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Article I—Name

The name of this church shall be, "The Evangelical Free Church of Loomis, Nebraska."

Article II—Place of Business

The principle place of business of this corporation shall be at Loomis, Phelps County, Nebraska.

Article III—Purpose

The purpose of this corporation shall be to promote the growth in the Christian faith unto good works, to win souls for Christ, to instruct both young and old in the Word of God and the principles of the Christian faith, and to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ in the home and foreign fields.

Article IV—Doctrinal Position

This church believes and acknowledges the Bible, both the Old and the New Testaments, to be the inspired and revealed Word of God, given to man as the only infallible and sufficient rule and guide for all Christian faith, doctrine and life. This Doctrinal Position is amplified in the By-Laws of this corporation.

Article V—Affiliation

This corporation is affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America for the purpose of uniting in joint interests in both Home and Foreign Missions, Education and other projects of mutual interest and concern. This affiliation in no way affects the complete autonomy of this cor-

poration, as it is a Class (2) religious association as defined in Section 21-834, R. S.N.

Article VI—Commencement of Business

This corporation shall commence business upon the date that these articles are filed of record with the Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska, and the County Clerk of Phelps County, Nebraska, as by law provided, and shall continue in perpetual existence.

Article VII—Membership

This corporation shall receive into membership only those who have received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, and who are willing to support the corporation in its purpose by their personal interests, prayers and contributions, and who follow the Procedure for Membership provided in the By-Laws of this corporation.

Article VIII—Official Board

The Official Board shall consist of the Pastor, Elder, two Deacons, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Vice-Secretary, three Trustees, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Sunday School Superintendent. The business affairs of the corporation shall be conducted by the Official Board and the powers of the Board shall be fully set for in the By-Laws hereafter enacted by this corporation.

Article IX—Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the corporation shall be conducted in the first week of January for the purpose of electing officers. Other business shall be transacted in accordance with the By-Laws.

Article X—Property

X:1—This Corporation shall have the power to receive, either by gift or by purchase, and to hold such real, personal or mixed property as is authorized by the laws of the State of Nebraska, and as is deemed necessary for the business of the corporation, and shall have the power to dispose of such property by mortgage, deed or otherwise. All such property shall be held in the name of the corporation. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to receive, purchase, sell, lease, convey, mortgage, deed or otherwise transfer property of the corporation, only after having been duly authorized by the members of the corporation at an annual or special meeting called for that purpose. Announcement of the proposed transaction shall be given at the regular church service two Sundays before the meeting. All contracts, notes, mortgages, conveyances, assignments, leases, releases and other papers and documents in behalf of the corporation shall be executed by the Board of Trustees.

X:2—In case of a division of the church, the property of the corporation shall belong to those who abide by these Articles and By-Laws.

X:3—In case of dissolution of the corporation the property shall automatically become the property of the Midwest Conference of the Evangelical Free Church of America.

X:4—This corporation shall be considered dissolved when less than five members remain.

Article XI—Indebtedness

In pursuit of their duties as defined in the By-Laws of this corporation, the Trustees shall not have power to contract debts

in excess of \$1000 except by authorization of the corporation at a business meeting of the corporation.

Article XII—Amendments

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made at any Annual Meeting of the corporation by a three-fourths majority votes cast, provided said proposed amendments have been presented and discussed at a general business meeting of the corporation at least three months prior to the time of the Annual Meeting. Articles IV, VII and XII can only be amended, substituted, or their contents changed by a 99% majority of all votes cast.

Article XIII—Annulment

Upon the adoption of these Articles of Incorporation, all previous and conflicting ordinances and Articles are thereby annulled.

BY-LAWS
of
THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
of Loomis, Nebraska

Article I—Doctrinal Position

We believe:

1. The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the Divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.

2. In one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

3. That Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into Heaven, where at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Advocate.

4. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service.

5. That man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost, and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.

6. That the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become the children of God.

7. That the Lord's Supper and Water Baptism are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation.

8. That the true Church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ of which He is the Head.

9. That only those who are members of the true Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church.

10. That Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church, and that every local church has the right under Christ to decide and govern its own affairs.

11. In the personal and premillennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.

12. In the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord, of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment.

Article II—Membership

II:1—Application for membership shall be made to the Pastor or to one of the Deacon Board, whose duty it shall be to inform themselves (Pastor and Deacon Board) as to the spiritual condition of such persons and report to the Church Board. If applicant is found eligible for membership, the Church Board shall so recommend to the next regular business session of the church. The Church shall then vote upon the application. Upon a unanimous vote of all present the applicant is accepted. No member shall be received under sixteen years

of age.

II:2—If applicant is granted membership, he shall be present if possible at the next Communion Service to be publicly received into the fellowship of the Church. At this time the candidate for membership shall give his testimony publicly.

II:3—If any member shall desire to withdraw from the Church, said member shall advise the Pastor or the Deacons to that effect. A member in good standing who desires to withdraw shall, if so desired, receive a letter of recommendation to affiliate with another church.

II:4—Any member who falls into sin, or departs in doctrine or in life from the Doctrinal Position and purpose of this Church, shall be dealt with in a charitable and Christian spirit according to Matthew 18:15-18. Further deliberation in the matter may be had in any regular business meeting of the Church upon the request of the member in question.

II:5—Upon failure of any member to attend or communicate with the Church for a period of one year, said member shall no longer be considered a member in good standing, and shall be notified to that effect. Such a one may retain membership upon request and making provision for the same.

II:6—The pastor and his wife shall become members of the Church upon taking residence in the community and shall be automatically dropped upon leaving.

Article III—Officers

The officers of this church shall be: Pastor, Elder, two Deacons, three Deaconesses, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Vice-Secretary, Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant Sunday School Superinten-

dent, three Trustees, Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

Article IV—Qualifications of Officers

IV:1—The Pastor must be a man who has experienced the saving grace of God, and be of established and unrepachable Christian character. He must have the ability to proclaim and expound the Word of God and execute the duties of a Pastor in every way.

IV:2—All other officers of the Church shall be persons of established Christian character and reputation, well qualified for their respective official duties.

Article V—Duties of Officers

V:1—Pastor: The Pastor shall devote his entire time to the interests of the Church in preaching the Word of God, leading the devotional services, administering the ordinances of the Church, visiting in the various homes as far as time permits, especially the sick and needy. Close attention shall be given the instruction of the children and young people in the Word of God. He shall also maintain the membership records and report to the Annual Meeting concerning spiritual activities of the Church.

V:2—Elder: The Elder shall assist the Pastor in ministering to the spiritual needs of the Church. He shall have charge of the devotional services during the absence of the Pastor and serve in any capacity the Word of God teaches.

V:3—Deacons and Deaconesses: These shall minister unto the sick and needy and shall assist the Pastor and Elder in watching over the spiritual life of the members. In case of a complaint against any member, or should any disorder arise, the Deacons

are to inform themselves of the case and report to the Church Board. The Deacons shall also assist the Pastor at the Communion Service.

V:4—Chairman: The Chairman shall preside at all business sessions of the Church and of the Church Board. He shall have authority to call meetings of said Board; also to call special business sessions of the Church after having consulted members of the Board. He shall have all business sessions properly announced. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall perform his duties.

V:5—Secretary: The Secretary shall keep and preserve an accurate record of all the business affairs and procedures of the Church. He shall be the official correspondent for the Church. He shall also be the custodian of all deeds and valuable papers. In the absence of the Secretary, the Vice-Secretary shall perform his duties.

V:6—Financial Secretary: The Financial Secretary shall receive and properly record all funds of the Church before turning them over to the Treasurer. The Financial Secretary shall give an itemized report to the Annual Meeting.

V:7—Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive and handle all funds received from the Financial Secretary and shall make disbursements and pay all bills as authorized by the Board. He shall keep an accurate account of all money received and expended, and give an itemized report to the Annual Meeting of the Church. A summarized statement covering the finances of all branches of the Church shall be given to the Annual Meeting.

V:8—Trustees: The Trustees shall supervise the economy of the Church and

shall be responsible for the upkeep of the Church property and premises. The Trustees as a group and as individuals shall be responsible to carry out the official decisions made by the Church. They shall report to any business session concerning their activities.

V:9—Sunday School Superintendent: The Superintendent of the Sunday School must be of reputable Christian character and be an efficient leader and instructor. He shall supervise the work of the Sunday School and zealously guard over its progress and welfare, and see that its program is in conformity with the principles of the Church. He shall report to the Annual Meeting of the Church concerning the work and finances of the school. In the absence of the Superintendent the Assistant Superintendent shall execute his duties.

Article VI—Elections

VI:1—Pastor: The Pastor shall be called for an indefinite period of time. He shall be elected by ballot; a two-thirds majority of votes cast being required. Three months notice shall be given in case of the resignation or the removal of the Pastor.

VI:2—Trustees: There shall be three Trustees, one being elected by ballot at each annual meeting to serve a period of three years.

VI:3—All other officers shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting for a period of one year. Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled at any business session of the Church. No officer may succeed himself more than once in any office, except the Trustees who shall not succeed themselves.

VI:4—A simple majority of all votes cast shall be required to decide all elections,

unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws.

VI:5—A two-third majority of all votes cast shall be required in the transaction of all business.

VI:6—Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transacting of business.

Article VII—Meetings

VII:1—A Quarterly Business Meeting shall be conducted the first week of April, July, and October.

VII:2—Special business meetings may be called by the Chairman as required after he has consulted members of the Board.

VII:3—Notice of all business meetings, regular and special, must be made public at least two preceding Sundays in the Church.

VII:4—Services for the preaching and expounding of the Word of God and for prayer and fellowship shall be held for the edification of the saints and the salvation of souls.

VII:5—A Communion Service shall be conducted at least once each quarter and as a rule the Sunday following the regular business meeting.

Article VIII—Committees and Boards

VIII:1—All committees shall be elected or appointed according to the method adopted by the business session when such committees are elected or appointed.

VIII:2—Finance Committee: This committee shall consist of the three Trustees, Treasurer and Financial Secretary. The duties of this committee shall be to receive and collect the necessary funds for the Church and to supervise the financing of the work in general.

VIII:3—Church Board: The Church Board shall execute all matters referred to it by the Church; it shall have the au-

thority to decide matters of minor importance, and shall have the right to make recommendations to the Church.

VIII:4—Deacon Board: The Deacon Board shall consist of the Two Deacons and Elder. Their duties are defined in Article II:1.

VIII:5—Board of Religious Education: The Board of Religious Education shall be composed of Pastor, Senior and Junior Sunday School Superintendents, Church Chairman and Elder. This Board shall be responsible for appointment of Sunday School teachers, approval of Sunday School materials, and planning and supervision of Vacation Bible School.

VIII:6—Auditing Committee: An Auditing Committee of two members shall be elected or appointed at the Annual Meeting for the ensuing year to examine the accounts of the Church.

VIII:7—Special Committees may be elected or appointed as deemed necessary.

Article IX—Changes and Amendments

IX:1—Changes and amendments to these By-Laws may be made at any Annual Meeting of the Church by a two-thirds majority of all votes cast, providing said proposed changes or amendments have been presented and discussed at a general business meeting of the Church at least three months previous to the Annual Meeting.

IX:2—Upon adoption of these By-Laws, all previous and conflicting ordinances and By-Laws are thereby annulled.

IX:3—Articles I and IX can only be amended, substituted, or their contents changed by a 99% majority of all votes cast.

Article X—General Rules and Principles

X:1—The Church Board must sanction

the appointment of Sunday School teachers who are not members of the Church, before it becomes effective.

X:2—There shall be no fundamental changes in the methods, lessons or lesson material used in the Sunday School unless it has received the approval of the Church Board.

X:3—The various branches of the Church activity shall, previous to the Annual Meeting of the Church, give to the Church Treasurer a summarized financial report to be recorded in his report.

X:4—As a rule, no member shall be elected to more than one office that qualifies for membership on the Church Board.

X:5—Having established our principles for the Church upon the infallible Word of God, we expect every member to live according to the teachings and admonitions of this Word, thereby avoiding anything that would prove detrimental or destructive to their own spiritual welfare, the work of the Church, or dishonorable to God.

Our members are most sincerely admonished to exercise true Christian brotherly love one toward another, supporting the work of the Church by their most earnest interest, prayers, attendance and contributions, having the welfare of the Church continually in mind.

Having banded ourselves together that we might better spread the Gospel, and further the cause of God upon earth, we are most sincerely opposed to all worldly and sinful amusements and practices such as attending theaters of any kind, card playing, dancing, etc., believing them to be detrimental to the spiritual life. We would also discourage the use of tobacco and other habits that are unbecoming to Christians.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONSTITUTION of THE EVANGELICAL MISSION CHURCH of Loomis, Nebraska

Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be "The Evangelical Mission Church Sunday School, Loomis, Nebraska."

Article II—Object

The object of the organization shall be:

1. To give instruction in the word of God.
2. To lead its members to salvation by faith in Christ Jesus.
3. To support missions both at home and abroad.
4. To provide Christian fellowship.

Article III—Membership

Everyone who attends the Sunday School a minimum of three Sundays a quarter will automatically be considered a member of this organization.

Article IV—Officers

The officers of this organization shall be: A Superintendent, an Assistant Superintendent, a Junior Superintendent, a Secretary, a Vice-Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Cradle Roll Superintendent.

Article V—Executive Board

The Executive Board of this organization shall consist of: The Pastor, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Junior Superintendent, Secretary, Vice-Secretary, and Treasurer.

Article VI—Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of this organization shall be some time during the first

half of the month of December.

Article VII—Amendment

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at the Annual Meeting, provided notice of such amendment shall have been presented and voted upon at least three months prior to the annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

Article I—Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Superintendent shall preside at each session of the Sunday School, at each quarterly business session, and at the annual meeting, and shall have general supervision of the entire Sunday School.

Section 2. In the absence of the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent shall perform the duties of that office. He shall also assist the Superintendent whenever called upon to do so.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the annual meeting and quarterly business session and of the Executive Board. He shall take care of such correspondence as is directed by this organization. He shall also keep attendance and membership records of the Sunday School and have charge of the ordering of all Sunday School supplies unless otherwise directed.

Section 4. The Assistant Secretary shall in the absence of the Secretary perform the duties of that office. He shall also assist the Secretary whenever called upon to do so.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of this organization and shall make payment as directed by the

organization. He shall keep an itemized account of receipts and expenditures and present a full report at the Annual meeting. He shall also be ready to give general report of the finances at each business session or whenever called to do so by the Executive Board. Being elected by the church, he shall also give a complete report of the finances at the annual meeting of the church.

Section 6. The Junior Superintendent shall lead the opening exercises of the Junior Department each Sunday and give supervision to the Junior Department.

Section 7. In the absence of the Junior Superintendent, the Assistant Junior Superintendent shall perform the duties of that office. He shall also assist the Junior Superintendent whenever called upon to do so.

Section 8. The Cradle Roll Superintendent shall visit the homes of prospective children such as are not enrolled elsewhere, and seek by the consent of the parents to enroll them in the Cradle Roll Department. She shall give a gift from the Sunday School to each new baby and its mother. She shall remember these children with a birthday card at each birthday and give a special Cradle Roll Party once a year to which all of these children and their mothers are invited. Application for coverage of expense shall be made to the Executive Board.

Article II—Meetings

Section 1. A Sunday School session shall be conducted each Sunday morning for one hour.

Section 2. A business session shall be held each quarter, preferably during the first week of the quarter. The Sunday School year is to begin December 1st and

close November 30th.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the Superintendent whenever it seems necessary and after he has consulted with one or more members of the Executive Board.

Article III—Elections

Section 1. All members of this organization who are sixteen years or older have full voting right.

Section 2. The election of officers shall be by closed ballots: a single majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

Section 3. No person shall be eligible for election for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 4. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent and the Treasurer are elected by the church according to the rules provided for election in the church constitution.

Section 5. All other elections, other than officers, shall be elected according to the direction of the meeting.

Section 6. The Junior Superintendent shall be a member of the Church.

Article IV—Committees

Section 1. A Flower committee, consisting of two members, shall present flowers to members of the Sunday School who are sick and in the hospital. Exceptions to this rule with such as are sick, but not at the hospital, are left to the discretion of the committee. The committee shall work in harmony with other flower committees of the church in order that there be no duplications. They shall also have charge of decorations with flowers in the church auditorium for Special Days. If they wish they may ask assistance from the Ladies

Aid.

Section 2. A Library Committee, consisting of two members, shall have charge of the sorting and distributing of the Sunday School literature. This committee shall be elected from the Junior Sunday School.

Section 3. Committees for special occasions shall be as follows:

a. A committee for special days such as Easter, Mother's Day, Children's Day, and Father's Day, shall have charge of all special arrangements. This committee shall be elected at the annual meeting.

b. Committees for Sunday School picnics such as Time and Place Committee, Program Committee, Refreshment Committee, as seemed necessary, shall each serve in their respective places to make arrangements.

c. Christmas Program Committee, such as Decorating Committee, Refreshment Committee, and Program Committee shall have charge of the duties implied by the name.

Article V—General Principles

Section 1. Qualifications for Teachers:

a. Must be a true Christian

b. Should be gifted with ability to teach.

c. Should be a member of the church.

Exceptions may be made if the sanction of the church board is secured.

Section 2. Sunday School Material.

"There shall be no fundamental changes in the methods, lessons, or lesson material used in the Sunday School unless it has received the approval of the Church Board." (Taken from the Church Constitution.)

Section 3. As far as possible there should be an assistant teacher appointed for each class who can take charge of the class when the regular teacher cannot be

present. In such cases the regular teacher should inform the assistant in ample time to prepare the lesson.

Article VI—Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at the annual meeting, provided notice of such amendment shall have been presented and voted upon at least three months prior to the annual meeting.

Article VII—Order of Meetings

- a. Devotionals
- b. Reading of Minutes
- c. Reports
- d. Old Business
- e. New Business
- f. Adjournment and Benediction

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The following Amendments have been added:

1. The teachers in all classes below the Young Adults class shall be chosen each year before promotion Sunday by a committee consisting of the Pastor, Superintendent and Junior Superintendent.
2. An annual election shall be held in each adult class at the end of each fiscal year for the purpose of electing its teacher.
3. This committee shall be consulted about the division of classes.
4. No Sunday School Material shall be selected without the approval of this committee.

CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Article I—Name

The name of this Organization shall be "The Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Free Churches of Western Nebraska."

Article II—Aim and Object

The Society's aim and object shall be:

1. To maintain Christian missionary work in the spreading of the Gospel to the Salvation of the lost in Home and Foreign fields.
2. To awaken a greater interest and a holy and fervent missionary zeal among our women.

Article III—Membership and Dues

All Christian women interested in our work may become active members by registering their names with the local collector where they reside and paying annual dues of one dollar (or more). Names and addresses should be sent to the State Financial Secretary.

Unless otherwise designated, any money contributed in memory of a departed friend or relative, shall be deposited in the Josephine Princell Memorial Fund and any interest accruing thereto shall be used for the purchase of books for the Library of Trinity Seminary and Bible College of the Evangelical Free Church.

Article IV—Officers and Meetings

1. All members present at the Society's Annual Meeting shall be eligible to vote. Annual meeting shall be in April.
2. The management of the Society shall be vested in a Board of officers who are

members of our District Women's Missionary Society and in good Christian standing and shall consist of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and White Cross Chairman.

3. The officers shall be elected for a term of two years and shall not be eligible for re-election for any office at the termination of their term for a period of one year. They shall be elected at alternate annual meetings, so that the President, Secretary, and Financial Secretary are chosen one year and the Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and the White Cross Chairman the next.

4. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Officers shall be filled by appointment by the District Board for the unexpired term of such office.

5. A Nominating Committee consisting of three members shall be appointed by the Board. This committee shall nominate two candidates for each office. The meeting shall have the privilege of nominating a third candidate at the time of the election.

6. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for election.

Article V—Duties of Officers

1. The President shall have general supervision of all the work, preside at executive and society meetings, call the special meetings when necessary, appoint committees not otherwise provided for, and be ex-officio member of all committees.

2. The Vice-President shall act for the president in her absence, and perform such duties as shall be assigned to her.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Board of of-

ficers, notify officers and committees of their election and appointment, and furnish committees with all the necessary papers referred to them.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society. She shall send out proper notices of all called meetings and other meetings when necessary.

5. The Financial Secretary shall receive and account for all funds, and present an annual printed and audited report at the Annual Meeting. She shall transfer all funds to the Treasurer upon receipt of same.

6. The Treasurer shall receive all dues from the Financial Secretary and acknowledge all funds received, keep accurate account of same and pay out money when the Society so decides, and present an annual printed and audited report to the Annual Meeting.

7. The White Cross Chairman shall be the general supervisor of the White Cross work in general and keep in touch with the local organizations. She shall also secure the necessary information from the foreign and home fields for this work and make them known. She shall be appointed by the Board.

Article VI—Projects and Funds

1. The National Membership Fund, of one dollar annually per member, shall be used for missionary purpose and the support of the missionaries approved and supported by the Women's Missionary Society.

2. The White Cross Fund of fifty cents per member annually shall be used for the physical welfare of our foreign mission fields in supplying the needs in Institutions such as hospitals, clinics, Bible Institutes,

Missionary Guest Houses or rooms under our Free Church work; with such items as sheets, blankets, linens, towels and surgical supplies. A request for such needs shall be sent to the White Cross Secretary. This shall be in writing and she will present same to the National Board to act upon before necessary funds are distributed. No expenditures shall be made from the Fund for the personal use of the missionary, nor will this Fund be used in paying for freight or like expenses other than national.

Article VII—Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution can be introduced at a quarterly meeting and acted upon at the following meeting. The amendments must receive the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all votes cast in order to be adopted.