



## **Bylaws of the Bell Memorial Library**

Article 1: Name. The name of this library shall remain as the "Bell Memorial Library".

Article 2: Place. Location to remain at Nunda, Livingston County, New York.

Article 3: Object. Its object shall be to maintain a circulating library and reading room for the public to use. The inhabitants of the Keshequa Central School District shall be given priority for loan4/20/2023

of library materials. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the library is organized exclusively for the purpose of literary and educational purposes and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements) and political campaign on behalf of and candidate for public office.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the corporation, or any private individual except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation, and no member, trustee, or officer shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the corporation.

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Article 4: Meetings. The regular meeting of the trustees shall be held each month at the library. Schedule of meetings will be established at the first meeting of the fiscal year. The annual meeting shall be held following the regularly scheduled June meeting.

Quorum. Four (4) trustees shall constitute a quorum at regularly scheduled, annual,

and special meetings.

Attendance. If any trustee shall fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without an excuse accepted as satisfactory by the Board, trustee shall be deemed to have resigned and the vacancy shall be filled (Education Law S226).

Special meetings may be called by the president or any two (2) trustees. Five (5) days notice of each meeting shall be given to the Secretary.

Article 5: Officers. From the residents of the Keshequa Central School District, there shall be six (6) trustees to serve on the board. They serve for a five (5) year term and may serve unlimited successive terms.

At the July meeting, the trustees shall elect from their number, to hold office for one year, a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Chief Financial Officer of the organization. Any vacancy occurring during the term of a trustee shall be filled at a regular meeting by vote of the remaining trustees. At the next regularly scheduled library election vacancies shall be filled by vote of the residents of the Keshequa Central School District.

Article 6: Powers and Duties of Officers. The trustees shall have the general management of the library and its property and shall provide way and means for its maintenance and operation. The president may appoint ad hoc committees. Non-board members may be appointed to such committees to bring special capabilities to the resolution of problems confronting the Board. All committee actions are subject to approval by a majority of the board. The Chief Financial Officer may not be required to furnish bond.

Article 7: Amendments. This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting, if written notice of the proposed amendment was contained in the call of the meeting.

These Bylaws, in their entirety, will be reviewed every five (5) years for currency and relevancy.

Article 8: Declaration. These Bylaws are not intended to supersede any New York State Laws or Regulations of its Commissioners.

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