 1945.

The secretary read the resignation of Col. George W. Peterson, as a military member. Upon motion, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the resignation of Colonel Peterson was accepted.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Sarah D. Costigan expressing her thanks to the directors for electing her to an honorary membership in the Club.

Mr. Sprague, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that Ray Murrell had been engaged for the Christmas Dance from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M. at a price of $125.00, and that the Verlin Powers Orchestra had been engaged for the New Years Eve Dance from 10 P.M. to 2 A.M., at a price of $225.00

On motion of Mr. Bayer, seconded by Doctor Forgrave, and unanimously carried, the Entertainment Committee was authorized and directed to set a charge for the Christmas Tea Dance of $4.00 per member, and to fix a charge for the New Years Eve Party of $5.00 per member, and $2.50 per guest.

On motion of Mr. W. C. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Wyeth, thanks were extended to Doctor Forgrave for his very delicious duck dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Richmond to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

Charles E. Hildreth
President.

Floyd M. Young
Secretary.

October 23rd 1945

My dear Floyd:

I am deeply grateful to the Directors of the Benton Club for the courtesy they have extended to me. Will you please convey my thanks to them.

Cordially yours,

Sarah D Cartigan

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, December 12, 1945.

All of the Directors were present.

The President presided at the meeting, and the Secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on November 12, 1945, were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. Binswanger, which report showed a gain of $665.31 from the operations of the Club for the month of November, 1945.

Mr. Richmond, on behalf of the House Committee, reported that the new gas furnace had been installed, and was in working order. Mr. Richmond also reported that two sinks and an ice compartment had been installed in the bar in the Ball Room. He further stated that the House Committee was looking for temporary lighting fixtures for the Ball Room to be used until permanent fixtures could be procured.

Mr. Sprague, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, outlined the program for the Holiday party schedule, including the Christmas and New Years Eve parties.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Clark, thanks were extended to Mr. Richmond for his appetizing dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Sprague to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

Robert B. Hillyard
President

Thomas M. Sprague
Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, January 14, 1946.

The following Directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett W. C. Bartlett, Binswanger, Bradley, Brown, Clark, Forgrave, Hillyard, Sprague and Wyeth.

Absent: Messrs. Bayer, Richmond and Smith.

The President presided at the meeting and the Secretary acted as Secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on December 10, 1945 were read and approved.

The Financial Report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Binswan which report showed a gain of $297.25 from the operations of the Club for the month of December, 1945.

In the absence of two members of the House Committee, inclu the Chairman, there was no report from said committee. However, ther was a general discussion among the Board as to several matters appert ing to the improvement of the Club, including the furnishing of the R Room and of keeping the same open at all times as a recreation room; closing of the Dining Room to women on Saturday noons; and of reopening the service of meals on Monday nights. The matter of furnishing the ball room and keeping it open at all times was referred to the House Committee for investigation as to the practicability and cost of such proposal.

There was also a discussiom of an annual fee for liquor lo On motion of Doctor Forgrave, seconded by Mr. Bradley, the Board rec ommended to the House Committee that an annual fee of $1.00 be charg for the use of each liquor locker.

It was the sense of the Board that the House Committee sho not rent the facilities of the Club for private parties on Thursday, Saturday or Sunday nights, unless invitation should be extended to a members of the Club.

It was suggested to the Entertainment Committee that consi ation be given to a George Washington's Birthday Party to be held or Saturday evening, February 23.

Mr. W. C. Bartlett, reporting for the Membership Committee presented for consideration as a non-resident member the name of Nor Tucker. Mr. Tucker was duly elected as a non-resident member of the Club.

Mr. W. C. Bartlett also presented the name of Noel M. Wie for consideration as a member of the Club. After written ballot du taken, Mr. Wiehl was elected to membership.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Bradley, thanks w extended to Mr. Sprague for his repast, and the invitation of Mr. W to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meetir same was, upon motion, adjourned.

Edward M. Sprague
Secretary.

Robert Hillyard
President.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, February 18, 1946.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, W. C. Bartlett, Binswanger, Bradley, Brown, Forgrave, Hillyard, Smith, Sprague and Wyeth.

Absent: Messrs. Bayer, Clark and Richmond.

The President presided at the meeting, and the Secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on January 14, 1946 were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. Binswanger, which report showed an operating gain of $451.03 from the operations of the Club for the month of January, 1946.

There was no report from the House Committee, but there was a general discussion among the members of the Board of methods to improve service in the dining room and at the bar on Saturday nights.

Mr. A. L. Bartlett, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, announced that a George Washington's Birthday Party would be held at the Club on Thursday evening, February 21. He stated that it would be a Buffet Dance, with dinner from 7:30 to 9 P.M., and dancing from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M., and that the charge would be $3.00 per person, and that there would be no service charge.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Smith, thanks were extended to Mr. Wyeth for his nice steak dinner, and the invitation of Mr. A. L. Bartlett to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was upon motion adjourned.

Robert B. Hillyard
President.

Floyd M. Binswanger
Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the F
Club was held at the Club House on Monday, March 11, 1946.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L.
Bartlett, W. C. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Bradley, Forgrave, Ri
Sprague and Wyeth.

Absent: Messrs. Brown, Clark, Hillyard and Smith.

In the absence of the President, Mr. W. C. Bartlett,
Vice-President, presided at the meeting, and the Secretary acted a
secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held
February 18, 1946, were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr.
which report showed an operating gain of $54.72 from the operation
Club for the month of February, 1946.

Mr. Richmond, reporting for the House Committee, sta
that the sum of $4,433.22 had been expended for Club improvements,
as follows: $2,548.42 for the ball room, exclusive of light fixtu
$120.90 for roofing and guttering; and $1,763.90 for the new heatir
plant.

There was some discussion among the Board as to cons
ing suitable rooms, including showers, in the basement of the Clu
for use of the employees. The matter was referred to the House Co
for investigation.

Upon motion of Mr. Wyeth, seconded by Mr. Bradley,
unanimously carried, the Board voted that the Club should go on r
as favoring the repairing of Faraon Street.

Mr. W. C. Bartlett, reporting for the Membership Co
presented for consideration as a non-resident member the name of
Townsend. Mr. Townsend was duly elected as a non-resident member
the Club.

Upon motion of Doctor Forgrave, seconded by Mr. Bay
and unanimously carried, thanks were extended to Mr. A. L. Bartlet
his very fine steak dinner, and the invitation of Mr. W. C. Bartl
to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the
the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

Vice-President.

Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, April 8, 1946.

The following Directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, W. C. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Bradley, Clark, Forgrave, Hillyard, Smith, Sprague and Wyeth.

Absent: Messrs. Brown and Richmond.

The President presided at the meeting and the Secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on March 11, 1946 were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Binswanger which report showed an operating gain of $421.02 for the month of March, 1946.

Mr. Bayer, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the committee found it impracticable to construct suitable rooms, including showers, in the basement of the Club House for the use of the employees. After considerable discussion of this matter among the Board, upon motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wyeth, and unanimously carried, the Board voted that the Squash Court should be converted into suitable rooms for service and storage for the kitchen, and for rest rooms, including showers, for use of the employees, and further that the House Committee be instructed to procure plans and estimates, and secure bids for such conversion of the Squash Court into the above mentioned facilities.

Upon motion of Mr. W. C. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Clark, and unanimously carried, the House Committee was further instructed to get estimates for converting the Ball Room into a Cocktail Lounge.

Mr. W. C. Bartlett, reporting for the Membership Committee, suggested that in view of the full membership of the Club, it might be advisable for the Board to adopt a policy of creating a waiting list of those desiring membership in the Club. It was the sense of the Board that such a policy of creating a waiting list should be adopted. There some some discussion of the advisability of amending Section 6 of Article I of the By-laws so that the privileges of the Club might be extended to a resident guest not to exceed twice in any one calendar year. No definite action was taken upon such proposal.

The President appointed Messrs. Bayer, Clark and J. H. McCord, Jr., as members of a Nominating Committee to select ~~eight~~ not less than names to be placed upon the ballot to serve as Directors for a term of three years, the four receiving the highest number of votes to be elected.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the said nominating Committee as appointed by the President was approved by the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Sprague, thanks were extended to Mr. W. C. Bartlett for his very delicious

steak dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Bayer to be host at the June meeting of the Board was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

President.

Secretary.

BALLOT

ANNUAL ELECTION FOR

Directors Benton Club

MAY 13, 1946

VOTE FOR 4 ONLY

W. C. BEASLEY 5
H. D. BRADLEY 11
R. A. BROWN, JR. 1
C. W. DOUGLAS 32
J. R. FORGRAVE 32
L. P. FORGRAVE 10
J. M. GARVEY 5
M. K. GOETZ 4
W. L. HEGARTY 6
R. B. HILLYARD 15
J. D. McCASKEY 32
B. PITTS, JR. 32
W. R. RANDALL 2
R. G. SYMON 6
T. R. WALL, JR. 9
DEAN WILDE 2

The annual membership meeting of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, May 13, 1946.

There were fifty members present.

The President, Robert B. Hillyard, presided at the meeting, and the Secretary, Floyd M.Sprague, acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the annual membership meeting held on May 14, 1945 were read and approved.

The President made a report of the condition of the Club and of the operations thereof for the past year.

Mr. Binswanger, the Treasurer, gave a detailed financial report for the past year, which report showed a gain of $3,405.08 on the operations of the Club during said year.

Short reports were respectively given by the chairmen of the four standing committees, Mr. Richmond, reporting for the House Committee, Mr. Sprague, reporting for the Entertainment Committee; Mr. W. C. Bartlett, reporting for the Membership Committee; and Mr. Brown, reporting for the Historical Committee.

The Nominating Committee, composed of Messrs. Henry F. Bayer, William E. Clark and J. H. McCord, Jr., presented a ballot on which there were sixteen names, upon which the four receiving the highest number of votes respectively were to serve as Directors for a term of three years.

Tellers were appointed by the President, which tellers reported that the following had been elected to serve as Directors for a term of three years: Messrs. C. W. Douglas, J. R. Forgrave, J. D. McCaskey and Barton Pitts, Jr.

There being no further business to come before the meeting,the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

Robert B. Hillyard
President.

Floyd M. Sprague
Secretary.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, May 13, 1946, immediately following the Membership Meeting, and the report of the tellers showing the election of the four new members of the Board to serve for a term of three years.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, W. C. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Clark, Douglas, J. R. Forgrave, McCaskey, Richmond, Smith and Sprague.

Absent: Messrs. Pitts and Wyeth.

The President, Robert B. Hillyard, presided at the meeting, and the Secretary, Floyd M. Sprague, acted as Secret thereof.

Upon motions duly made and seconded the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President - John Wyeth
Vice-President - John T. Smith
Secretary, - Floyd M. Sprague
Treasurer - Melvin E. Binswanger

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

President.

Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, June 10,1946.
All of the Directors were present.
The President, John Wyeth, presided at the meeting, and the Secretary, Floyd M.Sprague, acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on April 8, 1946, of the annual membership meeting held on May 13, 1946, and of the meeting of the Directors held on May 13, 1946, immediately following said membership meeting, were read and approved.

The President announced the appointment of the following committees for the ensuing year:

HOUSE COMMITTEE - B. Pitts, Jr., Chairman
Henry Bayer
John Forgrave.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - John Forgrave, Chairman
John T. Smith
W. M. Clark

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Charles Douglas, Chairman
John Forgrave
G. U. Richmond

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE - John McCaskey, Chairman
John T. Smith
F. M.Sprague

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE - Robert A. Brown, Jr., Chairman
Robert G. Clayton

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Binswanger, which report showed an operating gain of $105.85 for the month of May, 1946.

Mr. Richmond, reporting for the old House Committee, presented for the consideration of the Board a sample wall lighting bracket for installation in the Ball Room. He stated that eight ~~or nine~~ brackets would be required, and that the cost thereof would be $17.50 apiece, or a total price of $140.00. After some discussion upon motion of Mr. Sprague, seconded by Mr. Clark, and unanimously carried the matter of the selection of the wall lighting brackets for the Ball Room was referred to the new House Committee with full power to act.

On motion of Mr.Binswanger, seconded by Mr. Richmond, and carried, the Board voted that the new House Committee be instructed to procure plans and estimates for converting the Squash Court into suitable rooms for service and storage for the kitchen, and for rest rooms, including showers, for the use of employees, and to secure bids for such conversion of the Squash Court into the above mentioned facilities in conformity with similar instructions given to the old House Committee by the vote of the Board at its regular meeting on April 8, 1946.

The President suggested for the consideration of the new House Committee a plan for converting the present Ladies' Powder Room into rest rooms for the [redacted] employees of the Club, and of converting

the rooms on the second floor formerly occupied by the late Ralph E. Costigan into an improved Powder Room for ladies.

Upon motion of Mr. Forgrave, seconded by Mr. A. L. Bartlett, thanks were extended to Mr. Bayer for his very nice steak dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Binswanger to be host a the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the mee the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

John Wyatt
President

Floyd M. Spence
Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, July 8, 1946.

The following Directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Clark, Douglas, Forgrave, McCaskey, Pitts, Richmond, Smith and Sprague.

Absent: Messrs. W. C. Bartlett and Wyeth.

In the absence of the President, Mr. John T. Smith, the Vice-President, presided at the meeting, and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on June 10, 1946, were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Binswanger, which report showed an operating gain of $181.57 for the month of June, 1946.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, stated that wall lighting brackets for the Ball Room had been purchased and would soon be installed. Mr. Pitts further announced that measures had been taken toward rodent and roach control. He further reported that the House Committee expected to be able to present to the Board at its next meeting the plans and estimates for conversion of the Squash Court into the facilities as previously directed by the Board.

Mr. Douglas, reporting for the Membership Committee, stated that the membership of the Club was practically full, and there was a general discussion among the Board as to the advisability of taking in any more new members until vacancies occurred.

On motion of Mr. A. L. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. McCaskey, and unanimously carried, guest privileges for ninety days were extended to Major Mitchell, a former military member of the Club.

Mr. Clark proposed the following amendment to the by-laws:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the By-laws of the Benton Club be and they are hereby amended by inserting after Section 1 of Article II a new section to be known as Section 1a of Article II, and to read and provide as follows:

"Section 1a. After the expiration of the term of any director, such retiring director shall be ineligible for re-election or re-appointment to the Board until the lapse of one calendar year from the date of the expiration of his last term of office on the Board."

Mr. Clark further proposed the following additional amendment to the by-laws:

"RESOLVED, that Section 2 of Article I of the By-laws of the Benton Club be and the same is hereby amended by the addition of the following sub-section:

"(a) No person shall be eligible to become a resident member until such person shall have resided in Buchanan County,

Missouri, or in some adjoining county thereof, for a period of at least six consecutive months prior to such person's election as a resident member of the Club."

The above amendments to the by-laws as proposed by Mr. Clark were laid on the table for consideration and action of the Board at its next regular meeting.

On motion of Mr. Bayer, seconded by Mr. McCaskey, thanks were extended to Mr. Binswanger for his gustatory steak dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Clark to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was upon motion adjourned.

John J. Smith
Chairman.

Floyd M. Douglas
Secretary.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Saturday, August 3, 1946.

The following Directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartle W. C. Bartlett, Binswanger, Clark, Douglas, Forgrave andRichmond.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, C.W. Douglas was elected chairman of the meeting; and Melvin Binswanger w chosen as secretary thereof.

Mr. Douglas, reporting for the Membership Committee, prese the name of William B. Hooten for consideration as a member of the c After written ballot duly taken, Mr. Hooten was elected to membershi

There being no further business to come before the meeting the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

C. W. Douglas
Chairman.

Melvin E Binswanger
Acting Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, August 12, 1946.

The following directors were present: Messrs. W. C. Bartlett, Bayer, Clark, Douglas, Forgrave, McCaskey, Richmond, Smith and Sprague.

Absent: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, Binswanger, Pitts and Wyeth.

In the absence of the President, Mr. John T. Smith, the Vice-President, presided at the meeting, and the Secretary acted as Secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on July 8, 1946, and of the Special Meeting of the Board held on August 3, 1946, were read and approved.

In the absence of the treasurer, the financial report was read by the secretary, which report showed an operating loss of $63.71 for the month of July, 1946.

In the absence of the chairman, there was no report for the House Committee, but there was a general discussion among the Board regarding the inadequacy of the supply of beer. On motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. McCaskey, and carried, it was voted that it was the sense of the Board that the manager of the Club should provide the members with the choice of brands of beer.

Upon motion of Mr. Richmond, seconded by Mr. W. C. Bartlett, and unanimously carried, Mrs. John W. Broaddus was elected to an honorary membership in the Club, with full privileges thereof, and the Secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Broaddus of the Board's action.

Upon motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by Dr. J. R. Forgrave, and unanimously carried, the two amendments to the By-Laws as proposed by Mr. Clark and submitted to the Board at its meeting on July 8, 1946, for consideration and action of the Board at this meeting, were carried over for consideration and action of the Board at its next regular meeting.

On motion of Mr. Richmond, seconded by Mr. W. C. Bartlett, and unanimously carried, thanks were extended to Mr. Clark for his delicious steak dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Douglas to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

John T. Smith
Chairman.

Edgar M. Sprague
Secretary.

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August 14, 1946.

Mrs. John W. Broaddus,
Wismo Club,
Stone Lake, Wisconsin.

Dear Miden:

I am pleased to inform you that at a meeting of the Directors of the Benton Club, held on last Monday night, August 12, 1946, you were elected to an honorary membership in the Club with full privileges thereof.

Sincerely yours,

Floyd M. Simpson
Secretary.

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My dear Floyd:

I received your letter of August fourteenth, and am very pleased to have been elected to an honorary membership in the Benton Club. I accept with pleasure. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

M. dan W. Broaddus

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, September 9, 1946.

The following Directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, W. C. Bartlett, Bayer, Clark, Douglas, Forgrave, McCaskey, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Sprague and Wyeth.

Absent: Mr. Binswanger.

The President presided at the meeting and the Secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on August 12, 1946, were read and approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the financial report was read by the Secretary, which report showed an operating gain of $63.98 for the month of August, 1946.

Mr. McCaskey, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that the Ray Murrell Orchestra had been engaged for the Christmas Dance. There was an informal discussion among the Board regarding the possibility and desirability of the Club having a dance on November 9, 1946, the Saturday preceding Armistice Day, the matter being left to the judgment of the Entertainment Committee.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the cafe sales had increased to the point where they were comparable to cafe sales in November, 1945. However, he further reported that the cafe operations showed a loss of $288.96 for the month of August, which he attributed largely to the increase in the cost of food.

Mr. Pitts further brought to the attention of the Board several suggestions of the Club manager as to means of increasing cafe and bar revenue, including raising of the price for regular dinners from $1.25 to $1.50, increasing the service charge for lunches from 5¢ to 10¢, and increasing the service charge for drinks, excepting when plain water is used, from 10¢ to 15¢.

On motion of Mr. Sprague, seconded by Mr. W. C. Bartlett, and unanimously carried, the House Committee was authorized to increase the charge for meals or food served to meet any increased price in the cost of food and materials.

On motion of Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried the House Committee was instructed to retain the bar service charge of 10¢ per drink.

Mr. Pitts further reported that Mr. Kemp, of The Greenwood Company of KansasCity, was engaged in making a survey of the kitchen and kitchen facilities, and that after such survey, plans would be submitted to the Board for remodeling the kitchen in accordance with the instructions heretofore given to the House Committee by the Board.

There was an informal discussion among the Board as to enforcing the rule regarding the charge to members for staying at the Club after closing hours, but no definite action was taken.

Upon motion of Mr. McCaskey, seconded by Mr.W.C. Bartlett, and carried, the House Committee was instructed to draft a complete revision of the House Rules and submit the sa to the Board for its consideration.

Upon motion of Mr. McCaskey, seconded by Mr. A. L. Bartlett, and unanimously carried, Mrs. C. H.Wallace was elect to an honorary membership in the Club with full privileges the and the Secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Wallace of the action.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. John W.Broaddu expressing her thanks to the Directors for electing her to an honorary membership in the Club.

Upon motion of Mr. Richmond, seconded by Mr. Pitts, and unanimously carried, thanks were extended to Mr. Douglas f his very delicious roast beef and corn fritters dinner, and th invitation of Dr. John R. Forgrave to be host at the next meet was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the the same was, upon motion adjourned.

John Wyatt
President.

Floyd M. Sparks
Secretary.

September 10, 1946.

Mrs. C. H. Wallace,
605 North 8th Street,
St.Joseph, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. Wallace:

I am pleased to inform you that at a meeting of the Directors of the Benton Club, held on last Monday night, September 9, 1946, you were elected to an honorary membership in the Club with full privileges thereof.

Sincerely yours,

Floyd M. Sparks
Secretary.

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MRS. CHARLES H. WALLACE
605 NORTH EIGHTH STREET
SAINT JOSEPH, MISSOURI

Mrs. Charles Hodge Wallace
Wishes to thank Mr. Wyeth,
the Directors of the Benton Club,
for their kindness in
electing her
honorary membership
in the Club - which
she will be pleased to
use. Later -
St. Joseph
September 19th 1946 -

Minutes of Meeting of Directors of
Benton Club

Held at noon on October 5, 1946,
at the Club.

Present: Albert Bartlett
Walter Bartlett
Melvin Binswanger
William Clark
Charles Douglas
George Richmond
John Wyeth

The purpose of the meeting was to vote upon the application of Wallace Orr for membership in the Club, and upon written ballot Mr. Orr was voted to membership in the Club.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

John Wyeth
President

Secretary of meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bento Club was held at the Club House on Monday, October 14, 1946.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartl W. C. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Clark, Douglas, Forgrave, McCask Pitts, Richmond, Sprague and Wyeth.

Absent: Mr. Smith.

The president presided at the meeting and the secretary ac as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Se ember 9, 1946, and of the special meeting of the Board held on Oct- ober 5, 1946 were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr.Binswa which report showed an operating gain of $418.82 for the month of September, 1946.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, reported tha because of the illness of Mr. Kemp, of the Greenwood Company of Kar City, the survey of the kitchen and kitchen facilities of the Club had not been completed, and that the plans for remodeling the kitch had, therefore, been delayed.

Mr. Pitts further stated that the House Committee had rec copies of the House Rules from six clubs in this area, and was und taking to draft a complete revision of the House Rules of the Club accordance with the Board's instructions, and that the Committee h to have such revision ready for submission to the Board at its nex meeting.

Mr. Pitts further brought to the attention of the Board t difficulty of securing at this time furniture for the ball room. P of available tables and chairs were submitted by him for the Board consideration, and after some discussion of the problem, it was th consensus of the Board that the matter of procuring furniture for ball room should be deferred until next year.

Mr. McCaskey, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that the Howard Judkins Orchestra had been engaged for the New Year's Eve Dance, but that the committee had been unable to se an orchestra for November 9, 1946, the Saturday preceding Armistic Day.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs.C. H. Wallace expres her thanks to the Directors for electing her to an honorary member in the Club.

Upon motion of Mr. Bayer, seconded by Mr. Binswanger, and unanimously carried, thanks were extended to Dr. John R. Forgrave for his very delicious steak and Yorkshire Pudding dinner, and the invitation of Mr. McCaskey to be host at the next meeting was acce

There being no further business to come before the meetin the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

Secretary.

President.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, November 11, 1946.

All of the directors were present.

The President presided at the meeting and the Secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on October 14, 1946 were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. Binswanger, which report showed a gain of $356.67 on the operations for the Club for the month of October, 1946.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, submitted for the consideration of the Board a draft of proposed complete revision of the House Rules which had been prepared by said committee. After considerable discussion, the House Committee was requested to send a copy of the proposed house rules to each of the directors for further study.

Mr. Pitts further reported that the committee had not heard from Mr. Kemp, of the Greenwood Company of Kansas City, relative to his survey of the kitchen and kitchen facilities of the Club, and that the House Committee had requested the Zahner Manufacturing Company, of Kansas City, to make a similar survey, and that the committee was waiting for the report from said company. Mr. Pitts further submitted tentative proposed plans for remodeling the bar and kitchen which had been prepared by Messrs. Eckel & Aldrich under date of October 30, 1946, but he stated that no action on the part of the Board would be requested by the House Committee until final plans should be submitted after the committee had had an opportunity to study the report from the Zahner Manufacturing Company.

On motion of Mr. Bayer, seconded by Mr. Clark, and unanimously carried, the Entertainment Committee was authorized and directed to set a charge for the Christmas Tea Dance of $4.00 per member, and to set a charge for the New Years Eve Party of $5.00 per member and $2.50 per guest.

On motion of Mr. Richmond, seconded by Mr. A. L. Bartlett, thanks were extended to Mr. McCaskey for his very delectable lobster dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Pitts to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, upon motion, adjourned.

John Wyatt
President.

Edgar A. Binswanger
Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, December 9, 1946.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, W. C. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Clark, Douglas, Forgrave, McCaskey, Pitts, Richmond, Sprague and Wyeth.

Absent: Mr. Smith.

The President presided at the meeting, and the Secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on November 11, 1946 were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Binswanger, which report showed a gain of $265.32 on the operations of the Club for the month of November, 1946.

The draft of the proposed complete revision of the House Rules, which was submitted to the Board for its consideration at its last meeting by Mr. Pitts, Chairman of the House Committee, was taken up for discussion. After separately considering each of the proposed rules, and after several such rules had been amended by the Board, on motion of Doctor Forgrave, seconded by Mr.Clark, and unanimously carried, the proposed House Rules, as amended, were approved and adopted as and for the House Rules of the Club.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, presented for consideration plans which had been prepared by the Zahner Manufacturing Company of Kansas City for remodeling the bar and kitchen facilities. After considerable discussion, on motion of Mr. W. C. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Clark, and carried, the House Committee was instructed to remodel the kitchen first, so as to make the kitchen a modern kitchen with adequate facilities for the help.

The membership committee presented for consideration as a non-resident member the name of Balie P. Waggener. Mr.Waggener was duly elected as a non-resident member of the Club.

Upon motion of Mr. Binswanger, seconded by Mr. W. C. Bartlett, thanks were extended to Mr. Pitts for his very fine steak dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Richmond to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was upon motion adjourned.

John Wyeth
President.

Edgar A. Binswanger
Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, January 13, 1947.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, W. C. Bartlett, Bayer, Clark, Douglas, Forgrave, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Sprague and Wyeth.

Absent: Messrs. Binswanger and McCaskey.

The President presided at the meeting and the Secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on December 9, 1946, were read and approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the financial report was read by the Secretary, which report showed a gain of $117.53 on the operations of the Club for the month of December, 1946.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, brought to the attention of the Board the advisability of having the by-laws and the new house rules printed and distributed to the members of the Club. On motion of Mr. Bayer, seconded by Mr. Clark and unanimously carried, the House Committee was authorized to have the by-laws and house rules of the Club, together with the roster of membership, printed for distribution among the club members.

Mr. Pitts submitted new plans by the Zahner Manufacturing Company of Kansas City for modernizing the kitchen equipment at an estimated cost of $2,020.50, and stated he would procure another bid and secure more information from Messrs. Eckel and Aldrich and present the same for the consideration of the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Pitts also brought up the question of the distribution of the Christmas fund. On motion of Mr. A. L. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Clark and carried, the Board directed that such fund be divided proportionately among the help exclusive of the club manager, according to the earnings of each employee during the past year.

Upon motion of Mr. Richmond, seconded by Dr. Forgrave and carried, a Christmas present of $75.00 was directed to be paid to Mr. P. C. K. Bartlett, the club manager.

Mr. Smith, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that the financial operations of the Christmas functions were as follows: A gain of $4.5 on the eggnog party, a loss of $94.48 on the Christmas tea dance, and a loss of $61.99 on the New Year's dance.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the Board directed that there be an open dance on Friday night, February 21, 1947, the charge thereof for all persons coming to the dance to be determined by the Entertainment and the House Committees.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Mrs. Charles G. Geiger was elected to an honorary membership in the Club, with full privileges thereof, and the Secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Geiger of the Board's action.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Bayer, and unanimously carried, thanks were extended to Mr. Richmond for his very delectable roast beef dinner and the invitation of Mr. Smith to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was upon motion adjourned.

President

Secretary

January 27, 1947

Mrs. Charles G. Geiger
2731 Frederick Boulevard
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Geiger:

I am pleased to inform you that at a meeting of the Directors of the Benton Club held Monday night, January 13, 1947, you were elected to an honorary membership in the Club, with full privileges thereof.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club house on Monday, February 10, 1947.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, W. C. Bartlett, Binswanger, Douglas, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Sprague and Wyeth.

Absent: Messrs. Bayer, Clark, Forgrave and McCaskey.

The president presided at the meeting, and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on January 13, 1947, were read and approved. Because the treasurer was late in attending the meeting, the financial report was read by Mr. Richmond, which report showed a loss of $225.85 on the operations of the Club for the month of January, 1947.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, submitted for the consideration of the Board a draft of proposed amendments to the by-laws of the Club. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the House Committee was instructed to send a copy of the proposed amendments to the by-laws to each director, together with a notice that such proposed amendments to the by-laws will be voted on at the next regular meeting of the Board to be held on March 10, 1947.

Mr. Pitts further reported that the new plans and specifications prepared by the Zahner Manufacturing Company for modernizing the kitchen equipment had been mailed to several concerns with the request for bids thereon, but as yet no other bids had been received by the House Committee.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the joint House and Entertainment Committees, stated that a charge of $3.00 per head had been fixed for the open dance to be held on Friday night, February 21, 1947, and that an orchestra had been engaged to play between the hours of nine p.m. and one a.m.

Upon the motion of Mr. A. L. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. W. C. Bartlett and carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

> RESOLVED, that the president appoint a special committee of six, consisting of the chairman of the House Committee, two of the Directors, and three non-directors, to secure plans and specifications and the approximate estimates of cost therefor, and to determine the necessary assessment for financing the same, for presentation and consideration of the Board of Directors at its next meeting, for completing any of the following prescribed remodeling and equipment programs:
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> 1 - A long-range program to cover remodeling, rearranging, equipment and new construction, if necessary, to include kitchen, store room, ball room, rest rooms for help, dining room and bar, said plans either to include or exclude the Squash court.

2 - A plan to include only the kitchen, store room and rest rooms for help.

3 - A plan to equip the ball room for daily use, with necessary connection to the kitchen.

4 - One or more plans for enlarging the bar, to include soundproofing and ventilating fan.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any such plan or plans which may be approved by the Board of Directors at its next meeting shall be submitted for the consideration and vote of the members of the Club at the annual membership meeting to be held May 12, 1947; such members to be given all possible information on the programs or plans to be considered and voted by them prior to said annual membership meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, thanks were extended to Mr. Smith for his very delicious duck dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Sprague to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was upon motion adjourned.

President

Edward R. Sprague

Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Monday, March 10, 1947.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, W. C. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Clark, Douglas, Forgrave, Pitts, Richmond Smith, Sprague and Wyeth.

Absent: Mr. McCaskey.

The president presided at the meeting and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board, held February 10, 1947, were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. Binswanger, which report showed a gain of $12.85 on the operations of the Club for the month of February, 1947.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, discussed the proposed amendments to the by-laws, which had been submitted for the consideration of the Board at the last meeting. Upon motion by Mr. W. C. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Clark, and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

> RESOLVED that the existing by-laws of the Benton Club be and the same are hereby abrogated, rescinded and annulled; and,
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> RESOLVED FURTHER that new by-laws, in the form presented at this meeting by the House Committee (a copy of which shall be attached to these minutes), be and the same are hereby adopted as the by-laws of the Benton Club.

Upon motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. W. C. Bartlett, and carried, the Board directed that the new by-laws of the Club, as heretofore adopted by the Board at this meeting, be submitted for the ratification of the membership of the Club at the annual membership meeting to be held May 12, 1947.

Mr. Pitts, further reporting for the House Committee, stated that an over-all bid of $3,956.00 had been received from the Albert Pick Company for modernizing the kitchen equipment.

Upon motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Douglas, and carried, the Board voted that card playing be not permitted in the ladies' room between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Smith, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that t open dinner dance held on February 21, 1947, resulted in a loss of $2.04.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. A. L. Bartlett and unanimou carried, thanks were extended to Mr. Sprague for his steak dinner, and the inv tation of Mr. Wyeth to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

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ARTICLE I

Membership

Section 1. Number of Members. The members of this Club shall be limited to eighty-five resident and twenty-five non-resident and twenty-five junior members, except that by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors the membership may be increased to not more than one hundred resident, fifty non-resident and fifty junior members.

Section 2. Qualifications. (a) No person shall be eligible to membership unless he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years.

(b) No person shall be eligible to become a resident member until such person shall have resided in Buchanan County, Missouri, or in some adjoining county thereof in Missouri for a period of at least six consecutive months prior to such person's election as a resident member of the Club.

Section 3. Election of Members. (a) Every member shall be elected by the Directors by secret ballot.

(b) He must be proposed by one, and seconded by two other members.

(c) His name and the names of the members proposing and seconding his nomination shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the club house for at least ten days preceding the day upon which his name is to be balloted on.

(d) It shall require an affirmative vote of not less than eight of the Board of Directors to elect a member.

(e) Any candidate receiving two negative votes shall be declared rejected.

(f) After a candidate for admission shall have been balloted for and rejected, any member of the Board then present can call for and have a second ballot; provided, request be made and ballot had before the Board adjourns.

(g) No person who has made application for membership and been rejected shall be proposed for membership until six months have elapsed since his former application, unless by a unanimous vote of the whole Board of Directors.

Section 4. Resident Members. Dues and Fees. (a) A resident member is a member who resides in Buchanan County, Missouri, or an adjoining county, in Missouri.

(b) The admission fee and annual dues of a resident member shall be such amounts as shall be decided upon by the Board of Directors; provided, that the admission fee shall not be less than fifty dollars ($50.00), payable in advance, and the annual dues shall not be less than fifty dollars ($50.00) payable semi-annually in advance, on the first day of May and November of each year. Provided, however, that if a member is elected at a time between the dates of the regular semi-annual payments, the member shall pay pro-rata from date of election to the date of the next semi-annual payment.

(c) A 'Junior Member' is a member between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-five years of age, who resides in Buchanan County, Missouri, or an adjoining county.

(d) The admission fee and annual dues of a Junior Member shall be such amount as may be designated by the Board of Directors from time to time.

(e) When a Junior Member shall become twenty-five years of age, or married, he shall forthwith be classified as a resident member, shall be entitled to vote, and shall be liable for full dues and the admission fee of a resident member, from which admission fee there shall be deducted any amount he shall have paid as admission fee on becoming a Junior Member.

Section 5. Non-Resident Members. (a) A non-resident member is a member whose residence is other than Buchanan County, Missouri, or an adjoining county.

(b) When a non-resident member shall become a resident of Buchanan County, Missouri, or an adjoining county, he shall thereafter be classified as a resident member, shall be entitled to vote and be liable to full dues and the admission fee of a resident member.

(c) When a resident member shall become a non-resident of Buchanan County, Missouri, or an adjoining county, he shall be entitled, on notice to the Secretary of the club, to be classified as a non-resident member.

(d) When a non-resident member shall have resided in Buchanan County, Missouri, for three consecutive months or for the greater portion of the time during six months, he shall be considered a resident member, and shall be required to pay the admission fee and regular dues of resident membership, except that by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors a person residing for an indefinite period in Buchanan or an adjoining county may be designated as a non-resident member for a period not exceeding two years.

(e) None but resident members, liable to pay full dues, shall be entitled to fill any office, be counted in the number necessary to form a quorum, vote at the meetings of the Club, or take any part in the proceedings thereof.

Section 6. Visitors. (a) No member shall have any right to invite to the club house a resident of Buchanan County, Missouri, who is not a member, but the privileges of the Club may be extended to a non-resident visitor for the period of two weeks, upon application to the Secretary by any member of the club. The member so making application for extension of privileges to a non-resident visitor shall be responsible for his guest. The privileges of the club may be extended beyond the two weeks' period by the Board of Directors, upon such terms and conditions as may be designated by it.

(b) The Board of Directors upon special occasions may extend the privileges of the club to visitors upon such terms and conditions as may be designated by it.

Section 7. Arrears and Forfeiture of Membership. (a) On or before the fifth day of each month members shall be notified of their indebtedness to the Club (including dues, house bills and all other indebtedness). If such indebtedness be not paid in full by the twentieth day of same month, a second notice (including a copy of this Section) shall be sent to members whose accounts are unpaid. If such indebtedness be not paid in full by the twenty-fifth of the same month, such members shall be deemed delinquent and the names of such delinquent members and the

amounts of their indebtedness shall be posted on the Club bulletin board. If such indebtedness be not paid in full on or before the tenth day of the following month, further credit shall be refused to such delinquent members until their indebtedness is paid in full. If such indebtedness be not paid in full within 90 days, after such members have become delinquent, the membership of such delinquent members shall thereupon automatically terminate, unless the Board of Directors shall determine otherwise by appropriate action duly recorded in the minutes. A member whose membership has thus been terminated may be reinstated thereafter within a period of one year by unanimous vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided, that all arrears have been then paid.

(b) All notices shall be sent to the member's last known place of address, and it shall be considered sufficient notice if so sent.

(c) If any member of the club leaves the city, and remains absent for the space of one year, he shall be exempt from paying his annual dues during his absence; provided, he notify the Secretary in writing of his intention of so leaving and remaining absent.

Section 8. Resignations. All resignations must be made in writing to the Secretary. Any member resigning, or in any manner ceasing to be a member, shall forfeit all privileges pertaining to the Club. Any member who shall resign can not again become a member of the club, unless all of the provisions of Sections three, four and five are again complied with. All accounts and dues must be paid in full before the resignation of a member may be accepted.

ARTICLE II

Board of Directors.

Section 1. Duties and Selection. (a) The affairs of this Club shall be managed by thirteen directors. These directors shall be divided into three groups or classes: the first group to consist of five directors, and the other two to consist of four directors each. Each group shall be elected to serve for a term of three years, with the following exceptions: At the first annual meeting after the adoption of this by-law, there shall be selected thirteen directors. The five men having the greatest number of votes shall comprise the first group, the four men with the next highest number of votes shall comprise the second group, and the remaining four men shall comprise the third group. Group I shall be elected for a term of three years; Group II shall be elected for a term of two years; Group III shall be elected for a term of one year. Therefore, at the expiration of the term of any group of directors, a similar number of directors shall be elected to serve a full term of three years.

(b) After the expiration of the term of any director, such retiring Director shall be ineligible for re-election or re-appointment to the Board until the lapse of one calendar year from the date of the expiration of his last year of office on the board.

Section 2. Vacancies. The Board of Directors shall have power to fill any vacancies occurring among its members.

Section 3. Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet at the club house, or at such other place as may be designated by it, upon the second Monday of each month.

Section 4. Expulsion. The Board of Directors shall have the power to expel any member on account of unbecoming conduct, by vote of ten members of the Board at a special meeting held for that purpose; provided, that the accused member shall have received a written notice signed by the Secretary, of the charges again him, and the date set for the examination of the charges.

Section 5. Special Meetings. A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or in his absence, by the Vice-President, upon two days' notice of such meeting to each Director.

Section 6. The action of a majority of those present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, a quorum being present, shall be considered as the action of the Board, except as herein otherwise provided. Any member of the Board of Directors absent from three consecutive regular meetings, without permission of the President, may by a vote of the Directors, be held to have resigned his office, and his successor may be elected by the Board.

Section 7. Standing Committees. (a) There shall be appointed by the President from the Board of Directors, (except as herein otherwise provided) the four standing committees hereinafter named, and such other committees as the Board of Directors may determine upon, to-wit: an Executive Committee, a House Committee, and Entertainment Committee and a Membership Committee.

(b) The Executive Committee shall be composed of not more than five nor less than three members, of which the President shall act as Chairman.

(c) The House Committee shall be composed of not more than five nor less than three members.

(d) The Entertainment Committee shall be composed of not more than five nor less than three members.

(e) The Membership Committee shall be composed of not more than five nor less than three, the majority only of whom must be members of the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Duties of Committees. (a) The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the business affairs and finances of the Club, and shall audit the accounts of the Steward and Treasurer.

(b) The House Committee shall have charge of the Club House and shall provide rules and regulations for its government. It shall receive and investigate all complaints made in writing and signed by members of the Club, and when in its judgment it shall be necessary, report same to Board of Directors; it shall direct the purchase of literature and other supplies, and attend generally to all matters of the Club other than its business affairs.

(c) The Entertainment Committee shall have general charge of all entertainments which may be given by the Club, and shall provide for the Club such entertainments as in their discretion they may think will be for its best advantage.

(d) The Membership Committee shall submit a report upon such names as may have been proposed for membership, in accordance with Section two and three of Article I, after they shall have fully investigated the qualifications of such proposed members.

Section 9. Nominating and Historical Com.

(a) The President shall within ten days preceding the second Monday of May, appoint, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, a Nominating Committee of three members, not more than two members of which committee shall be members of the Board of Directors. Such Nominating Committee shall nominate such number of resident members of the Club as candidates for Directors as shall constitute twice the number of the Directors that are to be elected at the annual meeting of the Club, as provided in Section I of Article II of these by-laws. At such annual meeting of the Club, each member voting shall vote for the same number of names as there are directors to be elected at such meeting; but in so doing, shall not be limited to such names as may have been selected by the Nominating Committee, but may vote for any duly qualified member of the Club.

(b) The President each year shall apoint a Historical Committee, composed of not more than three members. It shall be the duty of this committee to keep in permanent form a record of the activities of the Club and its members.

ARTICLE III

Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected by the Board of Directors from their number.

Section 2. President. It shall be the duty of the President to call and preside at all meetings of the Club and Directors, and to have general supervision over all affairs of the Club.

Section 3. Vice-President. In case of the absence, resignation, dismissal or death of the President, the Vice-President shall perform all duties pertaining to the office of President during the continuation of such absence or vacancy. In case of the absence, resignation, dismissal or death of the Vice-President, the Secretary shall perform all duties pertaining to the office of the President during the continuation of such absence or vacancy.

Section 4. Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to have charge of all funds and securities of the Club, to keep accurate accounts thereof, subject to investigation by the President and Executive Committee, and to submit the same whenever required to do so by the Board; he shall deposit all funds as directed by the Board, and shall pay all obligations of the Club as they fall due. In case of the absence or inability to act of the Treasurer, the President or such other officer as may be designated by the Board of Directors shall be authorized to pay such obligations of the Club as may fall due during such absence or inability of the Treasurer to act.

Section 5. Secretary. The Secretary shall collect all fees, charges and subscriptions, or see that they are so collected. He shall have charge of all deeds, documents and other instruments of writing. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Club and Board of Directors, notify members of their election, and conduct the correspondence of the Club.

ARTICLE IV.

Annual Meetings.

Section 1. Time. There shall be an annual meeting at the Club House, at St. Joseph, Missouri, on the second Monday of May, at eight o'clock P. M.

Section 2. Quorum. (a) If there should be no quorum before the hour of nine o'clock P. M. the presiding officer shall adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be had, and notice of such adjournment shall be given to all members. Thirty members shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting of the members.

(b) A special meeting of the Club may be called by the President or Vice-President, upon ten days' notice.

Section 3. Order of Business. The order of business shall be substantially as follows:

1. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of standing committees.
3. Report of special committees.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. General Business
6. Election of Directors.

ARTICLE V.

Amendment.

Section 1 By Directors. (a) These By-laws may be amended by a vote of nine members of the Board of Directors at any meeting called for that purpose; provided, that notice is given to each member of the Board of the proposed amendment one week before the date upon which the special meeting for the purpose of voting upon the proposed amendment is held, except as herein provided.

By Members. (b) These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of a majority of the membership at any meeting called for that purpose; provided, that notice is given to each member of the Club of the proposed amendment one week before the date upon which the special meeting for the purpose of voting upon the proposed amendment is held.

Benton Club

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ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of The Benton Club will be held on Friday, March 28, 1947, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at the club house at 402 North Seventh Street in the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, for the purpose of voting and balloting on the applications for membership of A. C. Karbach and James A. Booten, the name of each of which candidate for admission, together with the names of the members proposing and seconding his nomination, has been posted in a conspicuous place in the club house for more than ten days preceding the day upon which his name is to be balloted on, in conformity with Section 3 of Article I of the by-laws of the club.

John Wrath

President

Dated March 24, 1947.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was upon motion adjourned.

President

Secretary

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club house on Friday, March 28, 1947 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to call of the president and written notice mailed to each director more than two days prior to such meeting, a copy of which notice of special meeting is attached to these minutes.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, W. C. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Douglas, Forgrave, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Sprague and Wyeth.

Absent: Messrs. Clark and McCaskey.

The president presided at the meeting and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The president stated that the purpose of the meeting was to vote and ballot on the applications for membership of James A. Wooten and A. C. Karbach, the name of each of which candidate for admission, together with the names of the members proposing and seconding his nomination, have been posted in a conspicuous place in the club house for more than ten (10) days prior to the date of this meeting, in conformity with Section 3 of Article I of the by-laws of the Club.

After written ballots respectively taken, Mr. Wooten and Mr. Karbach were duly elected to membership.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was on motion adjourned.

Secretary

President

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Monday, April 14, 1947.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, W. C. Bartlett, Bayer, Bingwanger, Douglas, Forgrave, McCaskey, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Sprague and Wyeth.

Absent: Mr. Clark.

The president presided at the meeting and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held March 10, 1947, a of the special meeting of the Board held March 28, 1947, were read and approve

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. Binswanger, which report showed a gain of $207.60 on the operations of the club for the month of March, 1947.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, submitted proofs of the by-laws and house rules of the Club and the roster of membership which the Boa had heretofore authorized the House Committee to have printed for distribution among the club members.

Mr. Pitts also submitted for the consideration of the Board, blue prin specifications and estimates for six projects for improving the Club, which ha been prepared by Messrs. Eckel & Aldrich, at the direction of the special committee which had been appointed by the president pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board at its meeting on February 10, 1947, which said resolutic authorized the appointment of said committee to secure plans, specifications, approximate estimates of the cost thereof for improving the Club and for presentation and consideration of the Board at this meeting. After considerable discussion of the various projects, on motion of Mr. Douglas, which motion was duly seconded and carried, the Board voted that the following projects involving an aggregate cost of approximately $10,300.00, be submitted for the consid eration of the membership at the annual membership meeting to be held May 12, 1947, with the understanding that the cost of any and all improvements voted b the membership would be paid by a pro rata assessment of the membership, payab in twelve (12) equal monthly installments, beginning June 1, 1947, to-wit:

Project No. 1 - Rearranging the present kitchen and installing new equipment a suggested by Zahner Manufacturing Company - $3700.00.

Project No. 2 - Basement toilet and locker rooms for male and female help -$15

Project No. 3 - New rubber tile flooring in entrance hall, passage to bar room, etc. - $500.00.

Project No. 4 - Enlarging present bar and locker rooms, $3,200.00; exhaust fan and ducts, $800.00; rubber tile flooring, $600.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Richmond, which motion was duly seconded and carrie Messrs. T. R. Wall Jr. and Frank Hanna were authorized to install a snooker ta in the Club house at their own expense; and to collect charges from the member

of the club for the use of the same, until such time as they shall have been fully reimbursed for the cost thereof, when the table will then become the property of the Club.

There was some discussion relative to changing the limitation on the number of members of the Club, but no action was taken, the Board then determining to allow the limitation as provided in Section 1 of Article I of the new by-laws adopted March 10, 1947, to stand.

On motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. W. C. Bartlett, and unanimously carried, Mrs. Frazer L. Ford was elected to an honorary membership in the Club, with full privileges thereof, and the secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Ford of the Board's action.

The president appointed Messrs. R. G. Clayton, Henry Bayer and Dudley Willis as members of a nominating committee to select such number of resident members of the club as candidates for directors as shall constitute twice the number of directors that are to be elected at the annual meeting of the Club. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the said nominating committee as appointed by the president, was approved by the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Forgrave, thanks were extended to Mr. Wyeth for his very fine roast beef dinner, and the invitation of Mr. A. L. Bartlett to be host at the June meeting of the Board was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was on motion adjourned.

President

Secretary

April 17, 1947

Mrs. Frazer L. Ford
2820 Lovers Lane
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Marjorie,

I am pleased to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club held on last Monday night, April 14, 1947, you were elected to an honorary membership in the Club, with full privileges thereof.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

MRS. FRAZER L. FORD 3626 LOVERS' LANE SAINT JOSEPH 29, MISSOURI

Mr. Floyd Sprague,
President of the Buxton Club,
Saint Joseph.

My dear Floyd:—

I do want to thank you and your directors for the honor and courtesy you have done me, in voting me an honorary membership in the Buxton Club. I deeply appreciate this and the kindness of your note.

Most sincerely
Marjorie G. Ford.

May the seventh. 1947

BALLOT

ANNUAL ELECTION FOR

DIRECTORS BENTON CLUB

May 12, 1947

VOTE FOR 5 ONLY

W. C. Beasley 40
M. D. Biles, Jr. 22
W. Birdsall 36
True Davis, Jr. 32
R. Eckel 11
M. Garvey 27
A. Semrad 19
G. Symon 15
H. Voss, Jr. 24
W. W. Wheeler III 32

P. C. K. BARTLETT
AGENT
211 BARTLETT BUILDING
ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

May 16,1947.

Floyd M.Sprague,
Corby Building,
St.Joseph,Missouri.

Dear Floyd:-

The final audit of voting on improvement projects for the Benton Club seems to be as follows:

	For	Against
Project No. 1A	36	11
Project No. 1B	22	25
Project No.2	14	36
Project No.3	4	44
Project No.4	10	39
Project No.5	45	6
Project No.5A	33	19
Project No.6	38	14

Yours very truly,
P. C. K. Bartlett

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PROJECT NO. 1 - KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS
(a) Cost $3700.00 For____ Against____
(b) Cost 2000.00 For____ Against____

PROJECT NO. 2 - Enlarging Bar and Locker Rooms
Cost $4600.00 For____ Against____

PROJECT NO. 3 - New Dutch Room
Cost $8500.00 For____ Against____

PROJECT NO. 4 - Service Bar
Cost $1800.00 For____ Against____

PROJECT NO. 5 - Toilet and Locker Rooms
Cost $1500.00 For____ Against____

PROJECT NO. 5(a)- New Concrete Stairs to Basement
Cost $300.00 For____ Against____

PROJECT NO. 6 - Flooring in Entrance Hall
Cost $500.00 For____ Against____

May 5, 1947

Dear Member:

The regular Annual Membership Meeting of The Benton Club will be held on Monday, May 12th, 1947, at 8:00 PM in the Ballroom of the Club House, in accordance with Section I, Article 4 of the By-Laws of the Club. Dinner will be served in the Ballroom at 7:00 PM, and it is requested that you make your reservation with the Club Manager at your earliest convenience. It is also requested earnestly that you be there for this meeting, since in addition to the election of five Directors, there are numerous other matters of importance requiring your consideration.

For some time it has been quite apparent to your Board of Directors that some of the physical facilities of the Club have become rather obsolete and inadequate for the purpose of providing proper service to the Club's present membership. As a consequence, the firm of Eckel and Aldrich was called upon to make certain suggestions and recommendations for improving and modernizing some of the Club's physical facilities. The following projects, together with the estimated cost of each, are submitted for your consideration:-

PROJECT NO. 1 - KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS.

(a) Re-arranging the present kitchen and installing new equipment as suggested by Zahner Mfg. Co....$3700.00

(b) Tile floor in kitchen..... 800.00)
Tile side walls in kitchen..... 1200.00)

PROJECT NO. 2.

Enlarging present bar and locker rooms..... 3200.00)
Exhaust fan and ducts..... 800.00)
Rubber tile flooring..... 600.00)

PROJECT NO. 3.

New Dutch Room..... 8500.00

PROJECT NO. 4.

Service Bar..... 1800.00

PROJECT NO. 5.

Basement toilet and locker rooms for male and female help..... 1500.00

Additional information and blueprints covering these several projects are on file in the office of the Club Manager, and it is requested earnestly that you examine this material and familiarize yourself with it so that you will be able to vote in an informed manner concerning the various projects which are submitted for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

The Board of Directors
Benton Club

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The annual membership meeting of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Monday, May 12, 1947.

There were fifty-two (52) members present. In the absence of the president, Mr. John T. Smith, the vice-president, presided at the meeting; and the secretary, Floyd M. Sprague, acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the annual membership meeting, held May 13, 1946, were read and approved.

Mr. Binswanger, the treasurer, gave a detailed financial report for the past year, which report showed a gain of $1,555.93 on the operations of the club during said year.

Upon motion of Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. R. B. Hillyard, and carried, the new by-laws of the club, as heretofore adopted by the Board of Directors at its regular meeting on March 10, 1947, were ratified, approved and confirmed.

Mr. Barton Pitts, chairman of the House Committee, presented for the consideration of the membership several projects for improving and modernizing some of the club's physical facilities, which said projects had been heretofore directed by the Board of Directors to be submitted for the consideration of the membership at this annual membership meeting, and which said projects had been more particularly set out in a notice mailed to each member on May 5, 1947, a copy of which notice is attached to these minutes.

After explanation of the various projects by Mr. Pitts, said projects were submitted to the vote of the membership by written ballot, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Tellers were appointed by the president, which tellers reported that the following projects had received the approval of the membership by the affirmative vote of a majority thereof, to-wit:

Project 1-A - Re-arranging the present kitchen and installing new equipment, as suggested by Zoehner Manufacturing Company, at an estimated cost of $3700.00.

Project No. 5 - Basement toilet and locker rooms for male and female help, at an estimated cost of $1500.00.

Project No. 5-A - New concrete stairs to basement, at an estimated cost of $300.00.

Project No. 6 - New rubber tile flooring in entrance hall, passage to bar room, etc. at an estimated cost of $500.00.

The Nominating Committee, composed of Messrs. R. G. Clayton, Henry Bayer and Dudley Willis, presented a ballot on which there were ten (10) names, upon which the five (5) receiving the highest number of votes, respectively, were elected directors for a term of three (3) years.

Tellers were appointed by the president, which tellers reported the following had been elected to serve as directors for a term of three years:

W. C. Beasley
S. W. Birdsall
True Davis, Jr.
W. W. Wheeler III
F. H. Voss Jr.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was upon motion adjourned.

John T. Smith
Chairman

Floyd M. Sprague
Secretary

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The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Monday, May 12, 1947, immediately following the membership meeting, and report of the tellers, showing the election of the five (5) new members of the Board, to serve for a term of three (3) years

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, Beasley, Douglas, Forgrave, McCaskey, Pitts, Smith, Sprague, Voss and Wheeler.

Absent: Messrs. Birdsall, Davis and Wyeth.

The vice-president, John T. Smith, presided at the meeting and the secretary, Floyd M. Sprague, acted as secretary thereof.

Upon motions duly made and seconded, the following officers were elected for the following year:

President:	John T. Smith
Vice-president:	A. L. Bartlett Jr.
Secretary:	Floyd M. Sprague
Treasurer:	John D. McCaskey.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was on motion adjourned.

John T. Smith
Chairman

Floyd M. Sprague
Secretary

The regular meeting of the board of directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Monday, June 9, 1947.

All of the directors were present.

The president presided at the meeting and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the board held on April 14, 1947, and of the meeting of the directors held on May 12, 1947, immediately following the annual membership meeting, were read and approved.

The president announced the appointment of the following committees for the ensuing year:

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Barton Pitts Jr., Chairman
Stanley W. Birdsall
True Davis Jr.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: W. Conger Beasley, Chairman
Charles W. Douglas
Dr. John R. Forgrave

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: A. L. Bartlett Jr., Chairman
Frank H. Voss
W. W. Wheeler III.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: John Wyeth, Chairman
Floyd M. Sprague
John D. McCaskey.

The financial report was given by Mr. McCaskey, the treasurer, which report showed a loss of $142.43 on the operations of the club for the month of May, 1947.

The secretary reported to the board the results of the balloting on the various improvement projects which had been submitted to the vote of the membership at the annual meeting thereof on May 12, 1947.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Marjorie G. Ford, expressing her thanks to the directors for electing her to an honorary membership in the club.

The secretary also read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. George Schroeder, expressing their appreciation for the use of the club facilities on May 15, 1947, on the occasion of their wedding anniversary celebration.

On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Beasley, and unanimously carried, thanks were extended to Mr. Bartlett for his very delightful chicken dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Beasley to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was on motion adjourned.

President

Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club on Monday, July 14, 1947.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, Beasley, Davis, Douglas, Forgrave, McCaskey, Smith, Sprague, Voss and Wheeler.

Absent: Birdsall, Pitts and Wyeth.

The president presided at the meeting and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the board held on June 9, 1947, were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, which report showed a loss of $78.40 on the operations of the club for the month of June, 1947.

On Motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by Dr. Forgrave, and carried, the board directed that the menu be adjusted by the House Committee to reflect the relative cost of various food items, and that at each regular meeting of the board of directors, the directors determine the percentage o addition to the food bills for the current month based on the experience of previous month.

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. McCaskey, and carried, the directors determined a 20% addition to the food bills for the current month of July, 1947.

Mr. A. L. Bartlett, chairman of the committee in charge of completing the projects for the improvement and modernization of the club's physical facilities, which were approved by the membership at the annual meeting thereof, made a report on the progress of such projects.

On motion of Mr. Voss, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and unanimously carried, thanks were extended to Mr. Beasley for his very delicious "light lunch" and the invitation of Mr. Birdsall to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was on motion adjourned.

John T. Smith
President

Elijah M. Sprague
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club on Monday, August 11, 1947.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, Beasley, Birdsall, Davis, Douglas, Forgrave, Pitts, Voss and Wheeler.

Absent: Messrs. McCaskey, Smith, Sprague and Wyeth.

In the absence of the president and of the secretary, Mr. A. L. Bartlett, the vice-president, presided at the meeting, and Mr. Pitts acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on July 14, 1947, were read and approved.

In the absence of the treasurer, the financial report was read by the acting secretary, which report showed a loss of $24.99 on the operations of the club for the month of July, 1947.

On motion by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Beasley, and carried, the directors allowed a 20% addition to the food bills for the current month of August, 1947.

Upon motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Davis, and carried, it was directed that the bid of Henges Company, Inc. of Kansas City, Missouri, in the amount of $159.40, covering the cost of sound conditioning treatment of the ceiling in the bar be accepted, and that the proper officers of the club be authorized to enter into a contract with said bidder for said work.

Upon motion of Mr. Beasley, seconded by Mr. Douglas, and carried, the Board directed that the dining room and kitchen be closed, and that no meals be served in the club commencing Friday morning, August 15, 1947, until the completion of the improvement and redecorating of the kitchen, and that the membership be notified of the Board's action.

The Board instructed Mr. A. L. Bartlett, chairman of the committee in charge of completing the projects for the modernization and improvement of the

club's physical facilities, to contact the manager of the Hotel Robidoux concer ing the possible use of the hotel's cocktail lounge for the noon-day luncheons and the Thursday and Saturday night dinners, with the understanding there would be no obligation incurred by the club.

On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Douglas, and unanimously carried, Mrs. Harry H. Broadhead was elected to an honorary membership in the club with full privileges thereof, and the secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Broadhead of the Board's action.

The Membership Committee presented for consideration as a non-resident member, the name of F. M. Townsend of Maryville, Missouri. Mr. Townsend was duly elected as a non-resident member of the club.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, thanks were extended to Mr Birdsall for his excellent chicken dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Davis to b host at the next dinner meeting, to be held in October, was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same wa in motion adjourned.

C. L. Bartlett Jr.
Chairman

Attest: L Pitts
Acting Secretary

September 15, 1947

Mrs. Harry H. Broadhead
2015 Clay Street
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mary,

I am pleased to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club held on Monday night, August 11, 1947, you were elected to an honorary membership in the club, with full privileges thereof.

Sincerely yours,

Florence M. Sturgis
Secretary

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ACOUSTI-CELOTEX - NOISE CONTROL
TILE-TEX - FLOOR AND WALL COVERING
KOOLSHADE - SUNSCREEN
"M-P" MOVABLE PARTITIONS

TELEPHONE
GRAND 1112

Henges Company, Inc.

2619 GRAND AVENUE Kansas City 8, MISSOURI

August 7, 1947

The Benton Club
7th & Faron St.
St. Joseph, Mo.

Re: Sound Conditioning
Bar Room Club.

Attention Mr. C. W. Douglas:

Gentlemen:

In lieu of our recent discussion concerning the sound conditioning of the Bar at the Benton Club and the manner in which we propose to make the installation I respectfully submit the following quotation.

After checking out the areas very carefully, I find that the size of the room, which is 19' x 15' represent a total square footage for the ceiling area of 285' instead of the 185' that I had previously told you about at the club. After checking the area carefully for sound conditioning requirements, we have chosen type C-9 ACOUSTI-Celotex which is 12" x 12" x 3/4" in size and thickness. Type C-9 ACOUSTI-Celotex when applied to wood furring strips, as is necessary in this case, has a noise reduction coefficient of 70%, as well as a light reflection coefficient of 78%.

The installation will be made by stripping our first course of strips through the plaster to the wood joists at approximately 32" on center. To this first course we will then cross strip with 1 x 3 wood furring strips, placed 12" on center, placing to the second course of strips a heavy duty water proof building paper to prevent breathing at tile line. We will then apply the ACOUSTI-Celotex by a screw type of installation putting 4 screws in each tile. Making a very neat and level installation.

Our price for furnishing all materials and labor necessary for the completion and installation of the job is the sum of...$159.40.

The above price is figured on regular working hours namely, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, and does not include any electrical work.

We are fully covered by Workman's Compensation and Public Liability Insurance.

If we are favored with this job you will please sign one copy of these proposals and return to us for execution. It is my intention to have a crew of men in St. Joseph within the next few days to start installations on several jobs, at which time this installation can be made for you.

Thanking you very much for the opportunity of being of service to you and we hope we may serve you further by furnishing and installing the ACOUSTI-Celotex ceiling in the Bar at the Benton Club at St. Joseph, Missouri.

Very respectfully yours,

HEINGES COMPANY, INC.

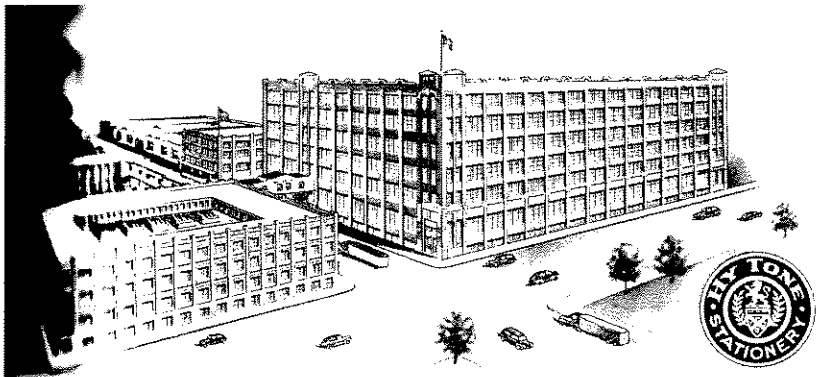
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Clarence M. Owens

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ACCEPTED Benton Club by C. L. Bartlett Jr. Vice Pres.

DATE Aug 11, 1947



WESTERN TABLET & STATIONERY CO.

DIVISION WESTERN TABLET & STATIONERY CORP.

MANUFACTURERS

ST. JOSEPH 1, MO.

ENVELOPES - STATIONERY - LOOSE LEAF PAPERS - BINDERS - PHOTO ALBUMS

September 5, 1947.

Benton Club
402 North 7th Street
St. Joseph, 51, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Due to the fact that I am out of town so much of the time, I find it rather difficult to properly use the facilities offered by the Club.

Under these circumstances, will you please accept my resignation, effective October 1 ?

Sincerely,

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W. W. Tatum

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 1947.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, Beasley, Birdsall, Douglas, McCaskey, Pitts, Smith, Sprague, Voss, Wheeler and Wyeth.

Absent: Messrs. Davis and Forgrave.

The president presided at the meeting and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the board, held August 11, 1947, were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, which report showed a loss of $232.09 on the operations of the club for the month of August, 1947.

Mr. A. L. Bartlett, chairman of the committee in charge of completing the projects of improvement and modernization of the club's physical facilities, made a report on the progress of such projects.

The treasurer reported that the club did not have sufficient cash on hand to pay for the cost of the various improvement projects which are now in progress of being made, and suggested that the Board ought to authorize the borrowing of the necessary money to pay for the cost of such improvements. After some discussion, upon motion of Mr. Wyeth, seconded by Mr. Beasley, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

> RESOLVED that the officers of the corporation be and they are hereby authorized to borrow not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) for paying the cost of the improvement and modernization of the club's physical facilities, and to execute a promissory note or notes for and on behalf of the club, evidencing such indebtedness.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. W. W. Toben, tendering his resignation from the club effective October 1, 1947. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the resignation of Mr. Toben was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was on motion adjourned.

John T. Smith
President

Attest:

Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was h at the club on Monday, October 13, 1947.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, Beasley Birdsall, Davis, Douglas, McCaskey, Smith, Sprague, Voss, Wheeler and Wyeth

Absent: Messrs. Forgrave and Pitts.

The president presided at the meeting and the secretary acted as secre tary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the board held September 15, 19 read and approved.

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, which showed a loss of $347.72 on the operations of the club for the month of Sep ber, 1947.

Mr. A. L. Bartlett, chairman of the committee in charge of completing projects of improvement and modernization of the club's physical facilities made a report on the progress of such projects.

On motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. McCaskey, and carried, the B authorized and directed the president to secure an appraisal of the club bu ing for fire insurance, and to secure such binder as would be necessary to any increase of insurance now in effect, until the next meeting of the boar

Mr. Beasley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that th committee had tentatively engaged Ray Murrell's orchestra for the formal op of the club on November 8, 1947. On motion of Mr. Bartlett, seconded by M Wheeler, and unanimously carried, the Entertainment Committee was authorize directed to arrange for an open party at the club on the night of November 1947, the charge therefor to be set and fixed by the joint action of the En tainment and House Committees.

On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. McCaskey, and unanimously carr the chairman of the Entertainment Committee was authorized and directed to gage orchestras for the Christmas Dance and for the New Year's Eve Dance, w full power to act with respect to the prices to be paid respectively for su orchestras.

On motion of Mr. Wyeth, seconded by Mr. Bartlett and unanimously carri Mrs. William M. Clark was elected to an honorary membership in the Club, wi full privileges thereof, and the secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. C of the Board's action.

Upon the motion of Mr. Sprague, seconded by Mr. Birdsall, and unanimou carried, thanks were extended to Mr. Davis for his very fine third prize be steak dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Douglas to be host at the next meet was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same w upon motion adjourned.

Attest:

John I. Smith
President

Edward M. Sprague
Secretary

Mrs. William M. Clark
2019 Ashland Avenue
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Lola,

I am pleased to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club held on Monday night, October 13, 1947, you were elected to an honorary membership in the Club, with full privileges thereof.

Yours very truly,

Floyd M. Sturgis

Secretary

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Dear Floyd,
will you please
thank the Board
of Directors of the
Benton Club for
their kindness to me.

Very truly
Lola Clark

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held on Monday, November 10, 1947.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, Beasley, Birdsall, Davis, Douglas, Forgrave, Pitts, Sprague, Voss, Wheeler and Wyeth.

Absent: Messrs. McCaskey and Smith.

In the absence of the president, Mr. A. L. Bartlett, the vice-president, presided at the meeting and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on October 13, 1947, were read and approved.

In the absence of the treasurer, the financial report was read by Mr. Douglas, which report showed a gain of $415.74 on the operations of the club for the month of October, 1947.

Mr. A. L. Bartlett, chairman of the committee in charge of completing the projects of improvement and modernization of the club's physical facilities, reported that to date the aggregate sum of $6,851.53 had been spent on such projects, and that there were unpaid bills outstanding aggregating approximately $5600.00. He stated that the Club did not have sufficient cash on hand to pay such outstanding bills, and suggested that the Board ought to authorize the borrowing of the necessary money to meet said bills. After some discussion, upon motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Beasley, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

> RESOLVED that the officers of the Club be and they are hereby authorized to borrow an additional sum, not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00) to be applied toward the payment of the costs of the improvement and modernization of the Club's physical facilities, and to execute a promissory note or notes for and on behalf of the corporation, evidencing such indebtedness.

On motion of Dr. Forgrave, seconded by Mr. Davis and carried, the directors determined and allowed a 20% addition to the food bills for the current month of November, 1947.

The chairman reported that in conformity with the action and direction of the Board at its last regular meeting, the president had secured an appraisal of the Club building for fire insurance. The chairman further stated that the club building had been appraised at $60,000 but that only $43,000 fire insurance had been carried on the building. He further stated that the contents of the building had been insured for $7500, and he suggested that the amount of the fire insurance on such contents be increased to $10,000.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Voss, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized and directed that an aggregate amount of $60,000 of fire insurance be carried on the Club building, and that an aggregate amount of $10,000 of fire insurance be carried on the contents of the building.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, brought up the question of garbage disposal, and of procuring a record player for the ball room. No action, however, was taken by the Board on either of said matters.

Mr. Beasley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, reported a profit of $41.50 on the open party held at the Club on the night of November 8, 1947.

On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and carried, the Board directed the Membership Committee to make recommendations at the next regular meeting of the Board with respect to the admission fee and annual dues of junior members which, according to Section 4 (d) of the by-laws are to be in such amount as may be designated by the Board of Directors from time to time.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Lola Clark, expressing her thanks to the directors for electing her to an honorary membership in the Club.

Upon motion of Mr. Beasley, seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously carried, thanks were extended to Mr. Douglas for a very delightful roast beef dinner, and the invitation of Dr. Forgrave to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was on motion adjourned.

A. L. Bartlett
Chairman

Attest:

Floyd M. Sprague
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club on Monday, December 15, 1947.

The following directors were present: Messrs. A. L. Bartlett, Beasley, Birdsall, Douglas, Forgrave, McCaskey, Pitts, Smith, Sprague, Voss, Wheeler and Wyeth.

Absent: Mr. Davis.

The president presided at the meeting and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held November 10, 1947, were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, which report showed a gain of $424.84 on the operations of the club for the month of November, 1947.

On motion of Mr. Wyeth, seconded by Mr. Pitts, and carried, the directo determined and allowed a fifteen per cent addition to the food bills for the current month of December, 1947.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, reported that the committe had set a charge for the Christmas egg nog party of $2 per member, for the Christmas tea dance of $5 per member, and for the New Year's Eve party of $10.00 per member and $2.50 per guest. After some discussion the action of the House Committee in fixing the aforesaid charges for the aforesaid several functions was approved, ratified and confirmed by the Board.

Mr. Pitts also stated that Mr. Wes J. Matthiessen, the new steward, had reported for duty on December 9, 1947. On motion of Mr. Wyeth, seconded by Mr. Voss, and carried, the action of the officers of the club in hiring Mr. Wes J. Matthiessen as steward of the club, at a monthly salary of $350 plus room and board for himself and his wife, was approved, ratified and confirmed by the Board

On motion of Mr. Voss, seconded by Mr. Beasley, and unanimously carried, the Board voted to express, on the minutes of this meeting, its appreciation of the past services rendered by Mr. P. C. K. Bartlett, former manager of the club, and the secretary was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Bartlett, thanking him for past services rendered to the club, such letter to be signed by all of the directors.

Mr. Beasley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that the Ray Murrell orchestra had been engaged for the Christmas tea dance, and that the Pat Loftus orchestra of Kansas City had been engaged for the New Year's Eve danc

On motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by Dr. Forgrave and carried, the Boar authorized and directed the president to appoint a committee, headed by the treasurer of the club, to make a survey of and recommendations with respect to the club's accounting procedure.

On motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. McCaskey, the Board directed that a copy of House Rule XIII, pertaining to the prohibition of giving any gratu to any person in the service of the club, be mailed out to all members with the December bills.

Mr. A. L. Bartlett reported that the Membership Committee had no recommendations to make with respect to the admission fee and annual dues of junior members. There was considerable discussion among the Board with respect to the advisability of changing House Rule IX so as to permit the unmarried sons of members under 26 years of age to be admitted to the privileges of the club upon the written request of the member father. Mr. Pitts, chairman of the House Committee stated that his committee would consider the proposed revision of House Rule IX, and any action of said committee changing or modifying said House Rule pursuant t House Rule XXIII, would be reported by said committee to the Board at its next regular meeting, for the Board's consideration thereof.

On motion of Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Beasley and carried, the offer of Mrs. George Schroeder to carpet the steps leading to the ball room was accepte by the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Beasley, seconded by Mr. Douglas, and unanimously carried, thanks were extended to Gourmet Forgrave for his epicurean feast, including guinea and sparkling Burgundy, and the invitation of Mr. McCaskey to be host at t next regular meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was on motion adjourned.

Attest: Floyd M. Sprague
Secretary

John T. Smith
President

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club on Monday, January 12, 1948.

The following directors were present: Messrs. Birdsall, Davis, Douglas, Forgrave, McCaskey, Smith, Sprague and Voss.

Absent: Messrs. Bartlett, Beasley, Pitts, Wheeler and Wyeth.

The president presided at the meeting and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held December 15, 1947, were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, which report showed a gain of $245.30 on the operations of the club for the month of December, 1947.

The president announced that in pursuance of the directions of the Board at the last meeting, he had appointed Messrs. McCaskey, Douglas and Binswanger as members of the special committee to make a survey of and recommendations with respect to the club's accounting procedure. Mr. McCaskey, reporting for said special committee, stated that the committee had been working and would suggest certain accounting changes which would be brought up for the consideration of the Board at its next regular meeting.

On motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by Dr. Forgrave, and carried, Mr. P. C. K. Bartlett was employed for the month of January, 1948, to audit the club's books on the basis of the remission of his dues and assessment for the month, also a discount of 50% of his board and bar bill for the month up to but not to exceed $21.40.

The secretary read to the Board the first monthly report of the steward.

Mr. Voss, reporting for the Membership Committee, stated that Mr. R. D. Kiefhaber had removed to California, and desired to change his membership in the club from that of a resident member to that of a non-resident member. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was voted that Mr. Kiefhaber be classified as a non-resident member from January 1, 1948.

On motion of Mr. Birdsall, seconded by Mr. Voss, thanks were extended to Mr. McCaskey for his very delicious pike dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Pitts to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was on motion adjourned.

Attest:

John J. Smith
Chairman

Floyd M. Sprague
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club on Monday, February 16, 1948.

The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Beasley, Birdsall, Douglas, Forgrave, McCaskey, Pitts, Smith, Sprague, Voss and Wyeth.

Absent: Messrs. Davis and Wheeler.

The president presided at the meeting and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held January 12, 1948 were read and approved.

The treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, reported that he was unable to give the usual monthly financial report because of some misunderstanding with respect to the club's new accounting procedure.

The secretary read to the Board the monthly report of the steward. On motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Beasley, the report of the steward was accepted and referred to the House Committee.

Mr. Beasley offered to contribute to the club the sum of $35 for the purchase of new linens. On motion of Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. McCaskey and unanimously carried, Mr. Beasley's said offer was accepted with the thanks of the Board.

Mr. Bartlett presented for the consideration of the Board a bill of Eckel & Aldrich in the amount of $350 for professional services rendered with respect to the projects of improvement and modernization of the Club's physical facilities. On motion of Mr. Birdsall, seconded by Mr. Voss, and carried, the bill of Eckel & Aldrich was approved and ordered to be paid.

Mr. Beasley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that the steward had recommended a Sunday tea dance once a month, and that the committee was at work making plans for such a Sunday tea dance during the month of March.

Upon motion of Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Dr. Forgrave, and unanimously carried, thanks were extended, "with three lovelies", to Mr. Pitts for his epicurean feast, and the invitation of Mr. Sprague to be host at the next regular meeting was accepted.

Benton Club
FARAON AT SEVENTH
ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

December 17, 1947

Mr. P. C. K. Bartlett
815 North 24th Street
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Phil,

We, the thirteen present members of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club, collectively and individually, wish to express our sincere appreciation of the loyal and efficient service rendered to the Club by you during the past several years, and particularly during the trying and unsettled times brought about by the late war.

At its last regular meeting held on December 15, 1947, the Board unanimously voted to express, on the minutes of its meeting, its appreciation of the invaluable past services rendered by you to the Club.

Sincerely yours,

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was on motion adjourned.

Attest:

Secretary

President

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club on Monday, March 8, 1948.

The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Beasley, Birdsall, Davis, Forgrave, McCaskey, Pitts, Sprague, Voss and Wyeth.

Absent: Messrs. Douglas, Smith and Wheeler.

In the absence of the president, Mr. A. L. Bartlett, the vice-president, presided at the meeting, and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board, held on February 16, 1948, were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, who stated that the reconciled report for the operations of the club for the month of January, 1948, showed a loss of $409.25. The report for the month of February, 1948, showed a loss of $74.23 on the operations of the club for that month. The treasurer explained that the small amount of the February loss, as compared with the loss in January, was due to the fact that the corporation had received in January a gas refund of $381.11.

After considerable discussion of the financial condition of the club, upon motion of Mr. Wyeth, seconded by Mr. McCaskey, and carried, the Board voted that the dues be increased in the amount of $5 per month beginning April 1, 1948.

On Motion of Mr. McCaskey, seconded by Mr. Birdsall, the directors determined and allowed a fifteen per cent addition to the food bills for the current month of March, 1948.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, stated that some difference of opinion had arisen among members of that committee, as well as among other club members, as to the conditions under which members could have parties at the club and invite non- members. Mr. Pitts further stated that the House Committee desired that the matter be clarified by a definite declaration of policy by the Board. After some discussion, on motion of Mr. Wyeth, seconded by Mr. Beasley, and carried, the Board voted that any member of the club could give a private party on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights and invite non-members thereat, subject to the approval of the House Committee, and subject further to the condition that the usual facilities of the club would be available to any and all members not attending such party.

Mr. Beasley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that the committee had abandoned its plans for a Sunday tea dance during the month of March.

The Membership Committee presented for consideration, as a non-resident member, the name of William H. Muchnic, of Atchison, Kansas. Mr. Muchnic was duly elected as a non-resident member of the club.

Upon motion of Mr. Wyeth, seconded by Mr. Davis, and carried, thanks were extended to Mr. Sprague for his steak dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Smith to be host at the next meeting was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was on motion adjourned.

Attest:

Secretary

Chairman

April 13, 1948

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club on Monday, April 12, 1948. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Beasley, Birdsall, Davis, Douglas, Forgrave, McCaskey, Pitts, Smith, Sprague, Voss and Wyeth.

Absent: Mr. Wheeler.

The president presided at the meeting and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on March 8, 1948 were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, which report showed a loss of $488.59 on the operations of the club for the month of March, 1948.

After some discussion of the financial condition of the Club, upon motion of Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Wyeth, and carried, the Board voted that the $7.50 monthly assessment of the membership be continued through March, 1949, such assessment to be used solely for the purpose of paying the Club's note to the American National Bank.

On motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Davis, and carried, the directors determined and allowed a 25% addition to the food bills for the current month of April, 1948.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, read a letter dated April 10, 1948, addressed to the president, from Mr. Walter C. Bartlett, suggesting that the ball room be made into a cocktail lounge, and further suggesting that it might be desirable for the Board to submit such suggested improvement in writing to all of the members in advance of the annual meeting, so that the same might be considered thereat.

After some discussion the Board determined that while the matter might properly come up for discussion at the annual membership meeting, it would not be feasible to give notice to the membership until some concrete plans and specifications for the proposed project had been formulated.

Mr. A. L. Bartlett, reporting for the Membership Committee, stated that that committee had under consideration proposed amendments to the by-laws with respect to the limitation of the resident membership, and to the dues of junior members, which proposed amendments the committee expected to mail to each member more than one week prior to the annual membership meeting.

Mr. Bartlett also read a letter from Mr. William W. Wheeler III, stating that he had removed to Santa Barbara, California, and therefore was obliged to resign as a member of the Board of Directors of the Club, and further desired to change his membership in the Club from that of a resident member to that of a non-resident member. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the resignation of Mr. Wheeler as a member of the Board of Directors was accepted, and it was further voted that he be classified as a non-resident member as of April 1, 1948.

On motion of Mr. McCaskey, seconded by Mr. Douglas, and unanimously carried, Mrs. Walter R. Randall was elected to an honorary membership to the Club, with full privileges thereof, and the secretary was instructed to advise Mrs. Randall of the Board's action.

Upon motion of Dr. Forgrave, seconded by Mr. Beasley, thanks were extended to Mr. Smith for his very fine roast beef dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Voss to be host at the June meeting of the Board was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was on motion adjourned.

Attest:

Secretary

President

April 13, 1948

Randall
nd Avenue
, Missouri

Mrs. Walter Ramsay Randall

am pleased to inform you that at a
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Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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President

Dear Board of Directors:
I am deeply grateful to you for the courtesy extended to me. I thank you very much.
Most sincerely,
Ruth Randall

April 13, 1948

Randall
ınd Avenue
ı, Missouri

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President

April 13, 1948

Mrs. W. R. Randall
1610 Ashland Avenue
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Ruth,

I am pleased to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club held on Monday night, April 12, 1948 you were elected to an honorary membership in the Club, with full privileges thereof.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

RRS AT

WILLIAM W. WHEELER, III
[redacted]
2421 State St.
[redacted]
Santa Barbara, Cal.

February 23, 1948.

Dear John,

This is a hard letter to write, but Esther and I have decided to live in Santa Barbara, and as a result I must resign as a member of the board of directors of the Benton Club.

It was a great pleasure to serve on your board and I will miss the friendly discussions around the table in the dutch room. I am greatly embarrassed to realize that while I enjoyed the hospitality and genial hostship of the gentlemen from A to S I know do not have the opportunity to respond. However, I hereby make an open invitation to the board that whenever any of them find themselves out California way, we will open wide the icebox door and share with them whatever happens to be within.

It seems to me that since we will only be in St. Joseph on vacations it would be unfair to hold a full membership while there are qualified gentlemen who wish to join and are waiting for a vacancy. With this in mind, I request to have my membership made non-resident.

Please give my sincerest regards to the board.

Regretfully yours,

Bill

August 10, 1948

Mr. Wm. W. Wheeler
2421 State Street
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Bill:

It is very apparent that the acknowledgment of your letter of February 23, 1948, had been overlooked, and on behalf of the present Board of Directors and those serving with you, I wish to extend the sincere apologies of all. By this time you are, no doubt, aware that your request to change your resident membership to non-resident had been granted. However, please accept this as assurance that such action had been taken by the Board.

We sincerely hope that you are enjoying your activities in California, and all of us will be delighted to see and visit you and Esther whenever you return for visits to St. Joseph.

Again please accept the sincere regrets of the Board for the loss of you as a resident member and, more particularly, for failing to acknowledge your letter of February 23.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

D. A. Merrifield/O

B E N T O N C L U B

The annual membership dinner will be held at the Benton Club on Monday May 17th, at 6:30 P M. The business meeting will follow immediately.

At this meeting five (5) Directors shall be elected to serve for a term of three years. You will be asked to elect five members from the following ten names selected by the nominating committee.

Ayers, N.I. Jr	Hillyard R. B.
Barrow, W. C.	Merrifield D. P.
Bayer, H F	Orr, R. Wallace
Enright, W F	Wall, T R
Goetz, M. K.	Whimple, W. Randolph

The following By-Law covering membership reads as follows:

" The membership of this Club shall be limited to eighty five (85) residents and twenty five (25) non-residents and twenty five (25) Junior members, except that by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors the membership may be increased to not more than one hundred (100) resident, fifty (50) non-resident and fifty (50) Junior members"

In as much as the Board has been unable to agree unanimously, it was decided to refer this matter to the membership for their recommendation. Therefore you will be asked at the meeting to vote your recommendation to the new Board whether;

First: You wish the number of resident memberships raised to one hundred (100) or limited to eighty five (85).

Second: The Directors shall make available twenty five (25) Junior memberships to qualified persons with no initiation fee and the payment of one half the regular dues paid by resident members.

The use of the Club by our members has shown a marked increase during the past year. This increased usage has become a problem and it is thought by a number of members that something should be done to make the Club's accommodations adequate for the increased patronage. The following solution has been offered.

That the Ball room should be made into a Cocktail Lounge by adding tables, chairs, lamps, carpets and other decorative features, and then made available for ladies luncheons, afternoon card parties, as well as for the nights when the club is well filled with members.

The Board of Directors have not obtained any definite costs on carrying out this proposal, but estimates for the same have ranged between $2500 00 and $3500 00. Therefore you will be called upon to vote your recommendation to the Board whether, or not this project should be carried on during the next year.

L. D. Bayne 16

W. C. Bayne 37

W. F. Bayne 38

W. F. Bayne Jr 37

B. K. Bayne 20

P. D. Bayne 29

D. A. Bayne 34

J. Bayne, Dec 19

R. Bayne 15

M. Bayne 37

Selected by drawing - Cmd

BENTON CLUB

May 17, 1948

I. I recommend that the Board of Directors limit the number of resident memberships of this Club to eighty-five.(85)

YES☐ NO☐

II. I recommend that the Board of Directors shall make available twenty-five (25) Junior memberships to qualified persons with no initiation fee and the payment of one half the regular dues paid by resident members.

YES☐ NO☐

III. I recommend that the Board of Directors shall, during the next year, convert the present ballroom into a cocktail lounge to be used as directed by the Board.

YES☐ NO☐

BENTON CLUB

May 17, 1948

I. I recommend that the Board of Directors limit the number of resident memberships of this Club to eighty-five.(85)

YES 79 ☐ NO 74 ☐

II. I recommend that the Board of Directors shall make available twenty-five (25) Junior memberships to qualified persons with no initiation fee and the payment of one half the regular dues paid by resident members.

YES 13 ☐ NO 39 ☐ Not Voted 1

III. I recommend that the Board of Directors shall, during the next year, convert the present ballroom into a cocktail lounge to be used as directed by the Board.

YES 15 ☐ NO 35 ☐

The annual membership meeting of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Monday, May 17, 1948. There were fifty-two (52) members present.

The president, John T. Smith, presided at the meeting; and the secretary, Floyd M. Sprague, acted as secretary thereof. The minutes of the annual membership meeting held May 12, 1947, were read and approved.

Mr. McCaskey, the treasurer, gave a financial report for the past year (a detailed copy of which had heretofore been mailed to each member with the notice of the meeting), which report showed a loss of $570.35 on the operations of the club during said year.

Mr. A. L. Bartlett, chairman of the committee in charge of completing the projects of improvement and modernization of the club's physical facilities, as voted by the membership at the annual membership meeting held on May 12, 1947, reported that a total of $13,389.55 had been spent on such projects. He stated that the aggregate sum spent was about twice the amount of the original estimates for such projects, and explained that this was due not only to the increased cost of labor and materials, but also because of hidden structural defects which necessitated the making of unanticipated repairs during the course of the construction of the authorized projects.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. W. C. Bartlett Jr., and carried, the Board of Directors was directed to mail each month, to each member, a summary of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, excluding, however, the record of the balloting on proposed members.

The president stated that the Board of Directors desired to obtain the recommendations of the membership on three matters which had been more particularly set out in the notice of the annual membership meeting which had been previously mailed to each member, a copy of which notice is attached to these minutes. After a short explanation of the various matters, they were submitted to vote of the membership by written ballot, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Tellers were appointed by the president, which tellers reported the results of said vote as follows:

I - The membership voted 29 to 24 in favor of recommending that the Board of Directors limit the number of resident members of the club to eighty-five (85).

II - The membership voted 39 to 13 against recommending that the Board of Directors make available twenty-five (25) Junior memberships to qualified persons, with no initiation fee and the payment of one-half the regular dues paid by resident members.

III - The membership voted 35 to 18 against recommending that the Board of Directors during the next year convert the present ball room into a cocktail lounge, to be used as directed by the Board.

The Nominating Committee, composed of John D. McCaskey, Robert G. Clayton and Melvin E. Binswanger, presented a ballot on which there were ten (10) names, upon which the four (4) receiving the highest number of votes, respectively, were to be elected directors for a term of three (3) years; and upon which the person receiving the fifth highest number of votes was to be elected for a term of two (2) years, to fill the unexpired term of William W. Wheeler III, resigned.

Tellers were appointed by the president, which tellers reported that the following had been elected to serve as directors for a term of three (3) years:

H. F. Bayer
M. K. Goetz
R. B. Hillyard
D. A. Merrifield,

and which tellers further reported that there had been a tie vote for the director to serve for a term of two (2) years, between W. C. Barrow, W. F. Enright and W. R. Whimple.

Thereupon the selection of a director to serve for a term of two (2) years was determined by lot, resulting in the election of W. R. Whimple to serve as Director for the two (2) year term.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, on motion, adjourned.

John D. Smith
Chairman

Attest:

Secretary

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The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Monday, May 17, 1948, immediately following the annual membership meeting, and the report of the tellers was received, showing the election of the four (4) new members of the Board to serve for a term of three (3) years and one (1) new member to serve an unexpired term of two (2) years.

The following directors were present: Messrs. Bayer, Beasley, Davis, Douglas, Forgrave, McCaskey, Merrifield, Pitts, and Voss.

Absent: Messrs. Birdsall, Goetz, Hillyard, and Whimple.

Charles W. Douglas was elected chairman of the meeting and Douglas A. Merrifield was appointed secretary.

Upon motions duly made and seconded, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President:	Charles W. Douglas
Vice-President:	Dr. John R. Forgrave
Secretary:	Douglas A. Merrifield
Treasurer:	John D. McCaskey

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chas. W. Douglas
Chairman

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club on Tuesday, June 15, 1948. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bayer, Birdsall, Douglas, Forgrave, Goetz, McCaskey, Merrifield, Pitts, Voss and Whimple.

Absent: Messrs. Beasley, Davis and Hillyard.

The president presided at the meeting and the secretary acted as secretary thereof.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held May 17, 1948, were read and approved.

The financial report, presented by the treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, showed a gain of $495.88 on the operations of the club for the month of May, 1948.

On motion of Mr. McCaskey, seconded by Mr. Bayer, and carried, the treasurer was instructed to charge-off notes receivable in the amount of $163.10.

On motion of Mr. Bayer, seconded by Mr. Whimple, and carried, the treasurer was instructed to set aside $100.00 monthly, beginning June, 1948, in an account suitably designated to limit the expenditure of such monies for major alterations and repairs of the club and facilities. Such expenditures only to be made when authorized by the Board of Directors.

On motion of Mr. McCaskey, seconded by Mr. Birdsall, and carried, the directors determined and allowed a 10% addition to the food bills for the month of June, 1948.

There was a general discussion of the Board regarding the desirability of having a picnic in the near future. This matter was left for consideration by the Entertainment Committee.

On motion of Mr. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Bayer, and carried, the Board, because of the tight cash position of the club, requested the secretary to bring to the attention of all regular club members the desirability of prompt payment of dues and house bills.

On motion of Mr. Bayer, seconded by Dr. Forgrave, thanks were extended to Mr. Voss for a very delicious dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Whimple to be host at the July meeting of the Board was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

C. W. Douglas
President

S. A. Merrifield
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club on Monday, July 12, 1948. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bayer, Beasley, Davis, Douglas, Hillyard, McCaskey, Merrifield, Pitts, Voss, and Whimple.

Absent: Messrs. Birdsall, Forgrave, and Goetz.

The president presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held June 15, 1948, were read and approved.

The financial report, presented by the treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, showed a loss of $239.01 on the operations of the club for the month of June, 1948.

The Membership Committee reported that in compliance with the expressed of the club members as to limitation of membership, and that there has been no reduction in membership since the annual meeting, no proposals for membership would be presented to the Board.

The House Committee recommended that no addition to food bills be applied during the month of July, 1948.

On motion of Mr. McCaskey, seconded by Mr. Davis, and carried, the Entertainment Committee was directed to have a picnic for club members and that said picnic was to be held during the warm weather picnic season of 1948.

On motion of Mr. Bayer, seconded by Mr. McCaskey, thanks were extended Mr. Whimple for a delightful pike dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Beasley to be host at the August meeting of the Board was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

C W Douglas
President

S A Merrifield
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club Monday, August 9, 1948. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bayer, Beasley, Birdsall, Davis, Douglas, Forgrave, Hillyard, Merrifield, Pitts, Voss, and Whimple.

Absent: Messrs. Goetz and McCaskey.

The president presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held July 12, 1948, were read and approved.

The financial report, presented by the president in the absence of the treasurer, showed a loss of $669.86 on the operations of the club for the month of July, 1948. The treasurer, through the president, recommended that the House Committee verify inventories monthly.

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July 24,1948

Membership Committee,

Benton Club:

Gentlemen:

In view of the fact that my residence has been changed to Los Angeles,California, it is requested that my membership status be changed to that of non-resident.

Very truly yours,

William J. Fleeman Jr.

August 10, 1948

Mr. W. J. Fleeman, Jr.
Lucas C. Wall Company
621 South Hope Street
Los Angeles 14

Dear Bill:

On behalf of the Directors of the Benton Club, I have been asked to acknowledge your letter of July 24, wherein you requested that your membership status be changed from resident to non-resident, and to advise you that the Board sanctions your request, but regrets to have lost you as a resident member.

It is the sincere wish of each board member and, no doubt, all members of the club that your undertaking in California will be very pleasant and most successful. We will all be looking forward to seeing you on your future visits to St. Joseph.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

D. A. Merrifield/O

At the Board of Directors meeting of the Benton Club, held gust 9, 1948, it was unanimously agreed that the Board would vote secret mail ballot on the following proposition:

Shall the resident membership of the Benton Club be increased from the present limit of eighty-five (85) resident members to ninety (90) resident members.

☐ YES ☐ NO

This is your official ballot. Please cast your vote and turn this ballot in the enclosed envelope.

The Entertainment Committee reported that a location had been selected for the picnic and the date for the event would be determined later.

Mr. Voss read a letter from Mr. William J. Fleeman, Jr., stating that his residence has changed to Los Angeles, California, and requesting that his membership status be changed from resident member to non-resident member. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the request of Mr. Fleeman to change his resident membership to non-resident membership was granted.

On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Beasley, and carried, the Board was requested to vote by secret mail ballot on the proposition that the present limited membership of eighty-five (85) resident members be increased to the limit of ninety (90) resident members and that the president appoint a committee of the Chairman of the Membership Committee and two (2) non-Board resident members to act as tellers of the balloting.

On motion of Mr. Voss, seconded by Mr. Hillyard, Mr. Beasley was extended the thanks of the Board for the enjoyable roast beef dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Bayer to be host at the September meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club Monday, September 13, 1948. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bayer, Beasley, Birdsall, Davis, Douglas, Forgrave, Goetz, Hillyard, McCaskey, Merrifield, Voss, and Whimple.

Absent: Mr. Pitts.

The president presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held August 9, 1948, were read and approved.

The financial report, presented by the treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, showed a loss of $348.00 on the operations of the club for the month of August, 1948. Mr. McCaskey further reported that the House Committee is extending to him full cooperation in all activities which affect the House Committee and Treasurer's functions.

The House Committee reported that through the recent reduction in help during the inactive week days of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, there would be reflected a more favorable financial showing in the future operations of the club.

The Membership Committee presented the subject of Initiation Fee to the Board for discussion. After deliberation, on motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Birdsall, the Board unanimously voted to increase the Initiation Fee for resident membership from the present amount of $50.00 to $150.00.

Mr. Voss, as Chairman of the Special Committee selected to tally the results of the voting on the proposition - "Shall the resident membership of the Benton Club be increased from the present limit of eighty-five (85) resident members to ninety (90) resident members" - reported that the voting of the entire Board was unanimously for the approval of the proposition and that in compliance with Section 1, Article 1 of the Benton Club By-Laws, the limit of resident members of the Benton Club is fixed at ninety (90) as of this date.

The name of Dr. Paul A. Knepper was presented to the Board and in accordance with the membership requirements of the Club was elected a resident member. The president requested the secretary to notify Dr. Knepper by letter the action of the Board.

Mr. Beasley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that the committee was progressing favorably with plans for the picnic and in addition was preparing for a fall dance and a suitable orchestra for the New Year's party.

The Board, having enjoyed the baked ham dinner with pie alamode for dessert extended thanks to the host, Mr. Bayer, through the motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Hillyard. The Board further accepted the invitation of Mr. Birdsall to be host at the October meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

C. W. Douglas
President

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club Monday, October 11, 1948. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bayer, Birdsall, Davis, Douglas, Goetz, McCaskey, Merrifield, Pitts, and Voss.

Absent: Messrs. Beasley, Forgrave, Hillyard, and Whimple.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board, held September 13, 1948, were read and approved.

The financial report, presented by the treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, showed a gain of $216.30 on the operations of the club for the month of ~~August~~ September 1948. Mr. McCaskey stated that this favorable showing reflected the economies recently effected by the House Committee.

September 14, 1948

Dr. Paul A. Knepper
2002 Ashland Avenue
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Paul:

The Board of Directors have advised me to notify you of your election to membership in the Benton Club. On behalf of the Board and the other members of the club, I wish to extend a welcome to you and your family and assure you that all of us will assist in causing your association to be a very pleasant one.

As a resident member you are obligated to pay an initiation fee of $150.00 and, as is customary, to remit with your initiation fee the monthly dues and current assessments, which are payable at the beginning of each month. At present, the monthly dues are $14.25 plus a federal tax of $2.85, making a total for dues $17.10. In addition, there is a current assessment of $7.50 monthly, which will continue until the spring of 1949. In accordance with the requirements of the club, would you be kind enough to forward your check in the amount of $174.60, which represents the following items:

Initiation Fee	$150.00
Monthly Dues	17.10
Monthly Assessment	7.50
	$174.60

Again we all wish to extend you a hearty welcome and assure you that, as a member, you are now entitled to the full accommodations and facilities of the club.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

D.A. Merrifield/O

October 12, 1948

Mr. T. C. Reck
303 Victorian Court
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Tom:

The Board of Directors of the Benton Club at their meeting October 11th elected you to membership. On behalf of the board and all other club members, I wish to extend a full welcome to you and your family and officially notify you that from this date on you are entitled to the full privileges and facilities of the club.

Upon election to membership it is obligatory that an initiation fee of $150.00 be remitted to the club at the member's earliest convenience. The monthly dues and assessments, which amount to $17.10 and $7.50 respectively, are paid in advance by all members. It is agreed by the board that new members are billed commencing the first of the month following the date on which they are elected to membership. The dues and assessments, as mentioned above, will be billed to you in your October statement, which will reach you in the early part of November.

We wish you to know that we are very glad to have you as a member and that the members will enjoy the presence of your family and yourself at the club.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

D A Merrifield:O

Mr. Bayer, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the Committee was progressing favorably with its program to decrease operating costs and increase revenues of the club. He further stated that the Committee was pursuing several ideas which, when investigated, would be reported to the Board.

Mr. Voss, Chairman of the Membership Committee, presented the name of Mr. Tom C. Reck to be voted upon for membership. In compliance with the membership requirements of the club, Mr. Reck was elected as a resident member. The president requested that the secretary notify Mr. Reck by letter the action of the Board.

There being no report from the Entertainment Committee, it appeared obvious that there would be no picnic during the summer of 1948.

On motion of Mr. McCaskey, seconded by Mr. Voss, the thanks of the Board were extended to Mr. Birdsall for a very enjoyable white fish dinner and the invitation of Mr. Davis to be host at the November meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

C. W. Douglas
President

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club Monday, November 8, 1948. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bayer, Beasley, Birdsall, Davis, Douglas, Forgrave, Hillyard, McCaskey, Merrifield, Voss, and Whimple.

Absent: Messrs. Goetz and Pitts.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board, held October 11, 1948, were read and approved.

The financial report, presented by the treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, showed a gain of $578.33 on the operations of the club for the month of October 1948. Included in the foregoing amount is the sum of $125.00 representing one resident membership initiation fee.

Mr. Bayer, chairman of the House Committee, reported that the committee was constantly observing the costs of the club operations and that all equitable economies were being employed.

Mr. Beasley, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported that arrangements have been made and the contract signed with The Vic Allen Agency to supply the orchestra for the New Year's Eve Dance. He further reported that an orchestra had been engaged for the Christmas Tea Dance.

On motion of Dr. Forgrave, seconded by Mr. Douglas and carried, the Board expressed its desire for a dance to be held on November 27 and instructed the Entertainment Committee to proceed with the necessary preparation and arrangements.

After discussion on the subject of the amount of Initiation Fee for Resident Membership, on motion of Mr. Voss, seconded by Mr. McCaskey, the Board unanimously voted to clarify the Initiation Fee increase approved by the Board at its regular meeting September 13, 1948. Namely, that the Initiation Fee for Resident Membership be increased to $125.00 plus all taxes assessed against such fee; rather than increased to $150.00, as recorded in the minutes of the Septe... 13, 1948, meeting.

On motion of Mr. McCaskey, seconded by Mr. Beasley, the thanks of the Board were extended Mr. Davis for his unique Old Missouri - Southern dinner and the invitation of Mr. Douglas to be host at the December meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club Monday, December 13, 1948. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bayer, Beasley, Birdsall, Davis, Douglas, Forgrave, Goetz, McCaske... Merrifield, Pitts, Voss, and Whimple.

Absent: Mr. Hillyard.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board, held November 8, 194... were read and approved.

The financial report, presented by the treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, showed a gain of $320.24 on the operations of the club for the month of November 1948.

On motion of Mr. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Voss and carried, the House Committee was authorized to use cards rather than the posted list for members to designate their Christmas contributions for the employed staff of the club and that the House Committee exercise its judgement in the allocation and disposition of such contributions.

Mr. Davis, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported the succe... of the dance held on November 27 and the favorable response to the Bingo games conducted on the two previous Sunday evenings. He also reported that his committee recommended the limiting of Bingo players to those occupying the Dutch and Pine rooms; would investigate the playing of Bingo on Thursday evenings after the first of next year; would cooperate with the House Committee in planning a Winter or Snow party and inquire as to the desirability of showing entertaining sound films at the club on Tuesday evenings.

December 18, 1948

Mr. Vernon Geiger
360 Grain Exchange Bldg.
Minneapolis 15, Minn.

Dear Vernon:

At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors your name was presented and, upon action of the entire board, you were elected a non-resident member of the club.

As a non-resident member, there is no obligation on your part for initiation fee or assessments, merely the fixed amount of annual dues, which are to be paid in advance yearly. The dues for a non-resident member are $25 plus federal tax of $5, or a total of $30. Will you arrange at your convenience to forward your check in the amount of $30 to the club.

In behalf of the directors and members I wish to extend you a very pleasant welcome to the club and assure you that we will all be glad to see you with us as many times as possible in the future.

Sincerely,

D. R. Merrifield
Secretary

DAM:O

VERNON C. GEIGER
360 Grain Exchange Building
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

December 23, 1948

Benton Club
Faraon at Seventh
St. Joseph, Missouri

Gentlemen: Attention Mr. D. A. Merrifield

Enclosed find my check for $30.00 which is the amount of my annual dues including federal tax.

I indeed feel very happy to again belong to the Benton Club, and I trust that I will have the opportunity of visiting the Club quite often.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am

Sincerely,

Vernon C. Geiger

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On motion of Dr. Forgrave, seconded by Mr. Goetz and carried, the irectors agreed that the charge per member for the Christmas Tea Dance would e $5.00, that cards of invitation would be made available to members for their uests and that a charge of $1.00 per guest would be made to the member extending the invitation. Such cards will be collected or made out upon entering the lub for the Tea Dance.

On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. McCaskey and carried, the irectors agreed that a $10.00 charge per member would be made for the New Year's ve party, that cards of invitation would be made available to members for their uests and that a charge of $2.50 per guest would be made to the member extending ie invitation. The cards of invitation will be collected when entering the club or the New Year's Eve party.

The name of Vernon Geiger was presented to the Board and in accordance .th the membership requirements of the club was elected a non-resident member.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Goetz, the thanks of the Board ere extended Mr. Douglas for his elk steak dinner augmented with a tasty red .ne, and the invitation of Dr. Forgrave to be host at the January meeting was cepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chas Douglas
President

S.A. Merrifield
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was ld at the club Monday, January 10, 1949. The following directors were present: ssrs. Bayer, Beasley, Birdsall, Davis, Douglas, Forgrave, McCaskey, Pitts, ss, and Whimple.

Absent: Messrs. Goetz, Hillyard, and Merrifield.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board, held December 13, 1948, re read and approved.

The financial report, presented by the treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, showed gain of $242.12 on the operations of the club for the month of December 1948.

Mr. Bayer, chairman of the House Committee, reported that a new hot ter heater had been purchased at a cost approximating $250. On motion of . Bayer, seconded by Mr. Beasley and carried, the directors agreed that the st of the new hot water heater be charged to the accrued fund for major repairs d improvements.

Mr. Beasley reported that the Christmas fund collection for employees by using the card method was a definite success and recommended that the House Committee continue this system for such contributions in future years.

Mr. Davis, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported that the Christmas Tea Dance and the New Year's Eve Party were socially and financially successful; that the Christmas Day egg nog party resulted in a small financial loss. The financial result of these holiday activities shows a net gain of $172.01. Mr. Davis further stated that, due to deficits sustained in connection with the eggnog party, consideration of such activities should be given before authorization for such a party be granted in future years. The Entertainment Committee further reported that the Bingo parties will resume their program starting Thursday, January 13, 1949, and also that a gin rummy tournament was scheduled for beginning on Tuesday, January 18, 1949. In addition, Mr. Davis announced that preparations and arrangements were under way for a costume party on Saturday, February 19, 1949.

On motion of Mr. McCaskey, seconded by Dr. Forgrave and carried, the directors in behalf of the entire membership resolved that Mr. Voss be extended the sincere thanks of all club members for his generous contribution in the decorating of the ladies' room.

On motion of Mr. Beasley, seconded by Mr. Davis, the thanks of the Board were extended Dr. Forgrave for a fine steak dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Goe to be host at the February meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chas Douglas
President

S. A. Merrifield
Secretary

January 21, 1949

Mr. F. H. Voss, Jr.
1302 North 22 Street
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Frank:

A resolution of the Board of Directors in behalf of the membership of the club was unanimously passed (during your absence) expressing the sincere

Mr. Beasley reported that the Christmas fund collection for [illegible] by using the card method was a definite success and recommended that the [illegible] Committee continue this system for such contributions in future years.

Mr. Davis, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported that the Christmas Tea Dance and the New Year's Eve Party were socially and financially successful; that the Christmas Day egg nog party resulted in a small financial loss. The financial result of these holiday activities shows a net gain of $172.01. Mr. Davis further stated that, due to deficits sustained in connection with the eggnog party, consideration of such activities should be given before authorization for such a party be granted in future years. The Entertainment Committee further reported that the Bingo parties will resume their program during Thursday, January 13, 1949, and also that a gin rummy tournament was scheduled for beginning on Tuesday, January 18, 1949. In addition, Mr. Davis stated that preparations and arrangements were under way for a costume party on [illegible] February 19, 1949.

On motion of Mr. McCaskey, seconded by Dr. Forgrave and carried, the directors in behalf of the entire membership resolved that Mr. Voss be extended the sincere thanks of all club members for his generous contribution to the decorating of the ladies' room.

On motion of Mr. Beasley, seconded by Mr. Davis, the thanks of the club were extended Dr. Forgrave for a fine steak dinner, and the invitation of [illegible] to be host at the February meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

January 21, 1949

Mr. F. H. Voss, Jr.
1302 North 22 Street
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Frank:

A resolution of the Board of Directors in behalf of the membership of the club was unanimously passed (during your absence), expressing the sincere thanks of the entire organization for your generosity in contributing to the decorating of the ladies' room.

As secretary, I am greatly pleased to have this opportunity to extend the full thanks and appreciation of the club members for the willingness and unselfish generosity in your contribution.

Sincerely,

Secretary

D A Merrifield:O

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club Monday, February 14, 1949. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bayer, Birdsall, Davis, Douglas, Forgrave, Goetz, McCaskey, Merrifield, Pitts, Voss, and Whimple.

Absent: Messrs. Beasley and Hillyard.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board, held January 10, 1949, were read and approved.

Mr. McCaskey, the treasurer, presented the financial report on the operations of the club for the month of January 1949, which showed a gain of $15.73 for that period.

Mr. Bayer, chairman of the House Committee, reported that the committee was satisfied with the club operations for the month of January. Also that the thanks of the employees were extended to the club members for the Christmas donations which approximated twice those of the previous year.

Mr. Davis, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported that due to the indifference toward bingo on Thursday nights the games will be held on Sunday nights in the future; that due to the lack of interest in the costume party and coupled with the too few reservations the party will be cancelled. Mr. Davis further reported that it is contemplated by the committee to have entertaining motion pictures shown at the club at regular intervals beginning about March 15.

On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Voss and carried, the Membership Committee was instructed to prepare a list of names of young men, not to exceed twenty-five in number, for presentation to the Board for consideration for membership in the club and to further submit a recommendation as to the classification and financial obligation of such membership.

On motion of Mr. Bayer, seconded by Mr. Pitts and further seconded by Mr. Davis (this irregularity was granted due to Mr. Davis persuading the host to augment the dessert with ice cream), Mr. Goetz received the thanks of the entire Board for a delightful dinner which included cherry pie a la mode. The invitation of Mr. Hillyard to be host at the March meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chas Douglas
President

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club Monday, March 14, 1949. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bayer, Birdsall, Douglas, Forgrave, Goetz, Hillyard, McCaskey, Merrifield, Pitts, and Voss.

Absent: Messrs. Beasley, Davis, and Whimple.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board, held February 14, 1949, were read and approved.

Mr. McCaskey, the treasurer, presented the financial report on the operations of the club for the month of February 1949, which showed a loss of $169.03 for the period.

Mr. Bayer, chairman of the House Committee, reported that his committee was concerned but not too alarmed with the recent decline in the number of dinners served and would continue to watch this trend before recommending a change in dinner prices or in service personnel.

Mr. Voss, chairman of the Membership Committee, presented the names of H. Y. Lemon, presently a non-resident member, Angus MacDonald, and E. G. Six to the Board for consideration. In accordance with the membership requirements of the club, Mr. Lemon was transferred to resident membership and Messrs. MacDonald and Six were elected resident members. Mr. Voss further reported that his committee's experience in the investigation of the possibility of procuring young men as members was not favorable, primarily due to their financial condition. For this reason he requested that his committee be relieved of pursuing this matter further. The request was granted.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Douglas, the thanks of the Board were extended to Mr. Hillyard for a fine steak dinner, which also included pie a la mode as the dessert. The invitation of Mr. McCaskey to be host at the April meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

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March 17, 1949

Mr. Angus MacDonald
2602 Buehler
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Angus:

The Board of Directors at their meeting March 14th elected you to membership. Upon election to membership, it is required that the initiation fee of $150 be remitted to the club at the member's earliest convenience. The monthly dues and assessments, which amount to $17.10 and $7.50 respectively, are billed in advance to all members; however, as your dues and assessments will not commence until April 1st, you will be billed for such amounts on your initial statement, which you will receive in the early part of April.

I am very pleased to inform you of your election to membership and that the entire facilities of the club are at your disposal from the date on which you were elected to membership. On behalf of all members of the club I wish to extend our welcome to you as a member.

Sincerely,

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

DAM:O

March 17, 1949

Mr. E. G. Six
Century Apts.
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Glenn:

The Board of Directors at their meeting March 14th elected you to membership. Upon election to membership, it is required that the initiation fee of $150 be remitted to the club at the member's earliest convenience. The monthly dues and assessments, which amount to $17.10 and $7.50 respectively, are billed in advance to all members; however, as your dues and assessments will not commence until April 1st, you will be billed for such amounts on your initial statement, which you will receive in the early part of April.

I am very pleased to inform you of your election to membership and that the entire facilities of the club are at your disposal from the date on which you were elected to membership. On behalf of all members of the club I wish to extend our welcome to you as a member.

Sincerely,

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

DAM:O

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club Monday, April 11, 1949. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bayer, Beasley, Douglas, Forgrave, Goetz, Hillyard, McCaskey, Merrifield, Pitts, Voss, and Whimple.

Absent: Messrs. Birdsall and Davis.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board, held March 14, 1949, were read and approved.

Mr. McCaskey, the treasurer, presented the financial report on the operations of the club for the month of March, 1949, which showed a loss of $60.11 for that period.

Mr. Bayer, chairman of the House Committee, reported that the steward, Mr. W. J. Matthiessen, had submitted his resignation to become effective in 30 days. Mr. Bayer further reported that Mr. Matthiessen had been very cooperative with him and the House Committee in the past and that this cooperative attitude is presently demonstrated by his willingness to continue as steward for one or two weeks longer if at all possible and to assist in the procurement of a new steward. Because of the expiration of the term of the House Committee within 30 days, the president, Mr. Douglas, appointed a committee of Messrs. Birdsall, Hillyard and Merrifield to assume the responsibility of procuring a new steward.

Mr. Voss, chairman of the Membership Committee, presented the name of Mr. Kenyon V. Painter, Jr., 4 Kingston Road, Scarsdale, N.Y., to the Board for membership consideration. Mr. Painter was elected a non-resident member of the club.

Upon motion of Mr. Beasley, seconded by Mr. Whimple, unanimous thanks were extended to Mr. McCaskey for an excellent seafood dinner of oysters and broiled jumbo lobster, and the invitation of Mr. Merrifield to be host at the June meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

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The annual membership meeting of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Monday, May 9, 1949. There were forty (40) members present.

The president, Charles W. Douglas, presided at the meeting, and the secretary, D. A. Merrifield, acted as secretary thereof. The minutes of the annual membership meeting, held May 17, 1948, were read and approved.

The treasurer, John D. McCaskey, presented the financial report which showed a loss of $10.29 on the operations of the club for the past year. Mr. McC also reported that, although a small loss resulted from operations, the club was in a better financial position than it had been for some years.

On motion of Mr. Beasley, seconded by Mr. Hegarty, the assembled membership unanimously expressed their confidence in the judgement of the Board of Directors to increase the resident membership to the authorized one hundred (100) members.

The Nominating Committee, composed of Robert G. Clayton, George U. Richm and Robert E. Hastings, presented a ballot containing eight (8) names, from which the four (4) receiving the greatest number of votes were to be elected directors for a term of three (3) years.

Tellers were appointed by the president, which tellers reported that the following had been elected to serve as directors for a term of three (3) years:

W. C. Bartlett, Jr.
M. E. Binswanger
Elliott Marshall, Jr.
Beverly Pitts

On motion of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Sprague, unanimous thanks were extended to the officers and directors for their activities during the year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chas. W. Douglas
Chairman

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Monday, May 9, 1949, immediately following the annual membership meeting.

The report of the tellers was received, showing the election of four (4) new members of the Board to serve for a term of three (3) years.

The following directors were present: Messrs. Bayer, Beasley, Binswanger, Birdsall, Goetz, Hillyard, Marshall, Merrifield and Voss.

Absent: Messrs. Bartlett, Davis, Pitts and Whimple.

Stanley W. Birdsall was elected chairman of the meeting.

On motions duly made and seconded, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President:	True Davis, Jr.
Vice-President:	Stanley W. Birdsall
Secretary:	Douglas A. Merrifield
Treasurer:	Beverly Pitts

Upon the acceptance of the resignation of W. R. Whimple from the Board, and upon motions duly made and seconded, David R. Bradley was elected to the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of one (1) year of W. R. Whimple, resigned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

S. W. Birdsall
Chairman

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Monday, June 13, 1949. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Beasley, Binswanger, Birdsall, Davis, Goetz, Hillyard, Marshall, Merrifield, Pitts, and Voss.

Absent: Mr. Bradley.

The treasurer, Mr. Pitts, presented the financial report on the operations of the club for the month of May, 1949, which showed a loss of $602.12 for that period. Reflected in this loss is a substantial adjustment in the cafe inventory.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Beasley and carried, the treasurer was instructed to set aside in a savings account or invest in government bonds the available cash accrued in the reserve fund. This action to be left to the discretion of the treasurer.

Mr. Davis, reporting for the House Committee, stated that a further saving in food was reported by Mr. Birt wherein he was buying seasonal fresh vegetables instead of the more costly canned and frozen foods. Mr. Davis also reported the valuable assistance Mr. Phil. Bartlett had rendered the club following the departure of Mr. Matthiessen. Whereupon the Board unanimously extended Mr. Phil. Bartlett its thanks and appreciation for his assistance and aid to the club.

Mr. W. C. Bartlett, Jr., chairman of the Entertainment Committee, asked the Board members to express their views as to the type of entertainment they would desire. On motion of Mr. Beasley, seconded by Mr. Marshall, the Board was unanimous in its request that the Entertainment Committee have a picnic for the club members during the summer months of 1949.

Mr. Voss, chairman of the Membership Committee, presented the names of Mr. Alfred Seidenberg and Mr. Howard Lauhoff to the Board for non-resident membership consideration. The board elected Messrs. Seidenberg and Lauhoff non-resident members of the club.

Upon motion of Mr. Hillyard, seconded by Mr. Voss, the thanks of the Board were extended to Mr. Merrifield for the, quote Mr. Davis, lovely, unquote, steak dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Pitts to be host at the July meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Vrue Davis
President

E. B. Merrifield
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Monday, July 11, 1949. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Bradley, Davis, Hillyard, Marshall, Merrifield, Pitts and Voss.

Absent: Messrs. Beasley, Birdsall and Goetz.

The treasurer, Mr. Pitts, presented the financial report on the operations of the club for the month of June 1949, which showed a loss of $243.01 for that period. Mr. Pitts also reported on a budget, prepared by committe chairmen and himself, for the overall operations of the club for the coming year. The budget disclosed that there would barely be sufficient revenue to meet the normal requirement for the club operations for this period and that the present sources of revenue could not provide for any expenditures in the form of entertainment or extraordinary maintenance.

On motion of Mr. Hillyard, seconded by Mr. Bradley, the directors unanimously agreed that, because of insufficient revenue and in lieu of an assessment or an increase in dues, each resident member shall be required to pay a fixed sum for each of the approved entertainment events, approximately four annually. The charge to be included in the member's regular monthly statement at the time of the event and that any of such revenue collected in excess of the cost of entertainment shall be placed in the reserve fund for club improvements. Also, that the customary practice of charges for guests and other members shall be made.

On motion of Mr. Binswanger, seconded by Mr. Bradley and carried, the Treasurer was instructed to discontinue the bond covering the officers and employees of the club, as such expense appeared unnecessary to the Board.

July 1, 1949

Mr. Alfred Seidenberg
Otto Seidenberg, Inc.
493 Nostrand Ave.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Seidenberg:

At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors your name was presented and, upon action of the entire board, you were elected a non-resident member of the club.

As a non-resident member, there is no obligation on your part for initiation fee or assessments, merely the fixed amount of annual dues, which are to be paid in advance yearly. The dues for a non-resident member are $25, plus federal tax of $5, or a total of $30. Will you arrange at your convenience to forward your check in the amount of $30 to the club.

In behalf of the directors and members I wish to extend you a very pleasant welcome to the club and assure you that we will all be glad to see you with us as many times as possible in the future.

Sincerely,

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

July 1, 1949

r. Howard Lauhoff
anville Grain Company
anville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Lauhoff:

At the recent meeting of the Board of Direct
your name was presented and, upon action of the entire b
you were elected a non-resident member of the club.

As a non-resident member, there is no oblig
on your part fo[r] [a]ny fee or assessments, merely
fixed amount of an[n]ual dues which are to be paid in ad
yearly. The dues for a non-resident member are $25, pl
federal tax of $5, or a total of $30. Will you arrange
your convenience to forward your check in the amount of
to the club.

In behalf of the directors and members I wish to
extend you a very pleasant welcome to the club and assure
you that we will all be glad to see you with us as many times
as possible in the future.

Sincerely,

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

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Mr. Davis, chairman of the House Committee, reported that Mr. Phil Bartlett, r handling the bookkeeping and general clerical functions of the club, agreed to cept, in lieu of cash payment, his club dues plus a credit each month up to forty 40.00) dollars against his charges for service at the club. Mr. Davis recommended the Board that the agreement with Mr. Phil Bartlett be approved. On motion of . Pitts, seconded by Mr. Bayer and carried, the Board approved the foregoing com- nsation agreement with Mr. Phil Bartlett.

On motion of Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Marshall and carried, the House mmittee was requested to investigate the use of the York Automatic Ice Maker in the ub and that if, in the judgement of the Committee, the machine could render satis- ctory service economically, the Committee was authorized and requested to arrange r its purchase.

Mr. Bartlett, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported that, in dition to the progress on the arrangements for the picnic to be held during the mmer months of 1949, the Committee was actively working on plans for the entertain- nt activities during the Christmas-New Year's season.

On the unanimous recommendation of the Board, the Secretary was instructed remind the members that their cooperation would materially aid the operations of e kitchen if they would order dinners not later than 9:00 P.M. on Thursday, Saturdays d Sundays, and 8:00 P.M. on the other weekdays.

On motion of Mr. Voss, seconded by Mr. Marshall and unanimously carried, s. John Wyeth II was elected to an honorary membership with full privileges of the ub, and the secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Wyeth of the Board's action.

The proposition, "Shall the resident membership of the Benton Club be creased from the present limit of ninety (90) resident members to ninety-five (95) sident members in compliance with Section I, Article I of the Benton Club By-Laws?" s presented to the Board on motion of Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Bartlett. The tion, failing to receive a unanimous affirmative vote, was lost.

On motion of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Hillyard, the unanimous thanks the Board were extended to Mr. Pitts for a very fine roast beef dinner, and the vitation of Mr. Voss to be host at the August meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

S. N. Lindsell
Vice President

L. A. Marshall
Secretary

July 16, 1949

Mrs. John Wyeth II
418 North Noyes Blvd.
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Johnnie:

I am pleased to inform you that at the meeting of the Directors of the Benton Club, held Monday, July 11, you were elected to an honorary membership with full privileges of the club.

Sincerely,

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

DAM/O

September 2, 1949

Mr. Milton Tootle, Jr.
Country Club Place
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Milton:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors you were elected to membership in the club and, as is required, the secretary is obligated to notify the elected members within a reasonable period after the election. However, in this case, through an oversight on my part, I neglected to inform you of your election and, therefore, ask that you accept my sincere apologies for this delay.

The initiation fee for members is $150, which is to be remitted to the club at the member's earliest convenience. Would you be kind enough to mail your check in the amount stated in the near future. The monthly dues are paid in advance, but remittance for such dues is not required until they are billed members in the regular monthly statement. Unquestionably you have received a statement by this time.

I am very sorry to have failed to notify you before this time, but I am extremely pleased to inform you of your election to membership and that the entire facilities of the club are at your disposal. May I extend a sincere welcome to you and your family on behalf of the directors and members of the club.

Sincerely,

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club scheduled for August 8, 1949, was not held as a quorum was not present. The meeting was postponed until August 23, 1949. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Beasley, Binswanger, Birdsall, Bradley, Hillyard, Marshall, Merrifield, Pitts, and Voss.

Absent: Messrs. Davis and Goetz.

Due to the absence of the president, the meeting was called to order and conducted by the vice-president, Mr. Birdsall.

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 11, 1949, were read and approved.

The treasurer, Mr. Pitts, presented the financial report on the operations of the club for the month of July 1949, which showed a loss of $303.84 for that period.

Mr. Binswanger, reporting for the House Committee, informed the Board that, upon investigation, the Committee concluded that the York Automatic Ice Maker could not satisfactorily supply the ice requirements of the club and therefore was not purchased.

Mr. Voss, chairman of the Membership Committee, presented the name of Mr. Milton Tootle, Jr. to the Board for membership consideration. In compliance with the membership requirements of the club, Mr. Milton Tootle, Jr. was elected to resident membership and was so notified by the secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Vice President

Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Monday, September 12, 1949. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Birdsall, Davis, Goetz, Marshall, Merrifield, Pitts, and Voss.

Absent: Messrs. Beasley, Bradley, and Hillyard.

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting held August 23, 1949, were read and approved.

The treasurer, Mr. Pitts, presented the financial report on the operations of the club for the month of August, 1949, which showed a loss of $161.58 for that period. Mr. Pitts further reported that, in addition to the monthly allocation of $100.00 to the reserve fund for club improvements, the

profit from the picnic of $212.08 was also added to the fund.

The House Committee, represented by Messrs. Binswanger and Davis, informed the Board of the need for a club manager. Mr. Davis stated that he would investigate the procurement of a manager at a reasonable salary and report to the Board at the next meeting.

The question of club decorating was discussed, particularly the dining rooms, the oak room, and the powder room, but no immediate action was taken, as presently the funds to meet such an expenditure are not available. It was suggested that dues be established for Honorary Members to augment the accumulating fund for club improvements. Action on the subjects of decorating and dues for Honorary Members was postponed to some later date.

The purchase of a television set and the air conditioning of the first floor of the club, excluding the ballroom and kitchen, was also discussed, but as it was not practical to obligate the club for either of these items, no action was taken.

Mr. Bartlett, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported on the successful and profitable picnic. Thereupon the motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Bayer, extended to Mr. Bartlett and his committee the unanimous congratulations of the Board. Mr. Bartlett reported that he had completed arrangements for the band music for the Christmas and New Year's parties. He further stated that the committee was planning for a fall dance, open to members' guests, and that movies would again be resumed in the near future, probably on Thursday nights.

Mr. Voss, chairman of the Membership Committee, recommended to the Board that consideration be given to the establishment of the admission fee and dues for a Junior Member. On motion of Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Goetz and carried, the Board established an admission fee of fifty ($50.00) dollars, plus tax, and annual dues of sixty ($60.00) dollars plus tax for Junior Membership.

On motion of Mr. Bayer, seconded by Mr. Birdsall, the thanks of the Board were unanimously extended to Mr. Voss for his delicious shrimp cocktail, sirloin steak, and blueberry pie dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Bartlett to be host at the October meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Tim Davis
President

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

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A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held on Wednesday, September 28, 1949.

The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Bea[illegible] Binswanger, Birdsall, Bradley, Goetz, Hillyard, Marshall, Merrifield, Pitts and Voss.

Absent: Mr. Davis.

In the absence of the president, the meeting was conducted by the President, Mr. Birdsall.

Mr. Voss, chairman of the Membership Committee, presented the name William M. Wyeth III to the Board for consideration. In compliance with membership requirements of the club, Mr. Wyeth was elected a junior member. The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Wyeth of his election.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

September 28, 1949

Mr. Wm. M. Wyeth III
2916 Frederick Blvd.
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Bill:

It is my pleasant duty, as secretary of the Benton Club, to notify you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors this day you were elected to Junior Membership in the club. Your only obligation at this time ~~is~~ to remit to the club the admission fee for Junior Membership of $50 plus $10 tax, or a total of $60. Will you, at your convenience, please forward to the club your check in the amount of $60. Your dues, which will total $72 annually, are to be paid monthly, but only upon receiving the regular monthly statements, which are sent to members in the early part of each month.

Your election to membership entitles you to full privileges of the club beginning today. Please accept a sincere welcome from the Board of Directors and club members.

Sincerely,

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Clubhouse on Monday, October 9, 1949. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Beasley, Binswanger, Birdsall, Davis, Goetz, Marshall and Voss.

Absent: Messrs. Bradley, Hillyard, Merrifield and Pitts.

The minutes of the regular meeting held September 12, 1949, and the Special meeting held September 28, 1949, were read and approved.

In the absence of the treasurer, Mr. Binswanger presented the financial report on the operations of the club for the month of September, 1949, which showed a gain of $222.65 for that period.

The House Committee informed the directors that it would be necessary to build a new roof on the club as the other was beyond reasonable repair, such roof to cost approximately $1,100.00. As there was no alternative, the House Committee was instructed to go ahead with the project, and a motion made by Mr. Birdsall and seconded by Mr. Goetz and unanimously passed by the directors authorized such action.

Mr. Davis expressed a need for an investigation into possible means of increasing the revenue of the club. He is appointing a Financial Committee to study this problem and make a special report to the directors in the near future. Mr. Davis also stated that he was appointing a Legislative Committee to review the present by-laws and make suggestions as to possible changes therein.

Mr. Bartlett, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, stated that the opening movie had been quite a success and suggested that the ballroom be opened for cocktails and dinner each Sunday evening. The directory agreed with Mr. Bartlett that this should be tried and so instructed his committee to do so.

On motion by Mr. Voss, seconded by Mr. Goetz, the thanks of the Board were unanimously extended to Mr. Bartlett for his very special frogleg dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Bayer to be host at the November meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

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A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held on Monday, October 24, 1949.

The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Birdsall, Bradley, Davis, Goetz, Hillyard, Marshall, Merrifield, Pitts and Voss.

Absent: Mr. Beasley.

rs mailed to:

l. W. Broaddus	2110 Lovers Lane	Mrs. A. Z. Van Natta	Century Apts.
l. E. Costigan	Georgian Court	Mrs. C. H. Wallace	605 North 8
. L. Ford	2820 Lovers Lane	Mrs. Houston Wyeth	Frederick Blvd.
l. S. Forgrave	1908 Clay St.	Mrs. H. H. Broadhead	2015 Clay
. R. Forgrave	630 North 8 St.	Mrs. R. A. Brown	519 North 8
. G. Geiger	2731 Frederick	Mrs. W. M. Clark	2634 State St.
. I. Motter	2101 Faraon	Mrs. S. S. McCord	2702 Folsom
ary Neipp	2820 Frederick	Mrs. W. R. Randall	General Delivery -
. A. Potter	2604½ Pacific		Vero Beach, Florida
. F. Schmid	Victorian Court	Mrs. Vella B. Schmidt	418 North 7
. R. Taylor	627 North 25	Mrs. J. A. Warner	Hotel Robidoux
enyon V. Painter	2501 Frederick Ave.	Mrs. John Wyeth II	418 North Noyes Blvd.

November 5, 1949

Mrs. Wm. Albrecht
2818 Frederick
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Albrecht:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club, it was voted unanimously to abolish Honorary Membership in the Benton Club and establish instead Sustaining Membership, which carries an obligation of dues amounting to ten ($10.00) dollars, plus tax, per month, commencing November 1, 1949.

The Board regrets the necessity for this action and expresses the hope that all Honorary Members will become Sustaining Members and that they inform the secretary of their wishes in this matter.

Sincerely,

Secretary

D A Merrifield/O

BENTON CLUB

Invitation to become Sustaining Member mailed November 5, 1949	Secretary notified re. Sustaining Membership
Mrs. Wm. Albrecht	
Mrs. J. W. Broaddus	Accepted
Mrs. R. E. Costigan	Accepted
Mrs. F. L. Ford	Accepted
Mrs. H. S. Forgrave	
Mrs. L. R. Forgrave	Accepted
Mrs. C. G. Geiger	Declined
Mrs. S. I. Motter	
Miss Mary Neipp	Accepted
Mrs. C. A. Potter	
Mrs. W. F. Schmid	
Mrs. A. R. Taylor	
Mrs. A. Z. Van Natta	Declined
Mrs. C. H. Wallace	Accepted
Mrs. Houston Wyeth	Declined
Mrs. H. H. Broadhead	Accepted
Mrs. R. A. Brown	Declined
Mrs. W. M. Clark	Accepted
Mrs. S. S. McCord	Accepted
Mrs. W. R. Randall	Accepted
Mrs. Vella B. Schmidt	
Mrs. J. A. Warner	Accepted
Mrs. John Wyeth II	Accepted
Mrs. Kenyon V. Painter	Accepted

November 19, 1949

The report of the Special Financial Committee regarding the means of ncreasing the revenue of the club was discussed at length. On Motion of Mr. Pitts, econded by Mr. Birdsall and carried, the classification of Honorary Membership was hanged to Sustaining Membership and dues for Sustaining Members were established t $10.00 per month, plus tax, commencing November 1, 1949. Further, on motion of r. Hillyard, seconded by Mr. Goetz and carried, an assessment of $6.00 per month, lus tax, was placed on all regular members commencing November 1, 1949, and extending hroughout the year 1950.

On motion of Mr. Hillyard, seconded by Mr. Binswanger and carried, the esignation of Mr. John J. Tootle was regretfully accepted and the secretary was equested to so notify Mr. Tootle and advise him that the facilities of the club ould continue to be available to him.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held t the clubhouse on Monday, November 14, 1949. The following directors were present: essrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Beasley, Binswanger, Birdsall, Bradley, Hillyard, Marshall, errifield, Pitts, and Voss.

Absent: Messrs. Davis and Goetz.

The vice-president, Mr. Birdsall, presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 9, 1949, and the special eeting held October 24, 1949, were read and approved.

The treasurer, Mr. Pitts, presented the financial report on the operations the club for the month of October, 1949, which showed a gain of $183.60 for that eriod.

Mr. Binswanger, reporting for the House Committee, stated the redecoration the Oak Room, principally furniture and draperies, was in process and that a ecific plan as to the decoration of the dining and rose rooms was being prepared id would be presented to the Board.

Mr. Bartlett, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported favorably the status of the Thanksgiving dance and stated that the committee plans to conomically prepare the ballroom for the dance with appropriate decorations in eeping with the season.

Mr. Bradley, reporting for the Legislative Committee, proposed an amendment to the By-Laws of the Club to cause Section 1, Article I to be recorded as follows:

ARTICLE I

Membership (As amended September 13, 1948)

Section 1. Number of Members — The membership of this Club shall be limited to ~~eighty-~~ ninety five resident and twenty-five non-resident and twenty-five junior members, except that by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors present the membership may be increased to not more than one hundred resident, fifty non-resident and fifty junior members.

In concurrence with the Board of Directors present and in accordance with the By-Laws of the Club, the vice-president, Mr. Birdsall, instructed the secretary to notify each member of the Board, at least ten days prior to the December 1949 regular meeting, that the proposed amendment would be submitted to the Board at that meeting.

On motion of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Voss, the thanks of the Board were extended to Mr. Bayer for a delightful roast beef dinner, including blueberry pie, and the invitation of Mr. Beasley to be host at the December meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

True Davis
President

L A Merrifield
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the clubhouse on Monday, December 12, 1949. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Beasley, Binswanger, Birdsall, Davis, Hillyard, Marshall, Merrifield, Pitts and Voss.

Absent: Messrs. Bradley and Goetz.

The minutes of the regular meeting held November 14, 1949, were read and approved.

Mr. Pitts, the treasurer, presented the financial report on the operations of the club for the month of November 1949, which showed a gain of $364.19 for that period, after allocating $100.00 to the reserve fund for major alteration and repairs to the club and excluding the monies collected from the assessment of resident members

ters mailed to:

. Bartlett, Jr.	529 North 8	[illegible] Davis, Jr.	Belt [illegible]
. Bayer	RFD # 2	M. [illegible] Goetz	RFD # 1
. Beasley	1030 North Noyes	R. B. Hillyard	528 North [illegible]es
. Binswanger	502 North 22	Elliott Marshall, Jr	Country Cl[illegible] Place
. Birdsall	802 Hall	Beverly Pitts	1210 North [illegible]
. Bradley	2010 Ashland	F. H. Voss, Jr.	1302 North [illegible]
		D. A. Merrifield	1017 Angelique

November 19, 1949

Mr. W. C. Bartlett, Jr.
529 North 8 Street
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

The Legislative Committee, appointed by the President, reported at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors, held November 14, 1949, that a change in the By-Laws of the Benton Club was recommended. Such change to be an amendment to the By-Laws causing Section 1, Article I to read as follows:

ARTICLE I

Membership (As amended September 13, 1948)

Section 1. Number of Members. The membership of this Club shall be limited to ~~eighty-five~~ ninety resident and twenty-five non-resident and twenty-five junior members, except that by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors present the membership may be increased to not more than one hundred resident, fifty non-resident and fifty junior members.

The only change in the rewriting of the Section 1 in question is the insertion of the word present following the phrase "Board of Directors."

The foregoing proposed amendment will be presented to the Board of Directors at the December 1949 regular meeting.

This notice of the proposed amendment is sent to each Director in accordance with the By-Laws of the Club.

Very truly yours,

D A Merrifield/O Secretary

Mr. Binswanger, reporting for the House Committee, outlined a general program of alterations and repairs to the club which will be arranged as a plan and presented to the board for consideration in the near future.

After general discussion of insurance coverage on the club, on motion of Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Binswanger and carried, Mr. Marshall was instructed to procure an appraisal of the club building and contents and report such findings to the board.

Upon compliance with the required notice for change of the By-Laws of the Benton Club, the recommended change in Article I, Section 1, presented to the board at the regular meeting held November 14, 1949, was brought to the attention of the board. From the resulting vote of seven (7) affirmative and three (3) negative the By-Laws of the Benton Club were amended to cause Section 1, Article I, to read as follows:

ARTICLE I

Membership (As amended September 13, 1948)

Section 1. Number of Members — The membership of this Club shall be limited to ~~eighty-~~ ninety five resident and twenty-five non-resident and twenty-five junior members, except that by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors present the membership may be increased to not more than one hundred resident, fifty non-resident and fifty junior members.

Mr. Bartlett, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, informed the board of the completed arrangements for the holiday season parties and stated that his committee felt certain that members and guests would receive full enjoyment at these functions.

Mr. Voss, chairman of the Membership Committee, read the resignation of Mr. Louis Hax Smith from resident membership in the club. Although regretting the acceptance of a resignation of a membership of such long duration, on motion of Mr. Beasley, seconded by Mr. Birdsall, the resignation of Mr. Smith was unanimously accepted as of December 1, 1949, and he was to be so notified.

On motion of Mr. Hillyard, seconded by Mr. Davis, the unanimous thanks of the board were extended to Mr. Beasley for the excellent dinner of platter size filets, and the invitation of Mr. Binswanger to be host at the January regular meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Tell Davies
President

Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held the club on Monday, January 16, 1950. The following directors were present: ssrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Beasley, Binswanger, Birdsall, Bradley, Davis, Goetz, Pitts, d Voss.

Absent: Messrs. Hillyard, Marshall and Merrifield.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on December 12, 1949, were read d approved.

The treasurer reported the operations of the club for the month of December, 49, which disclosed a loss of $49.34.

The House Committee informed the board of the extremely poor condition of ning room service equipment. On motion duly seconded and carried, the House Committee s authorized to acquire the necessary quantities of linens, silverware and china to et the normal requirements of the club. After discussion on the necessity and visability of hiring a steward for the club, Messrs. Davis and Goetz submitted names possible candidates for the position. It was agreed that, upon inquiry and investi- tion, the names submitted would be considered by the board for action in the near ture.

The Entertainment Committee reported on their program of parties and ertainment activities during the holiday season. The board unanimously extended ngratulations to the Entertainment Committee for the exceptionally fine program of joyment made available by them to the members and guests and further expressed the ncere hope that they would continue such a program in 1950. The committee also orted that plans were under way for a Valentine's Day Tea Dance, February 12th, l that consideration was being given to furnish additional entertainment with movies l canasta parties.

The Membership Committee informed the board that it was doubtful as to L. H. Smith's understanding of his status regarding non-resident membership in the ub and asked that he be advised. The secretary was thereupon instructed to properly form Mr. Smith.

The dinner of oyster cocktail and prime ribs was thoroughly enjoyed as denced by the unanimous thanks of the board extended to the host, Mr. Binswanger. invitation of Mr. Birdsall to be host at the February meeting was accepted.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club on Monday, February 20, 1950. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Binswanger, Birdsall, Bradley, Davis, Goetz, Marshall, Merrifield, Pitts and Voss.

Absent: Messrs. Bayer, Beasley, Hillyard.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 16, 1950, were read and approved.

The treasurer reported that the operations of the club for the month of January 1950 reflected a gain of $493.36 and that each department had shown a profit result for that period. On motion of Mr. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Birdsall and unanimously carried, the treasurer was instructed to have the abstract of the Benton Club property brought to date and to procure a safety deposit box for the rentention of the abstract and all other valuable papers affecting the club.

Messrs. Davis and Binswanger, reporting for the House Committee, informed the board -

Mr. Clarence Aickenbrode had been employed as steward of the club at a salary of $300.00 monthly.

Mr. Earl L. Burt, the chef since May 1949, has resigned effective March 1, 1950.

A new refrigerator box has been purchased for food storage at a cost of $434.00.

An exhaust fan for the kitchen will be procured in the near future.

Favorable progress was being made on the procurement of the silverware and chinaware.

Mr. Voss, chairman of the Membership Committee, presented to the board for action letters from members requesting their resignation. On motion of Mr. Binswanger, seconded by Mr. Goetz and carried, the requested resignations of Mr. R. D. Kiefaber and Mr. W. J. Fleeman, Jr. from non-resident membership and of Mr. C. Ralph Seaman from resident membership were regretfully accepted.

The unanimous thanks of the board were extended to Mr. Birdsall for a delightful filet mignon dinner from the motion of Mr. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Binswanger. The board gratefully accepted the invitation of Mr. Davis to be host at the March meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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President

S. A. Merrifield
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club on Monday, March 13, 1950. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Binswanger, Bayer, Birdsall, Davis, Goetz, Hillyard, Marshall, Pitts and Voss.

Absent: Messrs. Beasley, Bradley and Merrifield.

Minutes of the regular meeting held on February 20, 1950, were read and approved.

The treasurer reported that the operations of the club for the month of February 1950 showed a loss of $361.80. However, this included salary for Mr. Burt for February, and salary and traveling expenses incurred in February for Mr. Rickenbrode. Assets of the club were reported as $9,281.71 reflecting an increase in this item. Liabilities were reported as $3,752.20. The treasurer reported the current position of the club would permit the setting up of reserves as planned and provided for. The treasurer reported there was $572.35 now in this fund and that approximately $2200.00 had already been spent in various improvements to and about the club.

The treasurer further reported that in a review of the past 37 months of operation of the club that 16 months the club operated in the black, 15 months in the red, and 6 months broke even. It was further apparent that the Cafe does not show that a break-even point exists. The expense normally follows the income of the club. This is further reflected in the fact that in the Cafe during the 37 months period - 6 months the Cafe operated in the black, 25 in the red, and 6 broke even.

The matter of prompt payment of bills was discussed and it was determined that this matter be watched very closely and more positive action taken in accordance with the established procedures if this matter failed to improve.

Motion was made by Mr. Bayer, seconded by Mr. Hillyard, and carried, that henceforth the resume of the meetings be mailed to the members immediately following the directors' meeting, rather than be included with the regular monthly statements.

The House Committee reported on the following:

1. Mr. Rickenbrode's activities in general.
2. The new china has been purchased.
3. That the new silverware has been ordered.
4. Interior redecorating in the club being done largely by Mr. Rickenbrode and his present help.

It was moved by Mr. Pitts and seconded by Mr. Goetz, and carried, that George Eckel be requested to make a survey of the club for various purposes.

The Entertainment Committee will make a report on a Sunday afternoon party to be held soon after Easter.

The Membership Committee submitted the name of Mr. Eugene Meier for membership. Mr. Meier was unanimously voted to membership by the directors. His name will be posted in accordance with the established procedure.

The name of Mr. Henry Bundschu was submitted for non-resident membership. Mr. Bundschu was unanimously accepted by the board of directors.

It was moved by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Binswanger and carried, that the annual dues of non-resident members must be paid for by said non-resident member for the entire year in advance and not pro-rated as has been past custom.

Unanimous thanks of the board were extended to Mr. Davis for his excellent dinner. The board gratefully accepted the invitation of Mr. Bradley being host of the April meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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President

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club on Monday, April 10, 1950. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bayer, Beasley, Binswanger, Birdsall, Bradley, Hillyard, Pitts, and Voss.

Absent: Messrs. Bartlett, Davis, Goetz, and Merrifield.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on March 13, 1950, were read and approved.

The treasurer reported that the operations of the club for the month of March 1950 showed a gain of $227.24.

The House Committee reported that the general improvements and redecorating being carried on within the club house were progressing favorably and that Mr. Rickenbrode had worked exceptionally hard in many capacities to bring about the clean-up and redecorating so that the club house would be fully available for members. Because of Mr. Rickenbrode's great interest in making the club house most pleasant, the board unanimously wish to have their compliments to him extended in the minutes of the meeting.

The Nominating Committee, comprising Messrs. H. F. Bayer, R. G. Clayton, and R. W. Orr, was selected and was instructed to prepare a list of candidates for election at the annual membership meeting to be held on May 15th, from which five directors were to be elected.

The unanimous thanks of the board were extended to Mr. Bradley for a very fine dinner fully enjoyed by all the board members. The invitation of Mr. Goetz to be host at the June meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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President

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

The annual membership meeting of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Monday, May 15, 1950. There were fifty-one (51) members present.

The president, True Davis, Jr., presided at the meeting, and the secretary, D. A. Merrifield, acted as secretary. The minutes of the annual meeting held May 9, 1949, were read and approved.

The treasurer, Beverly Pitts, presented the financial report, which showed a loss of $33.95 for the year. However, Mr. Pitts reported that the monthly reserve of $100 for club improvements was substantially intact, with a balance as of April 30, 1950, of $2347.43.

Mr. Binswanger reported for the House Committee and reviewed the various improvements which had recently been made or were practically completed. He further stated that there were no material improvements subject to consideration at present, as these recent changes had added substantially to the attractiveness and general physical betterment of the club.

Mr. W. C. Bartlett, Jr., reporting for the Entertainment Committee, informed the membership that the committee was very pleased with the attendance at all parties and, from the standpoint of general enjoyment of members, it was for his committee a successful year. He reminded the membership that in order to continue the success of these entertainments it would be necessary for members to continue in attendance.

Mr. Voss, chairman of the Membership Committee, stated that for the year ended April 1950 there resulted a decrease of two resident members, with no change in the number of non-resident members.

Mr. W. C. Bartlett, Sr., reporting for the Historical Committee, stated that there had been limited activity with respect to this committee during the past year, but that they would continue research and compilation of data and would, by the next annual meeting, have a report to submit to the membership.

The Nominating Committee, composed of Messrs. H. F. Bayer, R. G. Clayton, and R. W. Orr, presented a ballot containing twelve (12) candidates, from which five (5) receiving the greatest number of votes were to be elected directors of the club for a term of three (3) years.

Tellers were appointed by the president and submitted the results of the election, which disclosed that the following members were elected as directors for a term of three years:

L. Paul Forgrave
R. Wallace Orr
John T. Smith
Jack Tootle
T. R. Wall, Jr.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Monday, May 15, 1950, immediately following the annual membership meeting. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Forgrave, Goetz, Marshall, Merrifield, Orr, Pitts, Smith, Tootle, and Wall.

Absent: Mr. Hillyard.

On motions duly made and seconded, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President	M. K. Goetz
Vice-President	W. C. Bartlett, Jr.
Secretary	D. A. Merrifield
Treasurer	Beverly Pitts

The treasurer, Mr. Pitts, reported that operations of the club for the month of April, 1950, showed a loss of $97.41.

The request of Mr. Milton Tootle, Jr. to resign from regular membership in the club was submitted to the board. This request was accepted with regret and with the expression that, under more favorable circumstances, Mr. Tootle might at sometime in the future re-enter the club as a regular member.

The president, Mr. Goetz, reported that he would name the various committees in the near future and further stated that he would request the Nominating Committee to submit a plan or program with respect to the much discussed subject of the classes of membership.

On motion of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Binswanger, and carried, the secretary was requested to record in the minutes a recommendation to Mr. Rickenbrode for his sincere interest and work in actively cleaning up and redecorating the club for the benefit of the members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

M. Karl Goetz
President

D. A. Merrifield
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held in the club house on Monday, June 6, 1950. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Orr, Smith, Hillyard, Bayer, Pitts, Forgrave, Marshall, Goetz, Binswanger, and Tootle.

Absent: Messrs. Merrifield and Wall.

The minutes of the meeting of May 15 were read and duly approved. The sident, Mr. Goetz, advised of letters being sent to the Board of Directors listing ious committees for the coming year. Mr. Goetz also informed the directors that Rickenbrode had been informed not to go ahead with any new expenditures without specific approval of the committee responsible.

The treasurer, Mr. Pitts, reported that the operation of the club for the th of May, 1950, showed a net loss in the amount of $383.80. There followed a eral discussion of various items in the treasurer's report, consensus of opinion ng that there should be no further major expenditures until all outstanding expense totaled and exact financial position determined.

Mr. Binswanger reported that the only project left from the operation of preceding year's house committee was the painting of the card room. The chairman the house committee, Mr. Pitts, requested that all suggestions to the house committee made in writing in order that they may be attended to in order of importance and o to provide a record for such actions.

The membership chairman, Mr. Bartlett, submitted the name of Mr. Henry dscnu for non-resident membership and, as the name had been duly posted, Mr. Bunaschu unanimously voted to membership. It was directed that he shall be notified by the retary.

Mr. Marshall, chairman of the entertainment committee, asked the directors assist him in determining from the membership the approximate date on which a picnic ld be most desirable.

The unanimous thanks of the board were extended to Mr. Goetz for a very e dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Hillyard to be host at the July meeting was epted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

W. Earl Goetz
President

Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held Monday, July 10, 1950. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, er, Binswanger, Forgrave, Goetz, Marshall, Merrifield, Orr, Pitts, Smith, and Wall.

Absent: Messrs. Hillyard and Tootle.

The minutes of the meeting of Monday, June 6, 1950, were read and approved.

The treasurer, Mr. Pitts, reported that for the month of June the operations the club disclosed a loss of $435.83. He stated that, although this was a sizeable ount, it should not be alarming as, due to summer weather, vacations and many other ivities at this time of the year, the club regularly shows a loss for the warm weather nths.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, stated that there were n major projects under way and that the program undertaken by the previous House Com was coming to a close both physically and financially. The president, Mr. Goetz, expressed his complimentary opinion on the interest of the House Committee regardi the club's activities, whereby a meeting of this committee is held each Monday noo where all matters pertaining to the affairs of the club under the committee's juri diction were discussed. Mr. Goetz also stated that the committee encouraged other members of the board to attend these meetings.

Mr. Wall, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, stated that he was arranging for the summer picnic to be held on Sunday, August 27, and would continu his plans for that date unless some unforeseen circumstance prevented the use of t Gun Club's facilities. He further stated that arrangements were already under way the music and entertainment for the Christmas-New Year's activities.

Mr. Bartlett, chairman of the Membership Committee, reported that his mittee had been working on a proposal to secure additional younger members, which to include three divisions of membership - namely, Junior, Intermediate, and Regul each division to be defined by age limitation and have assessments and dues of diff denomination. In reporting this proposal he requested of the board that they expre their opinions as to the acceptance or rejection of this plan. On motion duly made seconded, and unanimously carried, the board accepted the form of proposal and ask that it be prepared in detail and submitted to the board for final action.

The name of Mr. Stuart W. Campbell was presented to the board for membership consideration. In accordance with the membership requirements of the club, Mr. Campbell was elected a regular member and the secretary was requested that he so notified.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Bayer, and unanimously carried, the board extended its thanks to Mr. Hillyard for a unique and exceptionally fine dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Marshall to be host at the August meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held on Monday, August 21, 1950. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Forgrave, Goetz, Hillyard, Marshall, Orr, Pitts, Smith, Tootle, and Wall.

Absent: Mr. Merrifield.

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 10, 1950, were read and approved.

The treasurer, Mr. Pitts, reported that there was a loss of $291.13 from he operations of the club for the month of July 1950.

Mr. Bartlett, chairman of the Membership Committee, submitted the following o the board for consideration as an amendment to Article I of the By-Laws:

ARTICLE I

Membership (Amended Sept. 13, 1948 and Dec. 12, 1949)

ection 1. Number of Members — The membership of this Club shall be limited to ninety resident, twenty-five intermediate, twenty-five non-resident, and twenty-five junior members, except that by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors present the membership may be increased to ot more than one hundred resident, fifty non-resident and fifty junior members.

ection 2. Qualifications — (a) No person shall be eligible to membership unless he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years; and that the age limitations for the various categories of membership shall be he following: junior membership, 21 to 29 years inclusive; intermediate membership 30 to 34 years inclusive; and regular membership, over 34 years.

The president, Mr. Goetz, instructed the Membership Committee to prepare a ist of potential junior and intermediate members to be mailed to each member of the oard for his individual consideration, each board member to designate his acceptance r rejection of the individual names submitted and return the list by mail to the embership Committee. These lists were to have no identification marks, nor were they o be signed by the members voting, thereby permitting a secret ballot regarding the otential members.

The unanimous thanks of the board were expressed to Mr. Elliott Marshall or a delightful dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Merrifield to be host at the eptember meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held n Monday, September 18, 1950. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, ayer, Binswanger, Forgrave, Goetz, Marshall, Merrifield, Orr, Pitts, Smith, and Tootle.

Absent: Messrs. Hillyard and Wall.

The minutes of the meeting held Monday, August 21, 1950, were read and pproved.

The treasurer, Mr. Pitts, reported that there was a gain of $121.70 from the operations of the club for the Month of August 1950.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the committee was considering various means of improving service and reducing the cost of operation and that any changes from the present method of operation would be reported to the board when such changes became effective. Mr. Pitts further stated that as all information regarding the redecoration of the Green Room had not been received, the committee has not decided what action toward the redecoration of the Green Room will be taken this year.

Mr. Marshall informed the board that the Entertainment Committee was planning for a Thanksgiving party.

The name of Mr. Wendell E. Smith, having been posted for the required time, was presented to the board for consideration for membership. The unanimous vote of the directors present elected Mr. Smith to regular membership. The secretary was requested to notify Mr. Smith of the board's action.

After considerable discussion regarding potential new members, Messrs. Bartlett and Orr of the Membership Committee were requested to concentrate for the present on prospective intermediate and junior memberships from the names approved by the board.

On motion of Mr. Binswanger, seconded by Mr. Bayer and carried, the board extended thanks to Mr. Merrifield for a nice steak dinner. The invitation of Mr. Orr to be host at the October meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

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A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held October 2, 1950. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Forgrave, Goetz, Hillyard, Marshall, Orr, Pitts, Smith, and Tootle.

Absent: Messrs. Binswanger, Merrifield, and Wall.

The recommendation of the Membership Committee at the regular meeting held August 21, 1950, to amend the By-Laws of the Benton Club regarding membership categories and classifications having been approved by the board, the required notice had been given the board members of the proposed amendment and upon presentation was unanimously approved, causing the amended By-Laws to read as follows:

LONG DISTANCE CALLS

We prefer you to charge the call to your home or business phone. Otherwise please record same as follows:

Date Call made _____

Call to (City) _____

Member placing call _____

ARTICLE I

Membership (Amended Sept. 13, 1948 and Dec. 12, 1949)

Section 1. Number of Members — The membership of this Club shall be limited to ninety resident, twenty-five intermediate, twenty-five non-resident, and twenty-five junior members, except that by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors present the membership may be increased to not more than one hundred resident, fifty non-resident and fifty junior members.

Section 2. Qualifications — (a) No person shall be eligible to membership unless he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years; and that the age limitations for the various categories of membership shall be the following: junior membership, 21 to 29 years inclusive; intermediate membership, 30 to 34 years inclusive; and regular membership, over 34 years.

Mr. Bartlett, chairman of the Membership Committee, reported that with the new classification of memberships it was very likely that a number of younger potential members could financially become club members and that several names would be posted and eligible for election at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held on Monday, October 16, 1950. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Forgrave, Goetz, Hillyard, Marshall, Merrifield, Orr, Pitts, Smith, and Tootle.

Absent: Mr. Wall.

The minutes of the meeting of Monday, September 18, 1950, and those of the special meeting held October 2, 1950, were read and approved.

Mr. Pitts, the treasurer, reported that, for the month of September, the club showed a gain of $302.86.

Reports from the House Committee disclosed that economies were being effected in club operations and that there were many evidences of improved service.

The Entertainment Committee reported that the plans for a party on or about Thanksgiving Day were progressing and when completed the membership would be notified.

Mr. Bartlett, chairman of the Membership Committee, submitted the following for election to membership in the designated classifications:

A. L. Bartlett, III	Junior
Jerry W. Hillyard	Junior
H. F. Bayer, Jr.	Junior
R. Haskell Hillyard	Junior
J. H. McCord, III	Junior
David H. Morton	Junior
J. M. Ford, II	Intermediate
George W. Roth	Intermediate
John H. Roth, III	Regular
C. T. Richmond, III	Regular

The foregoing, having qualified as to membership requirements, were unanimously elected as classified.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, seconded by Dr. Forgrave and unanimously carried, the thanks of the board were extended to Mr. Orr for a delightful dinner. The invitation of Mr. Pitts to be host at the November regular meeting dinner was accept

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

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A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held on Monday, October 30, 1950. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlet Bayer, Binswanger, Forgrave, Goetz, Marshall, Merrifield, Orr, Smith, Tootle, and Wall.

Absent: Messrs. Hillyard and Pitts.

Mr. Bartlett, chairman of the Membership Committee, submitted the followi for election to membership:

Robert Barrie	Regular
Warren C. Cavins	Regular
William Bell	Intermediate
Jarrot McCord	Intermediate
Clark Beckley	Non-resident
John Mahaffey	Non-resident

The above, having complied with the requirements of the By-Laws, were voted upon and were unanimously elected to the respective memberships.

Mr. Wall, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported that the committee was investigating the renewal of picture showing on Thursday nights and the playing of bingo on Sunday nights. He also stated that when the date and type of party for near Thanksgiving Day were fully determined the membership would be notified.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

President

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held on Monday, November 13, 1950. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Forgrave, Goetz, Hillyard, Marshall, Orr, Pitts, Smith, Tootle and Wall.

Absent: Mr. Merrifield.

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 16, 1950, and those of the special meeting held October 30, 1950, were read and approved.

Mr. Pitts, treasurer reported that the operations of the club for the month of October 1950 showed a gain of $1,142.20, of which $1,083.33 represented initiation fees of the recently accepted members.

There was considerable discussion from the members of the House Committee relative to the club's operations and management during the past several months, and the committee concluded with a recommendation that Mr. Rickenbrode be dismissed as steward and that Mr. Morris Kaplinger be employed as steward in his place. Although this action was purely a function of the House Committee, the board members present unanimously approved the House Committee's recommendation.

Mr. Wall, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, informed the board that a Thanksgiving party had been definitely arranged and planned and that the membership would be notified by mail.

The unanimous thanks of the board were extended to Mr. Pitts for an excellent dinner, and the invitation of Dr. Forgrave to be host at the December meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

D.A. Merrifield
Secretary

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A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held on Monday, December 4, 1950. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Goetz, Hillyard, Marshall, Merrifield, Orr, Pitts, Smith, Tootle, and Wall.

Absent: Dr. Forgrave.

The name of Dr. Thompson E. Potter was presented to the board for membership consideration. Dr. Potter, having complied with the membership requirements, was unanimously elected to regular membership.

Due to the present marital status of Mrs. William B. Sherwood, formerly Mrs. John Wyeth II, the secretary was requested to inform Mrs. Sherwood that, as she presently does not comply with the sustaining membership requirements, she cannot be retained as a club member.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

D.A. Merrifield
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held on Monday, December 18, 1950. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Forgrave, Goetz, Marshall, Merrifield, Orr, Smith, Tootle, and Wall.

Absent: Messrs. Hillyard and Pitts.

The minutes of the regular meeting held November 13, 1950, and those of the special meeting held December 4, 1950, were read and approved.

Mr. Binswanger, reporting for Mr. Pitts, the treasurer, stated that the operations of the club for the month of November 1950 reflected a loss of $1,072.74. This seizeable deficit includes an adjustment in inventory of food and supplies in excess of $600.00 and petty cash of $90.00.

Due to irregularities reported to members of the board, the president, Mr. Goetz, instructed the House Committee to check periodically with the steward to see that all members adhered to the house rules. In particular, the steward was to be advised that no "Late Charge" was to be assessed members on nights of regular club parties, that the "Late Charge" became effective after midnight on all nights except Saturday when the effective time for such charge is extended until 1:00 A.M. Sunday.

Mr. Wall, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, informed the board that his committee was contemplating the showing of movies and the playing of bingo after the holiday season and that the membership would be notified of the dates of these events.

The unanimous thanks of the board were extended to Dr. Forgrave for a fine dinner delightful in taste and with excellent accessories. The invitation of Mr. Goetz to be host at the January meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

D A Merrifield
Secretary

President

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held on Monday, January 8, 1951. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bayer, Binswanger, Forgrave, Goetz, Hillyard, Marshall, Merrifield, Orr, Pitts, Smith, Tootle, and Wall.

Absent: Mr. Bartlett.

The treasurer, Mr. Pitts, presented the financial report on the operations of the club for the month of December 1950, which showed a loss of $862.31 for that period. Mr. Pitts further reported that the stated loss was not a true disclosure of the December operations, as the cost of some food, accessories, and labor affecting the cost of the New Year's Eve party were included in the deficit and could not readily be segregated.

After a general discussion on the accounting arrangement of the financial ports, the treasurer was directed to obtain an accountant at a reasonable cost to classify the financial statement accounts so that the monthly receipts and disbursements could be better understood by the directors.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the committee was udying the use of the club's facilities to determine the possibility of eliminating curtailing some operating expenses and that the result of this study would be reported to the board.

Mr. Wall informed the board that the Entertainment Committee had arranged r a Bingo Buffet to be held on Sunday evening, January 14th and that each member uld be notified. Mr. Wall also stated that the committee was working on plans for Valentine's Day party.

For the delicious beef tenderloin dinner, Mr. Goetz was extended the unanimous anks and appreciation of the board. The invitation of Mr. Smith to be host at the ruary meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held Monday, February 12, 1951. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, nswanger, Forgrave, Marshall, Orr, Pitts, Smith, and Tootle.

Absent: Messrs. Bayer, Goetz, Hillyard, Merrifield, and Wall.

In the absence of the president, Mr. Goetz, the vice president, Mr. Bartlett, esided.

The treasurer, Mr. Pitts, presented the financial report on the operations the club for the month of January 1951, which showed a gain of $193.38 for that riod. Mr. Pitts further reported that the gain, as shown, reflects revenues received the club which are non-recurrent monthly, but which usually occur at this time of e year.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, stated that there were a nber of matters which his committee had been discussing during the past month and requested the Board's permission to invite the steward, Mr. Morris Kaplinger, to gage in a general discussion with the Board, covering such matters as pertain to e general operation of the club. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, . Morris Kaplinger appeared. This discussion resulted in the following recommendaons, which were approved by the Board to become effective at once.

1. No special dinners to be served on club nights. A la carte ordering only.

2. Two waitresses instead of three on club nights.

3. Elimination of the pantry girl due to cancelling of special dinners from the menu.

4. Price of regular lunch raised to $1, and the price of the regular lunch sandwich raised to 85¢.

5. Charge for meals for all help raised to 75¢ per meal. They are privileged to bring their own food.

The Board unanimously approved the recommendations and requested that the acting president instruct the secretary to inform all members, in writing, of the foregoing, approved recommendations, and that in the notice members be also informed that this action was taken at this time to avoid an increase in dues or the placing of an assessment.

Mr. Marshall, representing the Entertainment Committee, informed the Board that due to increased costs, particularly those pertaining to the serving of food, it would be relatively impossible to arrange for the serving of food at parties other than those for which each member was assessed, and his committee would recommend to the Board that for such parties food would be prepared for those making reservations. Those attending the parties without reservations may not find food available for them. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the acting president was requested to inform the general membership of this action in the notice containing the recommendations of the House Committee.

Mr. Marshall further reported that the Valentine Party, although the attendance was quite small, was successful from the standpoint of enjoyment to the members and financially beneficial to the club.

The name of Mr. Ralph Douglas was presented to the Board for membership consideration by the Membership Committee. Mr. Douglas, his name having been previously considered and posted and having met the membership requirements of the club, had been unanimously elected to regular membership. Mr. Douglas is to be advised as to the action of the Board by the Membership Committee.

The unanimous thanks of the Board were extended to Mr. Smith for a very fine wild rice and duck dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Tootle to be host at the March meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held onday, March 12, 1951. Thefollowing directors were present: Messrs. Bayer, wanger, Forgrave, Hillyard, Marshall, Merrifield, Orr, Pitts, Smith, Tootle, and .

Absent: Messrs. Bartlett and Goetz.

In the absence of the president and vice president, the secretary presided.

The minutes of the regular meeting held February 12, 1951, were read and oved.

The treasurer, Mr. Pitts, presented the financial report on the operations he club for the month of February 1951, which showed a loss of $626.41 for that od. Mr. Pitts informed the board members that the total revenues of the club appreciably short of the monies necessary to meet the current costs of operation that unless the revenues were increased,sizeable monthly losses would continue.

It was concluded that the future monthly financial reports would be pre- d to reflect income and expense of the separate operating functions of the club, uding arbitrary labor allocations, and that the monthly payroll, listing the oyees and the individual amounts paid for the month, would appear as a separate in the statement.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the committee ontinuing to study and investigate possibilities of reducing operating cost of club and that their activity will continue in this direction to obtain for the ers desirable service at the lowest possible cost.

From a lengthy discussion of the financial position of the club it was luded that, to avoid continued monthly deficits, it was imperative that member- dues or membership assessment be placed in effect immediately. On motion of Pitts, seconded by Mr. Marshall and unanimously carried, a monthly assessment erein designated would become effective April 1, 1951:

Membership Category	Monthly Assessment		
	Base	Fed. Tax	Total
Regular	$5.10	$1.02	$6.12
Intermediate	2.40	.48	2.88
Sustaining	2.40	.48	2.88
Junior	1.20	.24	1.44

that the question of increased dues or an assessment, together with the details he club's financial status, be brought to the attention of the members at the al membership meeting in May 1951, at which time action of the general membership l become effective.

Mr. Wall, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, informed the board that committee was planning a low priced party for the latter part of this month and if the necessary arrangements can be made the party date will be established the membership notified.

The unanimous thanks of the board were extended to Mr. Tootle for a delicious steak dinner, and the invitation of Mr. Wall to be host at the April meeting was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

President

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held on Monday, April 9, 1951. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Binswanger, Forgrave, Goetz, Marshall, Merrifield, Orr, Pitts, Tootle, and Wall.

Absent: Messrs. Hillyard and Smith.

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 12, 1951, were read and approved.

The treasurer, Mr. Pitts, in reporting the financial position of the club stated that there was an operating loss of $19.87 for the month of March 1951. Mr. Pitts received an expression of appreciation for the presentation of the statement of profit and loss on the new basis.

Mr. Pitts, reporting for the House Committee, informed the Board that, in keeping with the committee's activities of reducing operating expenses, the labor cost for the month of March reflected a reduction over comparable previous periods without the restriction of service to the members. After some discussion, it was agreed that the question of procuring a television set for the club be presented to the general membership at the annual meeting next month for consideration and action.

Mr. Wall, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, informed the Board that, due to the success of the March low priced party, his committee was planning a similar event in the latter part of this month. When arrangements had been completed and the date determined, the membership would be notified.

Mr. Wall received the unanimous thanks of the Board for the delightful beef tenderloin dinner and the invitation of Mr. Bartlett to be host at the June meeting was accepted.

Mr. Goetz, the president, presiding at this last meeting of the present Board, expressed his sincere thanks for the assistance and cooperation from the Board members and the other officers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

President

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Annual Election For

DIRECTORS

of

enton Club, St. Joseph, Mo.

May 14, 1951

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Vote for four (4) only

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radley, D. R.

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The annual membership meeting of the Benton Club was held at the clubhouse Monday, May 14, 1951. There were fifty-six (56) members present.

The President, M. Karl Goetz, presided at the meeting and Dr. L. Paul Forgrave acted as secretary. The minutes of the annual meeting held May 1950 were read and approved. The president advised the membership that all current bills were paid, plus $4100 in accrued liabilities from the fiscal year of 1950.

The Membership Committee chairman, Walter C. Bartlett, Jr., reported on the membership categories during the year. The club as of this date had 86 regular members, 7 junior members, 11 intermediate members, 12 sustaining members, and 21 non-resident members. Mr. Bartlett asked the membership to submit names of prospective members to the Membership Committee for action by the board.

Mr. Elliott Marshall reported for the Entertainment Committee. All functions during the year were financially successful. The innovation of the one dollar Saturday Night dances had had good acceptance by the membership.

Mr. Floyd Sprague reported for the Legislative Committee. All by-laws of the club were revised and brought up to date during the year of 1951.

Mr. Beverly Pitts, treasurer and chairman of the House Committee, reported that during the fiscal year of 1951 the cafe loss was $4951. However, this was made up by assessments against the membership. The operating loss for the year was $1557. It was pointed out that this also included the payment of $4100 of accrued liabilities for the prior year.

Judge G. L. Zwick reported for the Historical Committee. The Club was founded 64 years ago by one hundred St. Joseph citizens. The first meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce building. The name of Benton Club was unanimously selected in memory of Thomas Hart Benton, great Missouri senator who died in 1858. Senator Benton represented Missouri in Washington from 1820 to 1850. He championed the movement to include the Platte Purchase in the State of Missouri, which at that time consisted of the six Northwest Missouri counties including the county of Buchanan. At the State Historical Society meeting held recently, Judge Zwick reported that he saw a painting of Thomas Hart Benton. He asked a trustee of the State Historical Society, Henry C. Thompson, where a copy of the painting could be obtained. Mr. Thompson, an amateur artist himself of some note, volunteered to reproduce the painting himself. Judge Zwick then presented this painting to the Benton Club in behalf of Mr. Thompson. The painting was suitably framed by Judge Zwick and will be hung in an appropriate place in the clubhouse.

It was moved and seconded that a resolution thanking Mr. Thompson be drawn up by Judge Zwick and forwarded by the secretary.

It was moved and seconded that Judge Zwick be given a vote of thanks for his extensive efforts in behalf of the club in regard to the above-mentioned painting.

The nominating committee presented a slate of twelve candidates from which four receiving the greatest number of votes were to be elected

Directors of the Club for a term of three years. Tellers were appointed by the president and submitted the results of the election as follows:

David R. Bradley
Roy C. Bretz
John D. McCaskey
Thomas C. Reck

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Walter C. Bartlett Jr.
President

David R. Bradley
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the clubhouse Monday, May 14, immediately following the annual meeting. The following directors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bradley, Bretz, Forgrave, Marshall, Orr, Pitts, Smith, Reck, and Tootle.

Absent: Messrs. McCaskey, Wall, and Binswanger.

Dr. L. Paul Forgrave presided as chairman. On motions duly made and seconded, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President:	Walter C. Bartlett, Jr.
Vice-President:	R. Wallace Orr
Secretary:	David R. Bradley
Treasurer:	John D. McCaskey

The name of John P. Barclay was submitted for a vote of the directorate as a non-resident member. Mr. Barclay was unanimously elected.

The president, Mr. Bartlett, reported that he would name the various committees in the near future. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Walter C. Bartlett Jr.
President

David R. Bradley
Secretary

May 15, 1951

Mr. John P. Barclay
Wire Rope Corporation of America
464 Congress Avenue
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Barclay:

At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club your name was presented, and upon action of the entire board, you were elected a non-resident member of the club.

As a non-resident member, there is no obligation on your part for initiation fee or assessments, merely the fixed amount of annual dues, which are to be paid in advance yearly. The dues for a non-resident member are $25, plus federal tax of $5, or a total of $30. Will you arrange at your convenience to forward your check in the amount of $30 to the club.

In behalf of the directors and members I wish to extend you a very pleasant welcome to the club and assure you that we will be glad to see you with us as many times as possible in the future.

Cordially,

DAVID R. BRADLEY
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held Tuesday, June 11, 1951, at 7:30 P.M.

The following directors were present: Roy C. Bretz, Walter C. Bartlett, Jr., John D. McCaskey, Thomas C. Reck, L. Paul Forgrave, M. E. Binswanger, Elliott Marshall, Jr., R. Wallace Orr, Beverly Pitts, John T. Smith, Jack Tootle, David R. Bradley.

Absent: Robert Wall.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

The financial report showed a loss of $63.39 for May 1951.

The steward appeared before the Board and suggested the Club install two cigarette machines, pointing out that the loss in the Cigar Department was confined entirely to cigarettes. Upon the unanimous vote of the Board, two cigarette machines were ordered installed in the Club, one in the front office and one in the Dutch Room.

Upon the unanimous vote of the Board, the steward was reimbursed in the amount of approximately $89.00 for transportation charges from San Francisco to St. Joseph occasioned by an arrangement between Morris and the Previous steward.

By unanimous vote of the Board the steward's vacation of two weeks in July was authorized, the exact date to be set by the house committee.

The name of Mr. Lakin Meade, a resident of Topeka, applying for non-resident membership, was ordered posted on the bulletin board.

Upon resignation of Mr. Wallace Orr as Chairman of the House Committee, Roy C. Bretz agreed to act as chairman.

The Board authorized the Historical Committee to get bids on an undetermined quantity of suitable booklets setting forth the historical data now compiled and to report to the board the cost.

The Board thanked Mr. Walter Bartlett Jr., for an excellent dinner and accepted Mr. Binswanger's invitation for the Board Dinner July 9th.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

W. C. Bartlett Jr.
President

David R. Bradley
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held ay, July 9th, 1951, at 7:30 P.M.

The following directors were present: Roy C. Bretz, Walter C. Bartlett, Jr., D. McCaskey, Thomas C. Reck, L. Paul Forgrave, M. E. Binswanger, Elliott all, Jr., R. Wallace Orr, David R. Bradley.

Absent: Robert Wall, Beverly Pitts, John T. Smith, Jack Tootle.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

The financial report showed a loss of $268.73 for the month of June.

The Treasurer, after submitting his report, suggested that the Secretary e members whose house accounts were in arrears over 90 days that the club in need of money and request that the arrearage be settled promptly.

The Membership Committee submitted the name of Mr. Lakin Meade for non-ent membership. By unanimous vote of the board, Mr. Meade was elected he Secretary instructed to advise him accordingly.

The Board was advised that the Historical Committee would make a report thirty-two page booklet covering the history of the Benton Club from its tion at the following meeting.

The Board thanked Mr. Melvin Binswanger for an excellent dinner and ted Mr. Bradley's invitation for the Board Dinner August 13th.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

President

Secretary

July 11, 1951

Mr. Lakin Meade
Box 925
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Meade:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club your name was presented, and upon motion of the entire board, you were elected a non-resident member of the club.

As a non-resident member, there is no obligation on your part for initiation fee or assessments, merely the fixed amount of annual dues, which are to be paid in advance yearly. The dues for a non-resident member are $25, plus Federal Tax of $5, or a total of $30. Will you arrange at your convenience to forward your check in the amount of $30 to the club.

In behalf of the directors and members I wish to extend you a very pleasant welcome to the club and assure that we will be glad to see you with us as many times as possible in the future.

Cordially,

DAVID R. BRADLEY
Secretary

LAKIN MEADE
BOX 925
TOPEKA, KANSAS

, July 21, 1951

Mr. David R. Bradley, Secretary
The Benton Club
Fareon at Seventh
St. Joseph, 51, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bradley:

On account of the flood I was marooned in North Topeka and this is my first day back.

I was happy to receive your letter in regard to the non-resident membership and am enclosing my check for $30.00 as per statement.

Thanking you and with kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly

Lakin Meade
mrw
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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held Monday, September 10, 1951, at 7:30 P.M.

The following directors were present: Roy C. Bretz, Walter C. Bartlett, Jr., John D. McCaskey, Thomas C. Reck, L. Paul Forgrave, M. E. Binswanger, Elliott Marshall, Jr., R. Wallace Orr, John T. Smith, David R. Bradley, Robert R. Wall.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

The financial report showed a profit of $42.03 for the month of August. The Treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, made a motion that a house account of $81.31 of the previous steward, Mr. Rickenbrode, be charged off as an uncollectible account. The motion was seconded and carried. An additional account of $68.13 to the Beaty Store #39, contracted for by Mr. Rickenbrode, was also added to his account and charged off.

Mr. Roy C. Bretz, chairman of the House Committee, reported a profit of $232.00 on the annual Club picnic. Mr. Bretz reported that a request of salary increase of $25 a month for the chef had been made. After some discussion, it was voted to leave this raise in salary to the discretion of the House Committee. A sample of a new porch chair was exhibited to the Board of Directors for approval and the Board authorized the House Committee to purchase 12 of these chairs at $111.

The Entertainment Committee had no report.

Mr. John T. Smith reporting for the Membership Committee submitted the resignation of Joseph Corby. The resignation, as of October 1st, was regretfully accepted by the Board, and the privileges of the Club were extended to Mr. Corby for his lifetime.

Mr. Bartlett, the President, reported that the Historical Committee has volunteered to underwrite the cost of a historical booklet on the Benton Club. It was moved and seconded that the booklet be sent to the members and a charge of three dollars each be placed on their house account, providing there is no objection by an individual member.

The Board thanked Mr. Bretz for an excellent steak dinner and accepted Mr. Marshall's invitation for the Board Dinner October 8th.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

W C Bartlett Jr
President

David R. Bradley
Secretary

CORBY ESTATE
1111-12 CORBY BUILDING
ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

August 20th, 1951

The Board of Directors,
Benton Club,
7th & Faraon Streets,
City.

Gentlemen:-

As you possibly know my uncle, Joseph Corby, is seriously ill and his doctors feel that, though he may live for some time, he has no chance of recovery. In view of these facts I am writing to ask that you accept his resignation from the Benton Club.

Most sincerely yours,

John Corby

JC:MH.

September 12, 1951

Mr. John Corby
Corby Estate
1111-12 Corby Bldg.
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mr. Corby:

At the Board of Directors meeting of the Benton Club September 10th the resignation of your wife, Joseph Corby, was accepted with regret.

It was unanimously voted to extend the privileges of the Benton Club to Joseph Corby for his lifetime.

Cordially yours,

DAVID R. BRADLEY
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held Monday, October 8, 1951, at 7:30 P.M.

The following directors were present: T. R. Wall, Walter C. Bartlett, Jr., Elliott Marshall Jr., L. Paul Forgrave, Roy C. Bretz, M. E. Binswanger, Jack Tootle, and David R. Bradley.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Binswanger read the treasurer's report in the absence of Mr. McCaskey. He reported a profit of $407.11 for the month of September.

Mr. Roy C. Bretz, Chairman of the House Committee, officially reported the dismissal of Morris Kaplinger, the Steward, who had been arrested by the FBI on fraudulent check charges. In lieu of a full-time steward, the chef was assuming some of the responsibilities formerly held by Kaplinger. The rest of the employees were assuming other responsibilities - all reporting directly to Mr. Bretz. Mr. Bretz modestly reported on a number of services to the club which were being done at decreased cost.

Mr. Jack Tootle, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, asked for an expression of feeling on the part of the Board of Directors towards the resumption of the Dollar Dances during October and November. He stated that arrangements would be made for Wildlife Films to be shown on a Thursday night in the near future.

After a discussion on past due house accounts, the following motion was made by Mr. David Bradley. All indebtedness to the club would be due and payable in the month following its inception. If not paid by the last day of the month, a 5% penalty will be charged on the amount past due and each month thereafter an additional 5% will be charged. The motion was seconded by L. Paul Forgrave and unanimously carried.

In the absence of Mr. John T. Smith, Mr. Marshall presented several names which had been proposed for membership. It was the consensus that these names not be voted on due to the sparcity of attendance at this director's meeting.

The Board thanked Mr. Marshall for an excellent duck dinner and accepted Mr. McCaskey's invitation for the Board Dinner November 12th.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

W. C. Bartlett Jr.
President

David R. Bradley
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held Monday, November 12, 1951. The following directors were present: Walter C. Bartlett, Jr., Elliott Marshall, Jack Tootle, Dr. L. Paul Forgrave, R. Wallace Orr, John T. Smith, Melvin Binswanger, Roy C. Bretz, Beverly Pitts, and David R. Bradley. Absent: T. R. Wall, John D. McCaskey, and Thomas C. Reck.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of Mr. McCaskey, Mr. Pitts read the financial statement, which showed a net profit for the month of October of $514.09. This was the highest net profit for the month of October in the memory of any of the directors present.

Mr. Roy C. Bretz, Chairman of the House Committee, reported that the use of the cafeteria facilities was increasing, During the month of October, 649 noonday meals and 431 evening meals were served. Furthermore, Mr. Bretz reported that the inventory was gradually being reduced so that the turnover of the kitchen stock could be made at a higher rate.

Mr. Jack Tootle, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported a net profit of $128.15 for the dinner dance during the month of October. The Entertainment Committee was planning a dance the night before Thanksgiving, the attendance fee to be one dollar per person.

Mr. John T. Smith, chairman of the membership committee, submitted several names for discussion but no action was taken.

The Board thanked Dr. L. Paul Forgrave for an excellent Canadian goose dinner, and accepted Mr. McCaskey's invitation for the dinner of December 10th.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

W. C. Bartlett Jr.
President

David R. Bradley
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held Monday, December 10, 1951.

All of the directors were present, with the exception of T. R. Wall, Dr. L. Paul Forgrave, and Jack Tootle.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, reported a net of $646.03 for the month of November. Mr. McCaskey stated that in his memory this is the highest monthly net in the history of the Club.

Mr. Roy C. Bretz, Chairman of the House Committee, reported that the number of meals being served was showing an increase. During the month of October 1951 649 luncheons were served and 437 dinners. During the month of November, 692 luncheons and 502 dinners. Mr. Bretz also reported that the inventory had been reduced by fifty three dollars.

In the absence of Mr. Tootle, Mr. Bretz reported for the Entertainment Committee. The profit on the Thanksgiving dance was $118.25. The normal Christmas Season entertainment plans were well in hand; such as the Christmas Day Eggnog Party, Christmas Day Tea Dance, and the New Year's Eve Party.

Mr. John T. Smith, Chairman of the Membership Committee, submitted several names for discussion but no action was taken.

The Board thanked Mr. McCaskey for an excellent dinner; and accepted Mr. Orr's kind invitation for the Board Dinner January 14th.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

W P Bartlett Jr.

David R. Bradley

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held Monday, January 14, 1952.

The following directors were present: Roy C. Bretz, Walter C. Bartlett, Jr., John D. McCaskey, Thomas C. Reck, L. Paul Forgrave, M. E. Binswanger, R. Wallace Orr, Beverly Pitts, John T. Smith, Jack Tootle, David R. Bradley, and Robert Wall.

Absent: Elliott Marshall, Jr.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Mr. McCaskey, Treasurer, reported a net profit of $278.09 for December 1951 versus a loss of $862.31 for the month of December 1950.

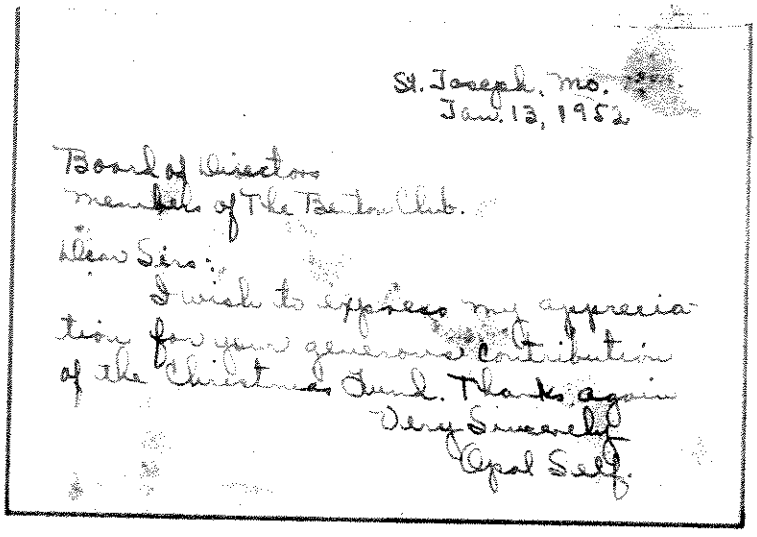
Mr. Bretz reported for the House Committee that during the month of December 748 luncheons were served and 773 evening meals.

Mr. Tootle reported that the entertainment for the Christmas season was a financial success. He estimated that the profit for the Christmas party was approximately $225 and the profit for the New Year's party nearly $500.

Mr. John T. Smith, reporting for the Membership Committee, submitted one name for discussion, but no action was taken.

Mr. Bartlett reported that the Historical Committee thought that the booklet on the history of the Benton Club would be published in about two weeks.

The secretary read the following note:



St. Joseph, Mo.
Jan. 13, 1952

Board of Director
members of The Benton Club.

Dear Sirs:

I wish to express my appreciation for your generous contribution of the Christmas Fund. Thanks again

Very Sincerely
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The Board thanked Mr. Orr for an excellent fried chicken dinner and accepted Mr. Pitts' kind invitation for the Board Dinner February 11th.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

David R. Bradley
President

W. M. Burton, Jr.
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club as held Monday, February 11th, 1952.

The following directors were present: Roy C. Bretz, Walter C. artlett, Jr., Thomas C. Reck, L. Paul Forgrave, M. E. Binswanger, lliott Marshall, Jr., R. Wallace Orr, John T. Smith, Jack Tootle, avid R. Bradley, and Robert Wall.

Absent: John D. McCaskey and Beverly Pitts.

In the absence of Mr. McCaskey, Mr. Binswanger submitted the reasurer's report, which showed a profit for the month of January f $1,321.65.

Mr. Roy C. Bretz, Chairman of the House Committee, reported that he current inventory is $1,076 as opposed to $1,440 for the same month ast year. The club served 694 luncheons and 373 night meals during the onth of January.

Mr. Bretz reported that the club was currently carrying eighty-five housand dollars insurance on the building, ten thousand dollars on ontents, and six thousand burglary coverage. These policies are all n a five year basis and earn the benefit of a lower rate because of hat plan.

Mr. Jack Tootle reported for the Entertainment Committee that dance was planned for the 16th of February, the charge to be one ollar with a dinner at $2.50. Mr. Tootle reported that some con-deration was being given to a dance about Easter but no definite ans have been formulated as yet.

Mr. John T. Smith, Chairman of the Membership Committee, submitted e name for consideration but no action was taken.

The Board thanked Mr. Reck for an excellent steak dinner, and cepted Mr. Pitts' kind invitation for the Board Dinner March 10th.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

David R. Bradley
David R. Bradley, Secretary

President

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held Monday, March 10, 1952. The following directors were present: Walter C. Bartlett, Jr., Elliot Marshall, Jack Tootle, L. Paul Forgrave, R. Wallace Orr, Melvin Binswanger, Roy C. Bretz, Beverly Fitts, T.R. Wall, John D. McCaskey and Thomas C. Reck.

Absent: John T. Smith and David R. Bradley.

The Treasurer, Mr. McCaskey, reported a gain of $142.66 for the month of February, as against a loss of $626.00 for February, 1951. Cash deposited in the First National Bank amounted to $5600.00

Mr. Bretz, Chairman of the House Committee, reported a decrease in the number of meals served at both lunch and dinner with a subsequent loss in revenue. The inventory continues to show a downward trend. To somewhat overcome the increase in telephone rates, two phones were removed from guest rooms which have been unoccupied for many months.

A general discussion of dues and assessments was held, and the President directed that the House Committee and Treasurer submit their recommendations for dues revision to the Board at the April meeting, and for subsequent submission to the Annual Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Reck, and seconded by Mr. Tootle that all or part of the fund, known as Reserve for Major Repairs, be invested in U.S. Government Bonds of a series and in amount to be determined by the Treasurer, and that as additions to this fund are made, they be similarly invested. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Tootle, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, led a discussion of an Easter Tea Dance. No decision was reached and it was decided to leave the matter entirely in the hands of the Committee.

Mr. Marshall, of the Membership Committee, submitted the resignations of Mr. Bruce M. Thomas and Mr. Louis Max Smith as non-resident members and these were accepted with regret. One name was submitted for regular membership, but received an unfavorable vote.

Mr. Bretz, reporting for the Historical Committee, announced that the much discussed historical booklet has now been completed at a cost of $299.43. One copy was to be mailed to each resident member with the notation that they would be billed in the amount of $3.00 per copy.

The Directors extended a vote of thanks to the Historical Committee for their excellent work.

The Board thanked Mr. Fitts for an excellent dinner, and accepted the kind invitation of Mr. Smith for the April dinner.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

W C Bartlett Jr

David R. Bradley

LOUIS HAX SMITH
1232 CORAL WAY
CORAL GABLES, FLA.

Febr 9th 1952

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Dear Sir:-

Herewith tender
resignation to the Bath Club.
as I have been a member for se
ny years I do this with regret.

Sincerely
Louis H Smith

The Omaha National Bank
Omaha

March
5
1952

Board of Directors
Benton Club
St. Joseph, Missouri

Gentlemen:

May I submit through this letter my resignation as a non-resident member of the Benton Club.

Sincerely yours

Bruce H. Thomas

Benton Club
FARAON AT SEVENTH
ST. JOSEPH, MO.

May 1, 1952

Dear Member:

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Benton Club will be held at the Club House on Monday, May 12, 1952, at 8:00 P.M. Your House Committee has arranged a delicious Prime Ribs of Beef dinner with all the trimmings. We urge you to make every effort to attend the meeting as matters of importance to you as a member will be discussed. Please make your reservation at the office not later than Friday, May 9th.

At the April meeting of the Board of Directors it was resolved that the assessment was to be eliminated, and the dues revised as follows:

	Dues	Tax
Regular	$20.00	$4.00
Intermediate	12.50	2.50
Junior	6.25	1.25
Sustaining	12.50	2.50
Non-resident	25.00	5.00

As you will notice, these changes are reflected in the enclosed monthly statement.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
By: W C Bartlett Jr.

W. C. Bartlett, Jr.
President

Benton Club
Board of Directors Meeting
April 7, 1952

The meeting was called to order by President Bartlett; the following ·ectors were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Marshall, Forgrave, McCaskey, .th, Bretz, Binswanger, Pitts, Wall & Reck.

The President called for a reading of the minutes of the previous ·ting which were accepted and approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mr. McCaskey. The operations of · club for the month of March showed a $397.55 profit. During the month ·ies F government bonds were purchased in the amount of $2,220. Cash in · bank as of April 1st amounted to $3,500.

Mr. Bretz, Chairman of the House Committee reported on March operations. ·ing the month 667 luncheons were served and 462 dinners were served. ·pointed out that the inventories of the club were at a low and conservative ·el. Business was termed as satisfactory, but Mr. Bretz who cautioned ·cerning probable diminishing patronage during the Spring and Summer months. ·lowing his recommendation a motionwas made by Mr. McCaskey and seconded Mr. Marshall that a new schedule of dues be placed into effect on May 1st; ·s schedule would eliminate the present assessment and consolidate such ·essment into single dues figures of the following amounts: $24.00 per ·th for regular members, $15.00 per month for intermediate members and 50 per month for Junior members (this figure includes the federal tax). · President called for a vote on this motion and it was passed unanimously.

The Board recommended that a charge-off be made of the $56.31 due from Rickenbrode and that the same action be taken with 72¢ due from a guest.

A report of no action since the last meeting was made by the entertain- ·t committee, and a similar report was made by the membership committee. Forgrave at this time initiated a discussion among the Board regarding · securing of new members.

The President named a nominating committee to act prior to the annual ·ting of the club which is to be held in May. This committee was composed Messrs. Reck as chairman, William Morton and William Bell.

The Board expressed thanks to Mr. Smith for a fine dinner and there ·ng no further business the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

T. C. Reck
(acting Secy.)

S. The resignation of Louis Hax Smith and Bruce H. Thomas as non- ·sident members were accepted with regret.

A called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held Monday, May 5, 1952.

The following directors were present: Walter C. Bartlett, Jr., Elliott Marshall, Melvin Binswanger, Roy Bretz, T. R. Wall, T. C. Reck, and David R. Bradley.

The President, Mr. Bartlett, advised that Mr. McCaskey, for business reasons, had submitted his resignation as the Treasurer and director of the Club. Mr. J. M. Ford II was unanimously elected to fulfill Mr. McCaskey's duties for the rest of the term.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

W C Bartlett Jr

David R. Bradley

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The annual membership meeting of the Benton Club was held at the club house Monday, May 12th, 1952. There were 45 members present.

The President, Walter C. Bartlett Jr., presided at the meeting. The minutes of the annual meeting held in May 1951 were read and approved.

The President advised that the Club was in comparatively excellent financial shape, much of which was due to the efforts of the House Committee, of which Mr. Roy C. Bretz was chairman.

Mr. John D. McCaskey rendered the Treasurer's Report. He stated that all current bills were paid. Current assets this year were $12,800 as compared with $7,700 last year. Current liabilities were $3,000 as compared with $3,200 last year. The Club had $4,100 in cash on hand plus $2,200 in bonds, as compared with an overdrawn bank account of $57 of a year prior. The operating profit for the Year 1951 was $3186. Mr. McCaskey also commended the work of Mr. Bretz and the House Committee and attributed the financial condition of the Club to their diligence.

Mr. Roy C. Bretz, Chairman of the House Committee, reported that his committee had started the year by setting out a plan, making some rules, and following them. He said that no steward was necessary or warranted unless there was a considerable raise in the dues. Mr. Bretz also warned against spending any surplus acquired during the year since it would be needed for major repairs to the club house.

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David R. Bradley

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Mr. Jack Tootle, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported that all functions had been financially successful during the year. He suggested that the membership voice their opinion on what type of entertainment the members desired.

Mr. Elliott Marshall reported for the Membership Committee. He stated that no members had been taken in during the year, and in fact two non-resident members and one regular member had been lost. Mr. Marshall suggested that the membership express themselves on the subject of additional members and that they cooperate in submitting names for consideration.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of twelve names, from which four receiving the greatest number of votes were to be elected directors of the club for three years. Tellers appointed by the President submitted the results of the election as follows:

Norman P. Tucker
Wilbur L. Hegarty
Dr. Paul A. Knepper
Hal Y. Lemon

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

R. C. Bretz
President

David R. Bradley
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the clubhouse May 12, 1952, immediately following the annual meeting.

The following directors were present: Norman P. Tucker, Wilbur L. Hegarty, Jack Tootle, Dr. L. Paul Forgrave, R. Wallace Orr, Roy C. Bretz, T. R. Wall, Thomas C. Reck, J. M. Ford II, and David R. Bradley.

Absent: Dr. Paul A. Knepper, Hal Y. Lemon, and John T. Smith.

On motions duly made and seconded, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President: Roy C. Bretz
Vice-President: R. Wallace Orr
Secretary: David R. Bradley
Treasurer: J. M. Ford II

A vote of thanks to the past president, Walter C. Bartlett Jr., for his efforts during the past fiscal year was unanimously passed.

A suggestion was made that the old directors who have not been host at directors' meetings for the past year complete their round of hospitality; and that after that the directors buy their own meals at directors' meetings. This suggestion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Roy C Bretz
President

David R. Bradley
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held June 9, 1952.

The following directors were present: Norman P. Tucker, Wilbur L. Hegarty, Jack Tootle, Dr. L. Paul Forgrave, R. Wallace Orr, Roy C. Bretz, Thomas C. Reck, J. M. Ford, David R. Bradley, Dr. Paul A. Knepper, Hal Y. Lemon, and John T. Smith.

Absent: T. R. Wall.

Mr. J. M. Ford, Treasurer, reported that the profit for the month of May was $70.44 versus a loss of $63.39 for the same month last year.

Mr. T. C. Reck, Chairman of the House Committee, reported that the cafe sales were over those of the month of May last year. He explained that the salary account was up due to the early vacation schedule.

In the absence of Mr. Wall, Mr. Tootle reported that the Entertainment Committee was in the process of planning the Annual Benton Club Picnic to be held in August.

Mr. Bradley reported for the Membership Committee. Several names were submitted to the Directorate which had not been voted

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W. T. CLARK, PRESIDENT
JOHN D. McCASKEY, SEC.-TREAS.
1207 SOUTH FOURTH STREET
ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

16 April 1952

C. Bartlett Jr, President
the Boston Club
t. Joseph, Missouri

ear Skidd,

Because of my change in employment and, more
articularly, in location, it is not practical for me to
ontinue as Director and Treasurer of the Boston Club.
- therefore respectfully submit my resignation both as
)irector and Treasurer.

I am resigning at this time in order that
the board, at its pleasure, may replace me immediately
ith one of its own selection (I have two more years to
serve) or, alternately, may elect to have my replacement
shown by the general membership in May. Either
course is all satisfactory with me.

Very truly yours,

John D McCaskey

on in the six months past, the vote to be taken at the July meeting. It was suggested that the board be polled at the next meeting on names suggested on the ballots cast at the last Annual Meeting.

The Board thanked Mr. Tootle for an excellent fried chicken dinner and accepted Mr. Wall's kind invitation for the Board Dinner of July 14th.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

President

David R. Bradley
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held July 22, 1952.

The following directors were present: Norman Tucker, Wilbur Hegarty, R. W. Orr, R. C. Bretz, T. R. Wall, T. C. Reck, D. R. Bradley, Hal Lemon, and John T. Smith.

Absent: J. M. Ford, Jack Tootle, Dr. P. A. Knepper, Dr. L. Paul Forgrave.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President, Mr. Bretz, reported to the directorate that some old notes, totaling $547.10, from former members had been discovered among the club's records. A motion was made by Mr. Orr and unanimously approved that the secretary send a letter to all of those individuals, together with the note, for disposition as they deemed fit.

In the absence of Mr. Ford, Mr. Smith submitted the treasurer's report.

Mr. Reck, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the cafe business was down this year over last, due to the fact that there had been a large party during the month of June 1951.

Mr. Wall reported that the Entertainment Committee was working on plans for the annual club picnic.

The Membership Committee submitted a number of names for consideration, of which five were passed in order to be posted on the bulletin board. They will be submitted to the directorate for final vote at the next meeting.

The Board thanked Mr. Wall for an excellent steak dinner.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

R. C. Bretz
President

David R. Bradley
Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held August 11th, 1952.

The following directors were present: Wilbur Hegarty, R. W. Orr, R. C. Bretz, T. R. Wall, T. C. Reck, D. R. Bradley, John T. Smith, J. M. Ford, Jack Tootle, Dr. P. A. Knepper, Dr. L. Paul Forgrave.

Absent: Norman Tucker and Hal Lemon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President, Mr. Bretz, reported to the directors that there had been some dissension among the members concerning forwarding the old notes which former members had left unpaid, according to the records. It was moved and seconded that the notes be sent as proposed at the meeting of July 22nd.

Mr. J. M. Ford, the Treasurer, reported that there was a profit of $26.35 for the month of July versus a loss of $101.76 for the same month last year.

Mr. Reck, Chairman of the House Committee, reported that the front porch of the Club had been repaired and painted. He also reported that the number of meals served from the cafe were down over the month prior, but that this was normal seasonal slump.

Mr. Wall, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that the Annual Club Picnic would be held Saturday, August 23rd. The price would be $3.75 per plate. There was

some discussion concerning this price and it was agreed that should the Club realize an excessive amount of profit on the picnic that there would be a rebate made to members.

Mr. Bradley, Chairman of the Membership Committee, submitted for final vote five names which had been considered at the previous meeting. Four of the names were passed. One name was to be submitted for consideration at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

R. E. Brett
President

David R. Bradley
Secretary

June 24, 1950

Country Club Place

Saint Joseph, Missouri

y C. Bretz, President

nton Club

nt Joseph, Missouri

ar Mr. Bretz,

Please accept my resignation from the Benton

ub as of June 30.

Jane and I are leaving town the first of July

accept a position in Kentucky.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A. L. Bartlett III

A. L. Bartlett, III

Dear Carl
We'll be back
Best Regards

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Benton Club
7th & Jaeon St.
St. Joseph, Mo

Gentlemen,

In view of the fact that it seems unlikely I will be back in St. Joseph except very infrequently I would like to tender my resignation from the club after approximately 18 years membership. It pains me deeply, but after Mr. Truman and various friendly Government collectors are finished there isn't much left to go around.

I certainly miss all my friends at the club and shall cherish many pleasant memories al 7th & Jaeon. My very best regards to you all

Sincerely
Bill Wheeler

P.S. In as much as I have talked too long in writing this letter I enclose my check to cover two months dues which I think are due and payable.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING-----September 8, 1952

The regular meeting of the board of directors of the Benton Club was hald at e Club House on Monday,night, September 8th.

Directors present were: Drs. L. Forgrave and P. Knepper. Messrs. N. Tucker, T. Wall, H. Lemon, R. Bretz, W. Heggarty, T. Reck and J. Tootle.

Absent Members: Messrs. J. Smith, W. Orr, D. Bradley and J. Ford.

In the absence of Mr. Bradley, Mr. Tootle read the minutes of the last meeting .ch were approved as read.

Mr. Lemon, in the absence of Mr. Ford, presented the Treasurers report for ;ust and showed a net profit of $208.00 as opposed to a profit to the same period of :t year $42.43.

Mr. Reck reported for the House Committee, stating that the number of meals ved, particularly luncheons, had declined during the month. He ask the directors give some thought to the ways and means of correcting this situation. He, also, stated House Committee was laying plans to start serving of buffet supper on Thursday nights serving the regular A la carte dinner on Sunday night and accompanying this with a rgasbord table. He stated that the above would begin at approximately the same time t the club proposed Television set was installed and working profitably.

Dr. Forgrave reported for the Membership Committee in Mr. Bradley's absence. reported to the club that Mr. Allen Mytton and Mr. Lawrence Lucas had accepted. Mr. Morton Jr. name was voted on for membership and passed.

The Entertainment Committee report given by Mr. Wall advised the directors that September 27th they would have a $1.00 dance and that the Entertainment Committee was that time laying plans with the chef for a special dinner for this occasion.

The President, Mr. Bretz, suggested that to simplify the directors meetings ners the meal planning be left to the chef. This, met with the approval of the board.

Mr. Lemon suggested that the By Laws regarding bringing non-members to the club various occasions be clearly interpreted so that the board of directors could inform membership of what they can and cannot do regarding this situation. It was suggested nave Mr. Sprague work on interpreting By Laws involved.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

David R. Bradley

Secretary

President

R. Bretz

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING-------October 10, 1952

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House, Friday, October 10, 1952.

The following directors were absent: Messers. Wall, Orr, Smith and Heggarty.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Mr. Ford, reported the net profit for the month of September was $733.95 as compared to $407.14 for September, 1951. The President and the Treasurer recommended that the club purchase $1,480. of Series J bonds with a maturity value of $2,000.00. This action was unanimously approved by the board.

Mr. Heck, chairman of the house committee, pointed out that $250.00 of the prior month's profit resulted from initiation fees. He stated that 587 lunches and 439 dinners had been served - approximately the same as last year. A new smorgasbord table has been constructed. Also buffet suppers are being planned.

Mr. Tootle reported for the Entertainment Committee that the profit from the dance was $125.49. Approximately 50% of the membership attended. Another dance is being planned for the near future with no charge for the music, as well as an election night party. It was suggested that the party would be a greater success if Mr. Eisenhower was elected.

Mr. Bradley reporting for the Membership Committee, submitted one name to be voted on at the next meeting of the board.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Bradley
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House, Monday, November 10, 1952.

The following directors were absent: Messers, Tootle, Smith, Lemon and Ford.

Dr. L. Paul Forgrave submitted the Treasurer's report for the month of October. The net profit for the month was $298.14.

Mr. Reck, chairman of the House Committee, reported an increase in the number of meals served. However, the cafe showed less profit due to increased labor and expenses. He reported that the House Committee might drop the Sunday night smorgasbord.

The president, Mr. Bretz, suggested that the amount for capital improvement set aside each month be increased from $100.00 to $200.00 at the descretion of the House Committee depending on the profit for the current month. This was made a motion by Mr. Hegarty and was unanimously passed by the Directorate.

Mr. Wall reported for the Entertainment Committee and a dance was planned for November 29. He advised that the Entertainment Committee was suggesting that this be an open dance. Also plans were being made for the traditional Christmas and New Years function.

Mr. Bradley has submitted the name of Robert B. Jornayvaz, Jr. for Junior membership in the Club. Mr. Jornayvaz was unanimously approved by the Directorate.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bretz
President

David R. Bradley
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House Monday, ~~November~~ December 9, 1952.

The treasurer reported that the profit for the month of November was $681.53 as against a profit of $646.03 for 1951.

Mr. Reck reporting for the House Committee stated that a new high of 737 lunches had been served during the month.

Mr. Wall, reporting for the Entertainment Committee stated that there would be a stagg dinner Monday, December 15, with a film to be shown through courtesy of the Wild Life Commission of Missouri.

Mr. Bradley, Chairman of the Membership Committee submitted the name of J. B. Barkley for membership in the Club. Mr. Barkley was unanimously approved by the directorate.

Respectfully submitted,

President

David R. Bradley
Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING-------January 12, 1953

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the ıton Club was held at the Club House, Monday night January 12th.

W. L. Heggarty was absent.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & approved.

The treasurer, Mr. Ford reported the net for the month December was $417.83 compared with $278.09 in December of 1951.

Mr. Reck, chairman of the house committee stated that a ıber of members had suggested soundproofing the ceiling of the .lroom, and submitted cost estimates on the work. The directorate unimously expressed the opinion that the social affairs of the 52 season were not noticeably more audible than those of former ırs, and that the money might be used to better avail elsewhere.

Mr. Reck also reported that the Club was having a hot ıer heater installed for $348.

Mr. Wall, reporting for the entertainment committee ıiewed the Christmas activities of the Club, and stated that a .entine's Day or Washington's Birthday dance was under consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Bradley
Secretary

R C Bret
ısident

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING-------February 9, 1953

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House, Monday night, January 12th.

Messers Jack Tootle, Robert Wall, and Hal Lemon were absent.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer, Mr. Ford reported the net for the month of January was $622.93 as opposed to $1,321.65 in January 1952.

Mr. Reck, Chairman of the House Committee, reported that the cafe suffered a loss of 11 lunches and 53 dinners for the current month against January of 1952.

Mr. Bretz reported for Mr. Wall, of the entertainment committee. A Washington's birthday dance is planned, with dancing from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A discussion concerning the institution of a "two-time" guest rule ensued, and due to some complications the directorate voted to turn the matter over to the legislative committee for a recommendation.

The name of Dexter Davis was submitted for a junior membership. Mr. Davis was unanimously elected by the board.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Bradley
Secretary

R. C. Bretz
President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ---- March 9, 1953

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House, Monday night, March 9th.

Absent were Wilbur Hegarty, Hal Lemon, and David Bradley.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was as follows;
Assets about $5000 over last year
Net profit $258.51 as against $142.66 last year.

The House Committee reported 547 lunches, 353 dinners, and the discontinuance of the Thursday night buffet.

The Entertainment Committee reported a $35.44 profit from the February dance. No parties are planned for the immediate future.

The Membership Committee reported
E. C. Maxwell elected to regular membership
J. E. Josendale elected to regualr membership

Meeting adjourned.

President

Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ---- April 22, 1953

By unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House, Wednesday night, April 22nd.

Absent were David Bradley, J. M. Ford III, Hal Lemon, Wilber Hegarty, and L. Paul Formrave.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President named the following: John Smith, David Bradley, Melvin Binswanger, and Walter Bartlett, Sr., to serve on the nominating committee with instructions to have 10 names to appear on the ballot. Five new directors to be elected at the regular membership meeting, Monday, May 11.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Assets up $5600 over prior year
Net Profit $563.94 vs. $397.55 prior year
$200 set aside instead of $100 for reserve for major repairs

The House Committee reported an increase in meals served.

The Entertainment Committee reported no particular or special entertainment in the near future.

The Membership Committee reported Mr. R. M. Davis transferred from non-resident to resident membership as of May 1st.

Retiring President Bretz thanked the Board and the various committees for their splendid cooperation the past year.

There being no further business the meeting was duly adjourned.

President

David R. Bradley
Secretary

The annual membership meeting of the Benton Club was held at the Club House, Monday, May 11, 1953. There were 52 members present.

The President, Roy C. Bretz presided. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Jack Tootle submitted the Treasurer's report. Current assets of the club were $18,836 as compared with $12,870 in 1952. Current liabilities were $5,046 compared with $4,456 in 1952. Net profit for the year rose to $4,576.

	1953	1952
Current Assets	18,836	12,870
Current Liabilities	5,046	4,456
Net Profit	4,576	3,136
Cash on hand	8,234	4,197
Gov't. bonds	3,660	2,220

Mr. Robert Wall, chairman of the Entertainment Committee stated there had been four dances plus all the traditional social functions of the Club during the year. All had been financially successful.

Mr. Thomas C. Reck, chairman of the House Committee reported the gross income of the club for the year was slightly up over 1952. All equipment had been maintained, but the time is rapidly approaching when some major capital improvement will have to be made, Mr. Reck stated.

Mr. David R. Bradley, chairman of the Membership Committee reported a gain for the year of five regular members, one intermediate member, one junior member and a loss of two non-resident members. The membership rolls currently show 98 regular members, six intermediate members, six junion members, eleven sustaining members and twenty non-resident members.

Mr. Bretz then reviewed some of the aspects of the Club's operation. In May 1951, the financial report of the Club showed an overdraft at the bank. Today the Club has $8,234 in cash, and $3,660 in government bonds. However, capital improvements are badly needed in the men's card room, the ladies room, and the ball room. Mr. Bretz said the directors felt the new officers and directors should decide this problem, and action in the latter part of this term had been deferred.

The results of the election to the directorate were as follows, W. C. Barrow, W. S. Millyard, H. F. Bayer, R. G. Clayton, and F. M. Sprague. Various suggestions were made by members present for consideration.

The President, Mr. Bretz, thanked the directorate, and the members for the excellent cooperation received during the year, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

David R. Bradley
Secretary

President

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held following the annual meeting. Present were W. C. Barrow, W. S. Hillyard, F. M. Sprague, R. G. Clayton, H. P. Bayer, R. C. Bretz, E. C. Reck, Paul Knepper, M. P. Tucker, and David R. Bradley. Absent were H. Y. Lemon, J. M. Ford II, and W. L. Hegarty.

Mr. Bretz assumed the chair, and called for nomination of officers.

Mr. Tucker proposed Mr. Bretz for President, and Mr. Bretz declined for personal reasons.

Mr. Bradley proposed Mr. Reck for president. The motion was duly seconded, and unanimously carried.

Further motions made and seconded and unanimously approved resulted in the following slate: Mr. M. P. Tucker, vice-president; Mr. D. R. Bradley, secretary and Mr. J. M. Ford II, Treasurer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Bradley
Secretary

President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING -- June 8, 1953

The regular meeting of Benton Club Directors was held at the Club House at 8 P.M., Monday, June 8.

In the absence of David Bradley, secretary, Roy Bretz acted.

Absent were - Robert Clayton, David Bradley, Wilbur Hegarty, Hal Lemon, and Floyd Sprague.

Treasurer's report revealed a gain of $322.78 for the month of May against a gain of $70.44 a year ago in May.

House Committee, W. C. Barrow, House Committee Chairman, gave an extensive explanation of the needed major repairs to interior of the Club house, as follows -- Painting Cost, $1797.00. Kitchen equipment, $966.83. Dry Box for bar, $378.40. Rugs $769.00.

After lengthy discussion by the Board members it was unanimously agreed and Mr. Barrow was directed to get several bids on such remodeling as deemed necessary by the House Committee, namely, painting, kitchen equipment, and rugs. This report to be given at a special meeting called by President Reck, Friday noon, June 26.

Entertainment Committee - Chairman Walter Hillyard said the first Club party would be the Club's annual picnic and suggested the date be changed to early September.

Erwin Hargrove's name was submitted, sponsored by Dr. Paul Knepper. In due form the application will be presented to Board.

President Reck announced the resignation of Robert Clayton from the Board. Due to circumstances set forth in Mr. Clayton's letter of resignation the Board unanimously accepted same.

President Reck appointed Mr. Al Bartlett to the Board to fill the vacancy. The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Al Bartlett.

Due to the possibility of not having a quorum for the July and August meetings, the Board approved President Reck's recommendation that the meetings for July and August be changed to the third Monday of each of the two months.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the clubhouse June 26, 1953. Present were Messers J. M. Ford II, W. S. Hillyard, R. C. Bretz, D. R. Bradley, A. L. Bartlett, T. C. Reck, F. M. Sprague, W. C. Barrow, H. Y. Lemon, H. Bayer and W. L. Hegarty.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The president, Mr. Reck, explained that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the House Committee's recommendations for repairs to the club and its contents.

Mr. Barrow, chairman of the House Committee presented the following contemplated purchases for approval by the Board.

New Store	$350
Refrigerator for Bar	$350
Painting of office, East and West dining rooms, stairwall to 2nd floor, Dutch Room, Bar Room walls & ceilings, including all radiators - two coats - also rest rooms and card room.	$990
Broiler	$400
Booster for boiler	$200
Consultant - Interior decorator	$ 50
Rugs for card room and in front of ladies rest room.	$762

The Board unanimously approved all recommendations except the purchase of the rugs which was postponed until the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Bradley
Secretary

President

The regular meeting of the Benton Club Directors was held at the Club House at 8 P.M. Monday, July 20th.

In the absence of Dave Bradley, Secretary, Roy Bretz acted.

Absent were - Jacob Ford, David Bradley and Walter Hillyard

The Treasurer's report given by Henry Bayer revealed a gain of $403.75 as compared with a gain of $22.79 a year ago.

House Committee, W. C. Barrow, House Committee Chairman, reviewed and gave further explanation of the major repairs to the interior of the Club House. After a discussion by the board members and on a motion of Roy Bretz, seconded by W. L. Hegarty, it was unanimously agreed and Mr. Barrow was instructed to proceed with the remodelling including contracts previously mentioned and authorized, plus an additional amount of $955, a bid from Elsie Owen.

President Reck asked for a vote of confidence for the fine work of the house committee and it's chairman, W. C. Barrow.

President Reck announced that due to not having a quorum for the regular August meeting, that the meeting be held on Monday, August 17th. The directors unanimously agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Bradley
Secretary

President

Board of Directors Meeting - - - - - August 17, 1953

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house Monday night, August 17th.

Directors present were Dr. Paul Knepper, Roy C. Bretz, W. C. Barrow, Hal Y. Lemon, J. Ford, W. L. Hegarty, T. C. Reck, F. M. Sprague and D. R. Bradley.

Absent - Messers N. Tucker, W. Hillyard and A. Bartlett.

In the temporary absence of Mr. Ford, Mr. Heggarty read the treasurer's report. The operating statement for the month of July showed a loss of $55.85 versus a profit of $26.35 for the same month last year.

Mr. W. C. Barrow, chairman of the House Committee, reported on various details of the improvement program for the club house. The committee has decided to install three circular rugs in the card room rather than square rugs. The parquet floors in the card room have been sanded and refinished. Various other details were discussed.

Mr. Bradley reported for the Membership Committee. The name of Erwin Hargrove was proposed, and unanimously passed. Mr. Hargrove's name was ordered posted for one month on the bulletin board, fin l note to be taken at next meeting.

It was moved by F. M. Sprague that the director's dinners in the future be served promptly at 6:30 p.m. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Bradley
Secretary

President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - - - - September 14, 1953

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house Monday night, September 14, 1953.

Directors absent were W. Hegarty and H. Lemon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. W. C. Barrow, Chairman of the House Committee, reported on various details of the current house improvement program. He stated the final figures would be submitted when all the invoices were paid.

It was recommended, and submitted as a motion, that the room rents be raised from $40 to $50 per month as of November 1, 1953. The motion unanimously carried.

The Treasurer, Mr. Ford, reported a net profit for the month of August was $134.55 compared with last year's figure of $208.85. Mr. Ford explained that the profits from the club picnic had bolstered the 1952 August statement.

Mr. Walter C. Hillyard, chairman of the entertainment committee reported that arrangements for the annual club picnic were made. The committee also contemplated a costume party some time after the first of the year.

Mr. Bradley, chairman of the membership committee submitted the name of Erwin C. Hargrove for a final vote. Mr. Hargrove's neme was unanimously carried.

The name of J. R. Taliaferro was submitted to a preliminary vote, and carried. His name was ordered to be posted on the bulletin board for one month.

There being no further business the meeting was, upon motion, adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - - - - - - - - - -- October 12, 1953

The regular meeting of the Board of Directos of the Benton Club was held at the Clubhouse Monday, October 12, 1953.

Directors Hillyard, Tucker and Sprague were absent.

The treasurer, Mr. Ford, reported a net profit of $615 for the month versus $733 for September, 1952. It was explained that $250 had been spent for a new booster pump and kitchen pots and pans. This money was charged to operating expense for the month.

Mr. Barrow, chairman of the house committee, reported that the final figure for redecorating and refurbishing the clubhouse would be between $4000 and $4400. Three more bridge lamps have been ordered for the Dutch Room.

Mr. Reck advised the directorate that a group had been soliciting members for funds to redecorate the ballroom. The directorate unanimously approved the action.

Mr. Reck reported for the entertainment committee. The annual picnic had been financially successful with an attendance of 203 people.

Mr. Bradley, chairman of the membership committee submitted one name for admission - but no action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Bradley
Secretary

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President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - - - - - - - - - - November 9, 1953

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club house Monday night, November 9.

Directors absent were H. Lemon, A. L. Bartlett, J. M. Ford II, and W. C. Barrow.

Mr. Bretz gave the treasurer's report for Mr. Ford. The club showed a net profit of $277 for the month of October compared with $298 the year prior. Mr. Bayer, reporting for Mr. Barrow, discussed the soundproofing of the ballroom. The directors present were in agreement that something would have to be done, and instructed the house committee to look into the cost again. It was suggested that if the price was reasonable and the job could be accomplished before the Christmas season, the project might be reconsidered.

Mr. Hillyard, reporting for the entertainment committee, said that arrangements for Christmas and New Year's activities were progressing.

The membership committee had no report.

There being no further business, the meeting was, upon motion, adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Bradley
Secretary

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President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - -- - - - - - - - - November 18, 1953

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club house noon of November 18, 1953.

Directors present were Hegarty, Bretz, Barrow, Bayer, Reck, Sprague and Bradley.

Mr. Reck advised that he had consulted with an engineer of the Johns Manville Company concerning the soundproofing of the ballroom. A bid had been submitted to him for $1138. which was to include insulating the ceiling with sheet rock and soundproofing the ceiling with the best fireproof soundproofing material. A further bid for soundproofing the room with an inferior material mounted on fir strips was $750.

Mr. Barrow, chairman of the house committee, was to secure additional bids and information from two other firms. It was moved by Mr. Bradley that the house committee be authorized to spend up to $1150 to soundproof the room with fireproof material and to choose the bid by the firm they thought most suitable. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

There being no further business the meeting was, upon motion, adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Bradley
Secretary

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President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - - - - - - -December 14, 1953

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held Monday, December 14, 1953 at 7 P.M. Directors absent were Messers. Knepper and Hillyard. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report read by Mr. Ford showed a profit of $386 for the month of November versus a profit of $681 for November of 1952.

Mr. Barrow, reporting for the house committee, stated that Mr. George Eckel had been of considerable help in planning and supervising the installation of accoustical tile on the ceiling of the ball room. Mr. Barrow felt that the installation would be completed in time for the Christmas social functions.

The house committee recommended that new rubber tile be installed in the ladies' cloakroom, to cost approximately $210. The Board unanimously approved.

Mr. Reck reported for the entertainment committee that the price of the Christmas evening dance had been raised from $7.50 to $8.00 and the price of the New Year's Eve dance had been raised from $10.50 to $12.00.

Mr. Bradley reporting for the membership committee submitted two names for preliminary approval.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Bradley
Secretary

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President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - - - - - - - January 11, 1954

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club house Monday, January 11, 1954.

Director Tucker was absent.

The treasurer, Mr. Ford, reported a net profit of $286 versus $417 last year. He explained that $250 had been spent in replacing dishes. This was charged to operating expense.

Mr. Bretz, chairman of the executive committee, reported $1125 in the employee's fund donated by the members.

Mr. Barrow, chairman of the house committee, reported on the completed installation of the ceiling in the ball room.

Mr. Hillyard, chairman of the entertainment committee, reported on the various Christmas functions, reporting a profit of $602 on the Christmas Tea Dance. Mr. Hillyard suggested that with the permission of the board of directors he thought it would be well to engage an orchestra now for the Christmas functions at the end of 1954. He also recommended that only a member of the entertainment committee or the president be allowed to engage an orchestra beyond the contract time for any dance.

Mr. Bradley, chairman of the membership committee, submitted two names for consideration. The names were passed and will be posted in the Club house until the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors for final approval.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Bradley
Secretary

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President

Benton Club

FARAON AT SEVENTH
ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Regular meeting of the Benton Club, March 8, 1954

Meeting was called to order by President Tom Beck.

Absent - William C. Barrow, Walter Millyard, Henry Tyler, Hal Lemon and David Bradley.

Treasurer's report - Given by Jacob Ford who reported profit for the month of February of $720.77 as against last year, same month, $258.51.

In the absence of the Chairman of the House Committee, Floyd Sprague made a short report.

Entertainment Committee - In the absence of Chairman Millyard, Tom Beck reported that the Entertainment Committee made a profit of $15 on the last party given at the Club.

Membership Committee - In the absence of David Bradley, Chairman, no report was made. Due to the fact that 5 of the board members were absent it was decided not to vote on applications for membership.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried.

President.

Secretary.

J. F. Bradley

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - - - - - - - - - - - - April 12, 1954

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club house Monday, April 12, 1954.

Directors absent were Messers. Hegarty, Hillyard and Barrow.

The treasurer, Mr. Ford, reported a gain of $370 in 1954 versus a $563.00 gain for the month of March 1953.

Mr. Bretz reported for Mr. Barrow on the House Committee on some minor policy matters.

The entertainment committee had no report.

Mr. Bradley of the membership committee submitted the name of Lee Burgess which was unanimously approved by the directorate.

There being no further business the meeting was, upon motion, adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Bradley
Secretary

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President

The annual membership meeting of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on May 10, 1954.

There were forty-seven members present.

The President, Mr. T. C. Reck, presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of Mr. Ford, Mr. Roy Bretz read the treasurer's report. The net operating income for the year was $5,442.00. Major improvements were made to the club during the fiscal year totaling $6,549.00. Current assets were $19,941.00, fixed assets $30,424.00. Mr. Reck reminded the membership that this record had been made without the benefit of a club steward.

The House Committee had no report.

Mr. W. S. Hillyard, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported that all special social functions of the Club had been financially successful during the year.

Mr. Bradley, chairman of the membership Committee, reported the current membership rolls as follows: Regular 99, Intermediate 6, Junior 6, Non-resident 19, and Sustaining 13. He urged that the membership take upon itself the job of submitting suitable names for Club members. There followed a brief discussion from the chair and from the floor on the procedure of election to membership.

The results of the election to the directorate was as follows: Stuart W. Campbell, J. A. Mytton, John R. Forgrave and Byrne Logan.

The President, Mr. Reck, thanked the directorate and the members for their excellent cooperation received during the year. The meeting on motion was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman P. Lucka
President.

J. A. Mytton
Acting Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board ~~of the Board~~ of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, May 10, 1954, immediately following the annual meeting.

The following directors were present: Messrs. Norman P. Tucker, Dr. Paul A. Knepper, W. S. Hillyard, H. F. Bayer, F. M. Sprague, A. L. Bartlett, Stuart W. Campbell, J. A. Mytton, Dr. John R. Forgrave and Byrne Logan.

Absent: Wilbur L. Hegarty, Hal Y. Lemon and W. C. Farrow.

Mr. T. C. Reck, the retiring president, opened the meeting and turned it over to Mr. Norman P. Tucker, newly elected president. Dr. Paul A. Knepper acted as Secretary.

On motions duly made and seconded, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President - Norman P. Tucker
Vice-President - Floyd M. Sprague
Secretary - Stuart W. Campbell
Treasurer - J. A. Mytton

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman P. Tucker

President.

J. A. Mytton

acting Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on June 14, 1954.

The following directors were present: Messrs. Norman P. Tucker, Dr. Paul A. Knepper, W.S. Hillyard, H. F. Bayer, F. M. Sprague, A. L. Bartlett, Wilbur L. Hegarty, J. A. Mytton, Dr. John R. Forgrave, Byrne Logan.

Absent: Hal Y. Lemon, W. C. Barrow, Stuart W. Campbell.

The President, Mr. Tucker, presided at the meeting and the acting secretary acted as secretary.

The minutes of the annual membership meeting held on May 10, 1954, and of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held immediately following the annual meeting, were read and approved.

The president announced the appointment of the following Committies for the ensuing year:

Executive Committee:
N. P. Tucker, Chairman
F. M. Sprague
W. S. Hillyard
Dr. P. A. Knepper

House Committee:
J. B. Logan, Chairman
H. F. Bayer
J. A. Mytton
Dr. P. A. Knepper

Membership Committee:
Dr. J. R. Forgrave, Chairman
W. L. Hegarty
A. L. Bartlett

Entertainment Committee:
S. W. Campbell, Chairman
Milton Tootle Jr
J. D. McCaskey

Historical Committee:
H. Y. Lemon, Chairman
W. C. Bartlett Sr.
G. L. Zwick

The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. Mytton, which report showed a gain of $ 111.78 for the month of May 1954 against a gain of $ 322.78 a year ago in May.

The President read a letter from the Empire Trust Company, soliciting the Club bank account. There followed a discussion regarding such a change. A preliminary vote was held, however it was decided to bring the matter up for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Logan, reporting for the House Committee, brought to the attention of the Board, the condition of the ball room, suggesting the need for sanding the floor and of redecorating. There followed a general discussion of the matter. Also the question of the condition of the roof was mentioned. Mr. Logan stated that the Chef had not had a vacation for a couple of years and was advised to get a suitable replacement.

Dr. John R. Forgrave, reporting for the Membership Committee, submitted one name for regular membership. A vote was held, however it resulted in an unfavorable vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned..

Respectfully submitted,

Norman S. Locke
President

J. A. Ingatton
Acting Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on July 12, 1954.

The following Directors were present: Messrs. Norman P. Tucker, Dr. Paul A. Knepper, W. S. Hillyard, F. M. Sprague, A. L. Bartlett, Dr. John R. Forgrave, Byrne Logan and J. A. Mytton.

Absent: Hal Y. Lemon, W. C. Barrow, Stuart W. Campbell, H. F. Bayer and Wilbur L. Hegarty.

The President, Mr. Tucker, presided at the meeting and the Acting Secretary acted as Secretary.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on June 13, 1954 were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Mytton, which report showed a gain of $46.97 for the month of June, 1954 against a gain of $403.75 a year ago.

Mr. Logan, reporting for the House Committee, stated that Korns Electric Company completed the installation of work as proposed, to take care of overload of circuits servicing the kitchen.

Mr. Logan suggested that the wages of William Wilkinson, bartender, be increased $5.00 per week. A motion to that effect was made, seconded and carried.

Mr. Logan brought up the subjects of redecorating the ball-room and air conditioning. A general discussion followed. The Directors spent some time in looking over the condition of the ball-room. The President asked Mr. Logan and Dr. Forgrave to contact Mrs. Boteler for suggestions on overall decorating. It was agreed that a reasonable amount of redecorating be completed not later than November 1st.

Many members of the Club have expressed a desire that the Club be air conditioned. The Board discussed this matter at great length and unanimously agreed that if proper air conditioning could be installed at not too great expense, it was the consent of the Board that estimates should be obtained and installation be effected before the summer of 1955. The President thereupon asked Mr. Logan to select a committee to thoroughly study the matter.

It was suggested that the members be notified at an early date regarding contributions to the employees Christmas Fund.

Mr. Tucker submitted the resignation of Lewis B. Wheeler. The resignation, as of June 30th, was regretfully accepted by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman P. Tucker
President.

J. G. Mytton
Acting Secretary.

M I N U T E S

Board of Directors Meeting August 10, 1954

The meeting was opened by the president and the following Directors were present: Tucker, Knepper, Hegarty, Forgrave, Bartlett, Bayer, Logan, Barrow, Sprague. The following directors were absent: Campbell, Hillyard, Lemon and Mytton.

In the absence of the secretary the minutes of the last meeting were read by Mr. Tucker and approved by the Board.

Mr. Logan gave a report for the House Committee.

He summarized the recommendations made by Mrs. Lucile Boteler for the redecorating of the ballroom. Mr. Logan stated that Mrs. Boteler will be contacted again at an early date and plans for the redecoration of the ballroom will be firmed up. It was the opinion of the Board of Directors that the subject of draperies should again be discussed with Mrs. Boteler more for the reason of sound proofing than decorative effect. The Directors further recommended that the Tri-State Insulation Company be contacted with a view of obtaining recommendations from their engineer on the matter of draperies.

Mr. Logan concluded his report by announcing that a leak had been found in the roof, and that a preliminary air conditioning bid had been furnished by the Saint Joseph Fuel Oil Company. Regarding the matter of the roof leak it is believed that only minor repair needs to be made to the flashing around one of the chimneys and this work will be undertaken as soon as practicable. On the matter of air conditioning Mr. McCaskey of the Saint Joseph Fuel Oil Company stated that suitable individual room air conditioners could be obtained at an approximate cost of $5,000.00. The Directors instructed Mr. Logan to obtain additional bids and to delve further into the matter of the possibilities of central air conditioning.

It was decided by the Directors that henceforth the chairman of the Entertainment Committee will be charged with the responsibility of seeing to it that the padlock is removed from the outside ballroom door whenever a party is held in the ballroom.

Reading of the financial report was suspended in view of the absence of the secretary and treasurer.

Due to the absence of the chairman of the Entertainment Committee the date for the annual picnic was set for Saturday evening, September 11th. Mr. Tucker stated that he would call Mr. Tootle and instruct him to proceed with plans for this date.

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Mr. Barrow recommended that the Entertainment Committee be instructed proceed with the matter of engaging an orchestra for the New Years Eve rty. Mr. Tucker stated that this matter would also be referred to Mr. otle.

Dr. Forgrave, reporting for the Membership Committee, announced that ere are now several vacancies in the membership and he asked that the rectors submit the names of suitable candidates to him. The name of Dr. E. Petersen was proposed and passed upon and is now posted on the club use bulletin board.

Mr. Tucker announced that steps must soon be taken to solve the wage oblems of club employees. The salaries of the various memployees was ad and it was the general feeling that additional wage increases will obably have to be made. After discussion it was proposed that this matter held in abeyance until the return of the treasure at which time a orough study of the situation can be made.

Signed,

Byrne Logan

BYRNE LOGAN
Acting in the Absence of the Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on September 13, 1954.

The following directors were present: Messrs. Norman P. Tucker, Dr. Paul A. Knepper, W. S. Hillyard, H. Y. Bayer, F. M. Sprague, A. L. Bartlett, Dr. John R. Forgrave, W. C. Barrow, Hal Y. Lemon, Byrne Logan and J. A. Hytton.

Absent: Stuart M. Campbell and Wilbur L. Hegarty.

The President presided at the meeting, and in the absence of the Secretary, the Treasurer acted as Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held August 10, 1954 were read and approved.

Mr. Logan, reporting for the House Committee, further elaborated upon the work to be done in the ballroom. He also reported that estimates were being obtained from several concerns on the cost of air conditioning the Club House. He stated that the necessary repair work on the roof had been completed. On motion made by Dr. Forgrave, seconded and carried, it was decided that bids be obtained; first, on the cost of redecorating the ballroom; and second, on the cost of adequate air conditioning installation, these bids to be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, which report showed a loss of $81.26 for the month of August, 1954, against a gain of $134.55 for the same month last year. However, it was stated that a house repair item of $118.66 was charged to the expense account rather than to the reserve account.

Dr. Forgrave, reporting for the Membership Committee, asked for a final vote on the name proposed at the August 10th meeting. It resulted in an unfavorable vote. He then submitted the following names for membership: J. W. Lehr, Gilbert Tootle and Christopher Harris. A preliminary vote was held and the above proposed names were unanimously passed. The names were to be duly posted on the bulletin board for a period of ten days.

Mr. Tucker submitted the resignation of Mr. J. F. Dale. The resignation was accepted by the Board.

There was no report given by the Entertainment Committee. However, a general discussion was held regarding the picnic set for September 18th and the New Years party.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman P. Tucker
President.

J. G. Mytton
Acting Secretary.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held on Monday, September 27, 1954.

The following Directors were present: Messrs. Sprague, Bayer, Lemon, W. C. Barrow, W. S. Hillyard, Logan, Campbell and Mytton.

Absent: Tucker, Knepper, A. L. Bartlett, Hegarty, and Dr. J. R. Forgrave.

The meeting was called for the purpose of taking a final vote on the three names submitted at the September 13th meeting, namely, J. W. Lehr, Gilbert Tootle and Christopher Harris. They were unanimously voted to membership and it was directed that each be notified to that effect.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Norman P. Tucker
President.

J. G. Mytton
Acting Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on October 11, 1954.

The following Directors were present: Messrs. Norman P. Tucker, F. M. Sprague, Hal Y. Lemon, A. L. Bartlett, Eyrne Logan, H. F. Bayer, Dr. Paul A. Knepper, Wilbur L. Hegarty and J. A. Mytton.

Absent: W. C. Barrow, Dr. John R. Forgrave, W. S. Hillyard and Stuart W. Campbell.

The President presided at the meeting, and in the absence of the Secretary, the Treasurer acted as Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held September 13, 1954 and of the special meeting of the Board held September 27, 1954 were read and approved.

Mr. Logan, reporting for the House Committee, discussed in detail the various bids submitted by each of five concerns, on the cost of air conditioning the Club House. It was suggested by Mr. Hegarty that their engineer be allowed to go over the bids and a report be made at the next meeting. This was agreed to by the Board.

Mr. Logan reported the estimates of the probable cost of redecorating the ballroom as submitted by Mrs. Boteler. This estimate totalled approximately $1,250.00. It was moved and seconded that the House Committee be authorized to go ahead with the redecorating, as proposed.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, which report showed a gain of $442.33 for the month of September, 1954, against a gain of $615.05 a year ago. The profit on the picnic was $323.99. An item of $212.00 was pointed out as the cost of repairing the roof.

Mr. Tucker submitted the resignation of Mr. Dean Wilde. The resignation was regretfully accepted by the Board.

No reports were given by either the Membership Committee or the Entertainment Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting J. A. Mytton
Secretary.

STUART WYETH CAMPBELL
2028 CLAY STREET
ST. JOSEPH, MO.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, which report showed a gain of $619.53 for the month of October 1954 against a gain of $277.33 for the same month a year ago.

Mr. Campbell, reporting for the entertainment com. stated that contracts for orchestras for both the Christmas dance and the New Years Eve party had been signed. It was suggested that a party be held to celebrate the reopening of the ballroom.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

STUART WYETH CAMPBELL
2028 CLAY STREET
ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Special Meeting - Benton Club - Friday Nov 19th

Present — Hanna, Mytton, Sprague, Bayer, Forgrave, Heggarty, Logan, Campbell

Absent - Tucker, Lemon, Hilliard, Knepper, Al Bartlett.

Membership. J. P. Barclay jr. - In
Clarance Stoop - In.

Logan - air cond. —

Chrysler bid unanimously accepted.

STUART WYETH CAMPBELL
2028 CLAY STREET
ST. JOSEPH, MO.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Nov 8, 1954.

The following Directors were present: Messrs Norman P Tucker, F. M. Sprague, A. L. Bartlett, Byron Logan, H.F. Bayer, J. A. Mytton, Mr. John R Forgrave Walter S. Hilliard and Stuart W Campbell.

Absent: Hal Y. Lemon, Mr Paul Knepper, ~~and~~ Wilbur L. Hegarty, & W C Barrow.

The President presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held Oct 11, 1954 were read and approved.

Mr. Tucker advised that, due to the death of Mr. Wm C. Barrow, a new board member should be appointed to fill his place. Mr Frank Hanna was elected by unanimous vote to serve for the unexpired term (May 1956)

Mr. Logan, reporting for the house committee, submitted floor plans illustrating the placement of air conditioning units and duct work, as

suggested by four of the companies bidding on the air conditioning of the main floor of the Club House. He also submitted an annalysis of the bids made by an engineer from Goetz & Co. Thru Mr. Hegarty. It was suggested by Dr Forgrave that the board meet with Mr. Hegarty's engineer to discuss the matter in more detail. - Mr. Tucker proposed that The airconditioning problem be carried over to the next meeting.

Mr. Logan reported on the progress being made on the redecorating of the ballroom.

Mr. Logan suggested that the menues be revised and it was decided that he [redacted] would attend to the revisions.

Dr. Forgrave, reporting for the membership Committee, advised that of the three new members recently voted on at a special meeting on Sept 27, 1954, two had accepted and one had declined; Mr. Christopher Harris and J.W. Lehr accepting; and Gelbert Tootle declining. He then submitted the names of J.P. Barclay jr and Clarance Stoop [redacted] A preliminary vote was held and the above proposed names were unanimously passed. The names were to be duly posted on the bulletin board for a period of ten days.