

# Independence Homemakers By-Laws

**1. NAME:** The name of this organization shall be the Independence Homemakers Club.

**2. OBJECTIVE:**

- a. The objective of this organization is to extend to homemakers the opportunity to study homemaking problems that they may more effectively contribute to the well-being of their family and community.
- b. The Independence Club is organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.

**3. MEMBERSHIP:**

- a. Membership shall be open to all persons desiring affiliation with Kenton County Extension Homemakers Association without regard to race, color, age, gender, gender identity or gender expression, sexual orientation, religion, creed, disability (physical or mental), genetic information, national or ethnic origin, veteran status, marital status, pregnancy or political belief.
- b. It is suggested that prospective members visit the Club twice before placing their names on the roster and paying dues.
- c. If a member misses more than three consecutive meetings, the Vice-President shall contact that member. Names will be obtained from the Club secretary. If the member is no longer able to attend in person or remote access, it is suggested they become a mailbox member.
- d. At least one member of club will be expected to attend an Extension Class.
- e. Membership roster information (phone numbers, addresses and email addresses) shall not be shared outside the Independence Club. Personal information is intended for other club members only. Membership information shall not be used for non-homemaker sanctioned activities. This includes charitable campaigns, political efforts, religious efforts, private business, or personal amusement or entertainment.

**4. DUES:**

- a. Dues shall be paid at the September meeting to the Club Treasurer.
- b. Our annual dues shall be \$9.00; an additional \$1.00 for Ovarian Cancer is optional.

**5. GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- a. Meetings will be held the third Monday of each month at 11:00 A.M at the Durr Center, 10990 Marshall Rd, Covington, Kentucky unless changed by the Extension Office.
- b. When a motion or plan requires voting, the vote will pass with 2/3 of members present. Additionally, votes by members attending via remote technology shall be valid.
- c. When in-person meetings are not allowed due to regulations by local/state/national health restrictions, construction issues, difficult scheduling issues, or other unusual, unforeseen, circumstances – it will be permissible to conduct meetings via remote technology [i.e. Zoom]. Additionally, if in-person attendance is limited, it is allowable to conduct hybrid meetings using remote technology and in-person attendance.
- d. It shall be the duty of the Club member to attend meetings promptly and regularly and

arrange to stay until the close of the meeting if possible.

e. Each Club member who brings a visitor to the club meeting must notify the President so they may be introduced and welcomed.

f. Officers should notify the President when unable to attend a meeting.

g. Members hospitalized, having surgery or ill should be remembered with cards. A \$25.00 memorial for deceased current members will be sent to immediate family or designated charity.

h. A by-law committee should be established annually to review the by-laws in January, presented to the Club in February, and made available to membership in March.

i. A nominating committee shall be selected at the March meeting in election years. A slate of officers will be presented and voted on at the May meeting. New officers will be installed at the July picnic.

j. Officers will serve for two years with an option to serve an additional two years.

k. A yearly audit will be conducted in June and signed off prior to July picnic.

## **6. LIMITATIONS:**

a. No part of the net earnings of the club shall harken to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any of its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the club shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes.

b. No part of the activities of the club shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the club shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

c. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the club shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Tax code, or (b) by any organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal Tax code.

## **7. DISSOLUTION:**

a. In case of the dissolution of this club, after providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code. [Typically, any remaining funds are distributed to the parent organization, in this case the Kenton County Homemaker Council; or it can be donated to a deserving organization like the Independence Senior Center or what ever organization is agreed upon.]

b. To this end, an audit will be conducted and signed off by all four officers of the club.

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Signatures: