

POLICIES & PROCEDURES
North Mecklenburg Woman's Club
Huntersville, NC

ARTICLE I – GENERAL

Section 1. Nondiscrimination Policy

North Mecklenburg Woman's Club (Club) hereby certifies that in regard to persons served by the organization, persons serving on the governing Board of Directors of the organization, the selection of vendors and the provisioning of services to or by the organization, the Club does not discriminate by reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender variance, gender expression, marital status, political belief, military status, or physical or mental disability.

Section 2. Annual Dues

Individual membership dues are \$50 annually and are nonrefundable. These dues are for one (1) fiscal year beginning **June 1** of any given year and ending on **May 31** of the following year. The dues are set by the Board of Directors (Board) and are subject to membership approval.

The First Vice President – Membership will begin collecting dues for the following fiscal year at the **March** general meetings. Dues may also be paid via the Club's Wild Apricot site beginning in **March**. Dues must be paid by the **October** general meetings of any year in order for the member to remain active.

If joining the Club at or after the **March** general meetings, the member will pay a full year's dues applicable to the following fiscal year.

Section 3. Membership

Any resident of the community who is interested in supporting the mission, goals, and programs of the Club is a candidate for membership.

- a) Active membership status is contingent upon the completion of an application and profile sheet along with payment of the annual dues.
- b) New members should:
 - have a photo taken or submit one for the Club's membership directory
 - attend a new member orientation meeting
- c) All members are expected to:
 - join at least one (1) Club committee
 - support the Club's fundraising events, which can include volunteer time, selling or purchasing tickets, and financial or in-kind donations

- d) All members are encouraged to:
- attend general membership meetings
 - participate in Club activities and events
 - volunteer for at least one (1) service project
 - complete an annual survey to guide the Board in its planning
 - provide up-to-date personal/contact information for the Membership Directory
 - create an account on Wild Apricot to access club information, conduct financial transactions with the club, register for events, and other functions
- e) Recognition is given to members who have ten (10) continuous years of service by presenting them with a small token of appreciation.
- f) Members with 25 years of service to the Club, or a member(s) recommended by the Board, are considered “Legendary Leading Ladies.” These members are no longer required to pay annual dues and are presented with a small token of appreciation.
- g) Members should notify the President and/or Hospitality Chair when aware of:
- another member’s illness or similar need for assistance or support. The Hospitality Committee will provide one (1) meal, if requested, and the Corresponding Secretary will send a card on behalf of the club.
 - the birth or adoption of another member’s child. The Hospitality Committee will provide one (1) meal, if requested, and the Corresponding Secretary will send a card on behalf of the club.
 - the death of a member or any death in a member’s family. In the case of a member’s death or that of her current spouse/partner, child/stepchild, or parent, the Hospitality Committee will provide one (1) meal, if requested, the Corresponding Secretary will send a card on behalf of the club, and the Club will donate \$100 to a charity designated by the family. If no charity is so designated, the Board will select one.

Section 4. Operational Policies

- a) *Solicitation*: Any business use of the Club’s membership directory for mail, telephone, email, social media, or facsimile solicitation is prohibited. Failure to comply may result in loss of membership privileges.
- b) *Function Cancellation*: Paid reservations for Club functions may be cancelled only by notifying the appropriate committee chair prior to the published, predetermined reservation cutoff date. Otherwise, the reservation holder will pay all charges.
- c) *Credit Card/Wild Apricot Payments*: A surcharge to cover bank and processing fees will be added to any credit or debit card payment for dues, meals, events and/or activities.
- d) *Member Events*: All Club events are for “adults only” unless otherwise specified. Any exception must be preapproved by the event chair.

Section 5. Club Information & Links

- a) NMWC Website: www.nmwclub.org

- b) NMWC Web Calendar: www.nmwclub.org/event-calendar
- c) NMWC Mailing Address: PO Box 1782, Huntersville, NC 28070
- d) NMWC Public Facebook Page: @nmwclub
- e) NMWC Private Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/271034692909346/
- f) NMWC Instagram: @nmwclub
- g) NMWC LinkedIn: North Mecklenburg Woman's Club
- h) NMWC Twitter: @NMeckWClub
- i) NMWC Wild Apricot: In order to access this site, each member is sent an invitation email from the Club's site host. Members will create an account and may then proceed with use of the site.
- j) NMWC Email: nmwclub@gmail.com

ARTICLE II – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Monthly meetings for the members are scheduled from **September** through **May**. These meetings are held at NorthStone Country Club, 15801 Northstone Dr, Huntersville, unless otherwise noted.

Members and their guests are expected to practice common courtesy during the meetings. Cell phones are to be turned off during the meetings. If a member's phone rings, a \$5 charge will be assessed. Members are asked not to wear denim at NorthStone, per their dress policy.

General meetings and/or joint meetings (combined single meetings of both day and night attendees) may be scheduled and/or canceled during the year as needed and approved by the Board.

- a) Special meetings of the Club's membership may be called by the President, the Board, or by a minimum of three (3) members upon written request to the President. All members are to be notified of such meetings no less than seven (7) days prior to the date on which they will be held.
- b) The election of officers for the following fiscal year will take place in the month of **March**. Members will vote from a slate of candidates presented by the Nominating Committee or may consider nominations from the floor.
- c) The installation of the Board (elected and appointed officers) will take place in the month of **May**.

Section 1. Day Meetings

Convene on the first Wednesday of each month:

- a) Doors open at 9:45 a.m. for socializing; the meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.
- b) Lunch is served immediately following the meeting.

Section 2. Night Meetings

Convene on the Tuesday evening immediately before the first Wednesday of each month:

- a) Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- b) Dinner is served at 5:45 p.m.
- c) The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Section 3. Meeting Reservations

- a) Members and any guests must make reservations for lunch or dinner by the Friday before a meeting. If a reservation is made, payment for the meal is required even if unable to attend.
- b) Members are encouraged to pay in advance for all meals of the Club year. After such payment, a member must contact the Hospitality Chair if unable to attend a meeting. There is no reimbursement for a missed meal.

Section 4. Meeting Agenda

- a) Call to Order
- b) Pledge of Allegiance
- c) Devotion
- d) Program presentation including follow-up questions: approximately 20 minutes
- e) Reports/announcements from the Board
- f) Reading of the Collect

Section 5. Quorum and Voting

A quorum for voting on an issue at general membership meetings (including special meetings) will be the presence of at least 25 active members. A simple majority vote of those present will determine an issue except an amendment to the Club's Bylaws, which will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

Section 6. Announcements/Distribution of Materials

- a) The Club will not permit announcements which conflict with its purpose.
- b) The sale or distribution of materials related to a meeting's program (e.g., books, pamphlets, brochures, flyers) must be approved by the Programs Chair and the President prior to a meeting.
- c) The announcement or distribution of political statements, advertising, campaign brochures/solicitations, endorsements, or posters is prohibited.

Section 7. Event Sign-Ups

- a) All events should be set up on Wild Apricot by the Board member whose committee is organizing the event, or by her designated event chair.

- b) Club members are encouraged to sign up for events using Wild Apricot. If any Club member requires or requests an alternative to signing up through Wild Apricot, they may contact that event's designated chair.
- c) Paper/clipboard sign-ups at meetings may be offered at the discretion of the Board member whose committee is organizing the event.

ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors (Board) is comprised of the elected officers, appointed officers, and the immediate past President.

The Board assumes its duties immediately following installation at the general membership meeting in **May**.

All meeting dates for monthly general membership and Board meetings are to be determined prior to the start of the Club's fiscal year. The presence of a quorum, defined as seven (7) Board members, is required for the transaction of business at regular and special meetings of the Board.

Board members, both elected and appointed, are expected to:

- a) Maintain a procedural notebook containing detailed information documenting their responsibilities, meetings, projects, activities, and expenses. When the current board member leaves her position, this book is to be passed to the incoming Board member taking on that position. Additionally, all digital documents used by a Board member should be placed in a folder on the Club's Google Drive, labeled with the Board position and year.
- b) Present a budget request for expected expenses related to committee activities and/or projects for the given fiscal year. Such request will be considered by the Board as part of the Club's annual budget approval process.
- c) Schedule meetings with committee members (where appropriate and as necessary) through the year. The first such meeting should be held prior to the **August** Board meeting, except in the case of Fundraising, which needs to meet prior to the **July** Board meeting.
- d) Post scheduled events, meetings, activities, and projects on the Club calendar and confirm there is no conflict with anything already on the Calendar.
- e) Ensure that the President is invited to all committee meetings and is kept informed of actions and correspondence (written, verbal, electronic) pertaining to the committee's activities.
- f) Attend and give verbal/written reports at Board and general membership meetings, or appoint a representative to do so.
- g) Attend fundraising events.
- h) Appoint members to the Nominating Committee during its **January** Board meeting.

ARTICLE IV—ELECTED OFFICERS

Section 1. President

The President is the chief executive officer of the Club and will preside at all meetings – general membership, Board of Directors, and special meetings.

Her other duties include, but are not limited to:

- a) She will supervise and direct the Club’s Board and will ensure that their duties are performed.
- b) She is a nonvoting member of the Club, except in the case of a tie vote.
- c) She is an ex-officio member of all committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee, and must be notified of all committee meetings.
- d) She will, in consultation with the elected officers, appoint chairpersons for each standing committee and other appointees as deemed necessary. Such appointees are to be determined prior to the installation of the Board at the general membership meeting in **May**.
- e) Within one (1) month of the Board’s installation, she will call for the Board to meet and determine its meeting schedule for the next fiscal year.
- f) She must review and approve all communications (internal and external) presented in the name of the Club.
- g) She and the Treasurer must sign all Club contracts. All checks made out for \$500 or more must have two (2) of the three (3) following signatures: the Treasurer, the Presidents, or the First Vice President – Membership.
- h) In the absence of the Treasurer, she is authorized to write checks on behalf of the Club up to \$499.
- i) She will represent the Club at events and meetings of other organizations, or appoint a representative to attend.
- j) She will present a condensed written report of the Club’s activities for the year at the general membership meeting in **May**.
- k) She will administer the Emergency Fund.

Section 2. First Vice President – Membership

The First Vice President – Membership is responsible for the collection of annual dues and the maintenance of the Club’s membership directory (to be kept current throughout the year).

In the absence of the President, she is vested with all the powers and will perform the duties of the President.

Her other duties include, but are not limited to:

- a) She will begin collecting the annual dues in **March** of any calendar year for the next fiscal year of the Club.
- b) She will deposit such dues in the Club's bank account and provide copies of the deposits to the Treasurer.
- c) She will keep the Board informed on the current number of paid members.
- d) For the monthly general membership meetings, she will:
 - provide, in advance, a current membership list to the Hospitality Chair to be used for check-in (noting newly joined members)
 - set up a table at such meetings with a sign-up sheet for guests and a supply of Club brochures and member profile sheets (contact info/committee interest),
 - greet and welcome new members and guests at the general membership meetings
 - in **March**, distribute a member survey allowing them to share thoughts and concerns about the Club
 - in **March or April**, distribute member profile sheets to be updated for the next fiscal year
- e) She will update the membership directory each month based on the information from the member profile sheets and will share such information with the Third Vice President – Communications and Technology and relevant committee chairs.
- f) She will contact potential members and guests with a follow-up email encouraging/welcoming them to the Club and will forward the Club's Weekly Update to them for a three (3)-month period.
- g) She will maintain a roster of paid members and their attendance at the monthly meetings and reach out to those members who have not attended three (3) consecutive general membership meetings.
- h) She will notify members when delinquent in payment of their dues in **September** and, by **October** of each fiscal year, will remove such members from the membership directory and request that the Third Vice President – Communications and Technology remove them from the Club's email distribution lists and social media platforms.
- i) She will notify the Corresponding Secretary of member birthdays each month.
- j) She will hold orientation meetings for new members at least two (2) times each year, inviting the Board members to attend and encourage involvement in the Club's committees and volunteer opportunities, and providing new members with the NMWC logo canvas bag with the Club Handbook, Bylaws and Policies & Procedures.
- k) She will submit announcements regarding membership-related activities to the Third Vice President – Communications and Technology for the Weekly Update.
- l) She will order additional canvas bags and Club brochures as needed.
- m) In the absence of either the Treasurer or the President, she can provide the second signature required for checks of \$500 or more.

Section 3. Second Vice President – Fundraising

The Second Vice President – Fundraising is responsible for the planning and implementation of, or support for, the Club's fundraising events.

In the absence of the President and the First Vice President – Membership, she is vested with all the powers and will perform the duties of these offices.

Her other duties include, but are not limited to:

- a) She will meet with the Fundraising Committee to determine and schedule the Club's fundraising events for the year.
- b) She will present such events to the Board for approval at its **July** meeting.
- c) She will select chairs, and possible co-chairs, for the events and other fundraising tasks. These chairs and co-chairs must document all details regarding the event/task for which they are responsible.
- d) She will support and assist the fundraising chairs and co-chairs and attend all related meetings.
- e) In order to maximize the Club's charitable contributions, she will limit event or project net expenses to the amount approved in the annual budget for fundraising.
- f) She will coordinate external fundraising opportunities (e.g., Amazon Smiles) with Board approval.
- g) Each year, she will work with the Fundraising Committee to develop and propose a sponsorship program to present to the Board for final approval. This program will define sponsorship levels for that year, including dollar amounts associated with each level and accompanying advantages for each level, such as signage, publicity, and other benefits.
- h) She is responsible for developing marketing, publicity, and solicitation materials associated with fundraising projects and sponsorships. She may work with Club members or others in their development, but all materials must be approved by the President prior to distribution.
- i) She will encourage partner and donor opportunities from within the general membership as well as from area businesses and establish guidelines for their recognition.
- j) She will provide the Third Vice President – Communications and Technology with the names and logos of partners and donors, when applicable, for use where needed (e.g., inclusion on the Club website, on social media, and in the Weekly Update).
- k) She will submit announcements related to fundraising to the Third Vice President – Communications and Technology for the Weekly Update.
- l) She will provide details to the Treasurer on the proper recording of moneys deposited from fundraising events, partners, and donors, including in-kind donations.
- m) She will provide acknowledgement and make available tax receipts to all partners and donors.
- n) In coordination with the Treasurer, she will have needed credit card equipment and cash on hand for events and membership meetings.
- o) She will need approval for and acquire signatures from the President and the Treasurer for all contracts.
- p) She will provide the Corresponding Secretary with the contact information for certain donors, as appropriate for the donor level benefits defined that year, for the purpose of sending invitations to the **May** meeting.

General Guidelines

- All fundraisers must comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws.
- All moneys raised through fundraisers involving the Club name are only for those charities as determined through the Appropriations Committee, member input, and Board approval.
- With the purpose of fundraising being to further the objectives of the Club, 100% of such proceeds will be distributed to area charities (for specifics on grants to charities, see Article 5, Section 1 – Appropriations Committee).

Section 4. Third Vice President – Communications and Technology

The Third Vice President – Communications and Technology is responsible for ensuring that Club information is made available to the members and, when applicable, to the general public. She or her designee(s) will oversee all technology platforms utilized by the club including website, social media, and other software.

She will, along with the President, review and approve all communications (information, correspondence, and advertisements) released in the name of the Club. They must approve or disapprove any such communication within 24 hours of receiving; no response will be considered approval.

Her other duties include, but are not limited to:

- a) She will select chairs, and possibly co-chairs, who will be responsible for the Club's Weekly Update, website, Facebook pages (private and public), and other social media platforms; provide administration of and training for the Club's Wild Apricot site; and designate a member to be the Club photographer for meetings and events.
- b) She will ensure that such chairs or co-chairs deliver all forms of communication in a timely manner and update or maintain the various platforms as needed.
- c) She will provide detailed instruction on how to submit entries for the Weekly Update (including deadlines) and how to add and modify entries for the Club calendar.
- d) Upon notification from the First Vice President—Membership, she will remove from the Club's email distribution lists and social media platforms the names of those who have not paid the annual dues.

General Guidelines

- Communication to the membership is facilitated via the Club's Weekly Update as well as its website, calendar, Facebook page, and other social media platforms. Informational announcements are also made at the general membership meetings.

- The Weekly Update is sent by email to the membership by the Third Vice President— Communications & Technology, or her designee, every Sunday. All articles, reports, and announcements must be submitted by the set deadline.
- In addition to Club information, the Weekly Update will feature the names and/or logos of the partners and donors who have made financial contributions for the current year, as appropriate to their donation level.
- Members may post business events, items for sale, etc., for a \$25 fee. Such post will appear for a maximum of two (2) weeks. The current year’s designated charities may post their events at no cost.
- All updates/additions/changes to the Club website and/or postings for the Facebook pages must be submitted to the Vice President – Communications and Technology.
- The Club’s private Facebook group page is for current members only. Members can post and interact with one another on this page. The public Facebook page allows individuals outside of club members to obtain information about the Club, such as its designated charities and upcoming meetings and fundraisers.

Section 5. Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the financial transactions of the Club. She will maintain accurate records of all moneys received and disbursements made, in accordance with a cash basis of accounting.

She will report on and provide written documentation to the Board on the financial status of the Club at its monthly meetings. Such written documentation will also be available at the general membership meetings.

Her other duties include, but are not limited to:

- a) She is authorized to write checks on behalf of the Club and will pay all bills as directed by the Board.
- b) She and the President must sign all Club contracts.
- c) She will reconcile bank account statements and credit card transactions on a monthly basis.
- d) She will ensure that the disbursement and reimbursement of funds for expenses incurred is limited to the amounts allocated in the annual budget, unless as otherwise authorized by the Board.
- e) She will notify the Second Vice President – Fundraising when checks related to such do not clear.
- f) She will have needed credit card equipment and cash on hand for fundraising events and membership meetings.

- g) She and/or another designated Elected Officer will have a key to the Club's Post Office box and will collect the mail.
- h) She will coordinate an independent review of the Club's finances for the year and prepare/submit all tax returns by the end of June each year.
- i) If a check of any value is made out, in name, to the Club Treasurer, she must endorse it over to the Club and deposit it into the Club's bank account.
- j) She will prepare budget documents for Board review at its **June** meeting and deliver all financial records to her successor by the end of that month.

Disbursement and Reimbursement of Funds

- Any check made out by the Treasurer for more than \$500 also requires the President's signature; in her absence, the First Vice President – Membership may be the additional signer.
- With the approval of a committee chair, members may complete a "Request for Reimbursement" form, attaching all related receipts. Such request must be made within 30 days of incurring expenses related to Club activities and must be submitted by the committee chair to the Treasurer.
- The Treasurer can make checks out in advance to a vendor for preapproved expenses. A completed voucher and receipts must be submitted to the Treasurer.
- All in-kind donations, which represent an expense, must be submitted to the Treasurer and Second Vice President – Fundraising regardless of whether or not the individual wants to be reimbursed. This expense information is to be documented for the planning of future budgets.

Section 6. Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary will record the minutes and votes for all proceedings during Board, general membership, and special meetings (called by the Board or the membership) of the Club.

Her other duties include, but are not limited to:

- a) She will designate a substitute to record any minutes when unable to attend a meeting.
- b) For Board and special meetings, she will record detailed minutes. These draft minutes will be emailed to the Board for review no later than one week before its next meeting, then approved at that Board meeting as part of that meeting's agenda.
- c) For general membership meetings, she will record summary minutes, with details on any actions taken. These draft minutes will be emailed to the President for initial review, and then to the Third Vice President—Communications & Technology for inclusion in

the Weekly Update no later than the week before the next general meeting(s). These minutes will be approved as part of the agenda at the next general meeting(s).

- d) She will keep copies of all reports, agendas, etc. from all meetings and keep them with the corresponding minutes. She will store all such documentation on the Club's Google Drive.

Section 7. Corresponding Secretary

The Corresponding Secretary will conduct the official correspondence of the Club as requested by the President or determined by the Board.

Her other duties include, but are not limited to:

- a) She will send electronic birthday greetings to the members.
- b) She will send sympathy, get well, congratulations, and encouragement cards to the members when notified by any Board member. Such information should be shared with the President, the Hospitality Chair for possible meal delivery, and with the Third Vice President – Communications and Technology for inclusion in the Weekly Update, if approved by the member or her family.
- c) She will report on such correspondence at Board meetings.
- d) She will send invitations for the May meeting to the Club sponsors per guidelines from the Second Vice President – Fundraising.
- e) She will send invitations for the May meeting to the charity contacts designated by the Appropriations Chair.
- f) She will maintain an adequate supply of letterhead, notecards, and business cards.

ARTICLE V— Appointed Board Committees and Positions

These committees and positions are created and appointed by the Board to advance the Club's purpose and commitment to serve the community.

Section 1. Standing Committees

Standing committees have an active presence in the operation of the Club and may be added or deleted as needed, without general Club membership approval. The newly elected officers will appoint the chair for each standing committee.

Each chair will schedule meetings during the Club year (the first to be held in the summer prior to the **August** Board meeting; the exceptions being the Appropriations and Nominating committees, which will not meet until January) to plan for that which fulfills each committee's purpose. When needed, the committee chair, or designated co-chair, will provide information for Wild Apricot and will notify the Hospitality Chair of anything needed (tables, etc.) for such meetings. These committees are encouraged to photograph, when appropriate, any projects or events for use on the Club website and by the Club Historian.

a) Appropriations Committee

The Appropriations Chair will manage a committee responsible for reviewing the Charitable Grant applications and proposing a list of 10+ charities for consideration by the Board and the general membership.

In **January**, the Appropriations Chair will begin the grant application process for the Club's next fiscal year by providing notification to those charities that applied for Club grants in the previous two (2) years, including links to access and submit the application, and the submission deadline date (mid-April). She will also provide such notification for the Club's Weekly Update and other social media platforms. She will schedule information sessions for interested charities that explain the application process.

The Appropriations Committee will review the applications received and may contact a charity for clarification on information provided or missing from the application. Upon determining the 10+ charities for consideration, the list will be presented to the Board and then made available to the general membership (electronically). Members will be asked to provide input on which charities would be their top five (5) choices for receiving 80% of the moneys raised; the remaining 20% would be shared by the other charities on the list.

Based on member feedback and committee review, the Appropriations Chair will present the Board with the committee's decision on which grant level each charity should receive (see below for details on grant levels). The Board will then discuss and vote to finalize the grant designations for the fiscal year.

The Appropriations Chair will submit the final list of grant recipients for inclusion in the Weekly Update and will notify the selected charities. Such charities will receive invitations the Corresponding Secretary in advance of the next **May** meeting which is when the moneys are disbursed (two meals will be provided per charity). Each charity will have the opportunity to speak at this meeting.

The breakdown of and eligibility for the annual grant allocations is:

- **GOLD:** 50% of moneys raised—two (2) grants shared equally. A charity receiving such grant is not eligible for a Gold or Silver grant for a period of one (1) year.
- **SILVER:** 30% of moneys raised—three (3) grants shared equally. A charity receiving a Silver grant may receive a second Silver grant or a Gold grant the following year. After two (2) consecutive years of receiving either Silver/Silver or Silver/Gold, the charity is not eligible for Gold or Silver grants for a period of one (1) year.
- **COMMUNITY:** 20% of moneys raised—no set number of grants and funds may be awarded in different amounts at the discretion of the Board. These grants are for the remaining charities that were recommended by the Appropriations Committee and, subsequently, finalized by the Board.

Note: Specific dollar amounts for any of the above grants are determined in **April**, based on each year's fundraising total.

b) Community Affairs Committee

The Community Affairs Chair will manage a committee responsible for evaluating local needs to determine which organizations to support through the year, either by the donation of services or the collection of goods.

The Community Affairs Chair will designate co-chairs to be responsible for each service project or collection. She will present such projects and collections to the Board for approval, add these activities to the Club calendar and Wild Apricot, and submit related information, in a timely manner, for inclusion in the Weekly Update.

c) Education Committee

The Education Chair will manage a committee responsible for evaluating local needs (both children and adult) to determine which schools or education-related organizations to support through the year, either by the donation of services or the collection of goods.

The Education chair will designate co-chairs to be responsible for each service project or collection. She will present such projects and collections to the Board for approval, add these activities to the Club calendar and Wild Apricot, and submit related information, in a timely manner, for inclusion in the Weekly Update.

d) Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Chair will manage a committee responsible for the planning of the monthly general meetings, including planning the year's meeting dates, working with NorthStone Country Club, collecting meal fees, and planning the year's meeting dates.

The Hospitality Committee will also provide one (1) meal to a member or member's family, if needed due to surgery, illness, or other life events. In extenuating circumstances, other arrangements may be made.

The Hospitality Chair will designate co-chairs to be responsible for meeting check-ins, greeting of members and guests, and meal delivery for members. The chair will be responsible for:

- working with NorthStone Country Club (or other location if necessary) to determine the lunch and dinner menus for that year's general meetings
- placing reminders in the Weekly Update (two weeks ahead) of upcoming monthly meetings and requesting RSVPs, including the RSVP deadline
- providing lunch and dinner menus on the Club calendar and placing a printed menu at the check-in table
- informing NorthStone of the number of meals needed each month

- ensuring that NorthStone has proper set-up in place for the monthly meetings (room size, tables, podium, microphone, US flag, etc.).
- depositing any money collected for meals and providing the Treasurer with a detailed report, including the amount owed to NorthStone for such meals
- maintaining member nametags, updating such for new members, and making for speakers and guests (if known)

e) Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will be responsible for determining the slate of candidates for the Club's elected officers – President, 1st VP—Membership, 2nd VP—Fundraising, 3rd VP—Communications and Technology, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary – that will be presented to the general membership for consideration. Each **January**, the Board will select this five (5)-member committee; one (1) of which will be a current Board member.

The committee will appoint a chair and be familiar with the eligibility requirements for each position. In **February**, the general membership will be informed of who is on the committee and the Nominating Chair will provide contact information in the Weekly Update for soliciting suggestions of possible candidates. No member will be placed into consideration without confirmation from the member of a willingness to serve, if elected. Prior to the **March** general membership meeting, the Nominating Chair will present the slate of candidates to be voted on at such meeting.

f) Programs Committee

The Programs Chair will manage a committee responsible for the planning and scheduling of programs for the monthly general membership meetings. In such planning, the committee will consider the interests of members as indicated by the annual member survey. The committee may plan different programs for the day and night meetings, if needed. The chair will present a list of programs and alternatives to the Board for approval.

Speakers will not be paid (unless Board approved), but may be given a small thank-you gift no greater than \$100. Speakers will also not be provided with any member information, selected to simply sell a product or service, or selected to exclusively promote a charity (unless Board approved) or political candidate or organization. Members may be selected as program speakers if they are professionally recognized regarding the program topic.

The Programs Chair will obtain biographies and possibly photos from the speakers and submit those for inclusion to the Weekly Update, Club website, Wild Apricot, and other publicity purposes. The chair will also inquire about any audiovisual or other requirements needed for presentations and invite the speaker to stay for lunch and/or dinner, which will be provided at no charge by the Club. The Programs Chair and/or her designee should plan to sit with the guest speaker(s) at the meeting(s) and give an introduction to the Club prior to the presentation(s).

g) Special Interest Committee

The Special Interest Chair will manage a committee responsible for planning and scheduling social and educational activities for the enjoyment of Club members. These activities are totally self-supporting and receive no monetary support from the Club. Members are able to form interest groups with approval from the Board. The chair will assign co-chairs for the interest groups and activities.

All dates related to such interest groups and activities will be added to the Club calendar with attention to conflicts with other previously scheduled Club events. The Special Interest Chair (or co-chair) will submit information on Special Interest events for timely inclusion to the Weekly Update and set up the events in Wild Apricot.

Members who sign up for an activity involving payment will only receive a refund if they cancel prior to the preestablished cancellation date. Guests will be able to attend such activities provided room remains after Club members have had the opportunity to sign up or register.

Section 2. Other Appointed Positions

a) Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian will provide advice on matters of parliamentary procedure according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. She is a nonvoting member of the Club. Her responsibilities include:

- determining that a quorum is present when voting takes place at Board meetings and general membership meetings
- maintaining/updating the Club's Bylaws and Policies & Procedures as needed
- upon Board approval, making proposed Bylaws changes available via the Weekly Update at least seven (7) days prior to a vote by the general membership
- chairing a committee for the annual review of the Club's Bylaws and Policies & Procedures to ensure they reflect any changes that were voted on and approved
- ensuring that the most current version of the Club's Bylaws and Policies & Procedures is electronically available for the Board and all Club members.

b) Chaplain

The Chaplain or her designee will provide a brief non-denominational devotion, inspirational thought, or reading at Board meetings and general membership meetings.

c) Historian

The Historian will document Club events and activities using the photographs taken throughout the year. All members are encouraged to take such photos and submit them to the Historian.

Section 3. Special Committees

The Board will be able to establish special committees as needed to complete a particular task or project not specified in the Club Bylaws or Policies & Procedures. The Board will define the committee's objective and term of appointment. The special committee's chair will report on the committee's progress and completion of its objective.

ARTICLE VI— Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. Appendices

The following appendices are attached hereto and incorporated by reference:

- a) *Wild Apricot – NMWC Board and Committee Responsibilities*
- b) *Emergency Fund Grants – Policies, Procedures, and Application Form*

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APPENDIX A

Wild Apricot – NMWC Board and Committee Responsibilities

Wild Apricot--NMWC Board and Committee Responsibilities

Executive Board

President: Currently has Administrative level rights within WA and will drive priorities and next steps with the tool.

Membership: Has Membership Management access to WA. Uses the tool to add, archive and delete members as needed. Responsible for reviewing/creating Membership emails/templates that are sent as members are added, archived or deleted. Works with Treasurer to verify member payments.

Fundraising: Currently has Administrative level rights. Works with Board and across Committees to plan, drive and/or assist with all fundraising opportunities and events.

Communications: None at this time but as the use of the tool grows their responsibility may as well

Recording Secretary: None at this time but as the use of the tool grows their responsibility may as well

Corresponding Secretary: None at this time but as the use of the tool grows their responsibility may as well

Treasurer: Manages the financials of the club via the Wild Apricot backend systems; has reporting responsibilities of the finances.

Appointees

Chaplain: None at this time but as the use of the tool grows their responsibility may as well

Parliamentarian: None at this time but as the use of the tool grows their responsibility may as well

Committees

Appropriations: Provides and reviews charities each year to be added or deleted from our WA Contacts. Responsible for creating and sending emails to charities as needed/required.

Special Interest: Sets up the special interest events in WA. Manages these events accordingly

Community Affairs: Sets up the community affairs events in WA. Manages these events accordingly.

Education: Sets up the education events in WA. Manages these events accordingly.

Historian: Provides photo updates to reload our WA website several times a year to keep the look current.

Hospitality: Sets up the hospitality events in WA. Manages these events accordingly

Programs: Sets up the program events in WA. Manages these events accordingly. Works with Hospitality on monthly meeting events to communicate both effectively.

Public Relations: None at this time but as the use of the tool grows their responsibility may as well

Special Interest: Sets up the special interest events in WA. Manages these events accordingly. Each committee will have the ability to create emails that will inform members of our events.

November 5, 2020

APPENDIX B

Emergency Fund Grants – Policies, Procedures, and Application Form

North Mecklenburg Woman's Club
Emergency Fund Grants – Policies and Procedures

Emergency Fund grant applicants must be members of North Mecklenburg Woman's Club (NMWC) or be referred by a member of NMWC or an officer or director of an NMWC charity.

All applicants must submit a completed NMWC Emergency Grant Application and documentation supporting their need.

Applicants not members of NMWC must also file at least one reference letter from a member of NMWC or an officer or director of an NMWC charity supporting their need.

All Emergency Fund grants must be approved by the Board.

Emergency Fund grants shall generally be awarded in an amount not greater than \$500 per applicant. Special consideration may be given for extenuating circumstances up to a limit of \$1,000 per applicant.

Funding for Emergency Fund grants will consist of Emergency Funds remaining from the prior year, surplus monies remaining in the budget at the end of the year, donations earmarked for the Emergency Fund and such other monies as the Board may from time to time direct, EXCEPT that Emergency Fund grants shall not reduce monies allocated to Fundraising and NMWC charities.

December 20, 2020



The purpose of the North Mecklenburg Woman’s Club Emergency Grant is to ease a financial burden caused by an emergency situation. This can include funds for basic needs such as groceries, rent, mortgage or medical needs.

Members of North Mecklenburg Woman’s Club or individuals recommended/sponsored by a current member are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION FOR AN EMERGENCY NMWC GRANT

Grants generally range from \$250 to \$500.

Date of application: _____ NMWC Sponsoring Member: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Contact: _____

Email: _____

Purpose of grant request

Please be specific describing your needs. Add an additional page if needed. Please include supporting documentation like bills or invoices.

Amount of Grant Request: \$_____

Please mail or email this grant request and substantiating documentation to NMWC President, Barb Kasprzak at nmwclub@gmail.com. PO Box 1782, Huntersville, NC 28078

*Please be assured that applications are kept confidential and reviewed by a small subset of the NMWC Board.