

ARTICLES OF THE SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA CHRISTIAN HIGH

We, the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens and residents of the State of Minnesota, do hereby organize ourselves into a body corporate, under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 309, Section 309.01 and others, of the Minnesota Statutes 1945 and amendments thereto, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a school for Christian Secondary Education, and under and pursuant to said Statutes, and to that end, we do hereby adopt the following articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this corporation shall be Southwest Minnesota Christian High.

ARTICLE II

Place

The corporation shall be located at Edgerton, Pipestone County, Minnesota.

ARTICLE III

Purpose

The object and purpose of this corporation shall be to establish, conduct, and maintain a school for Christian education for instruction in accordance with the Word of God as set forth in the three forms of unity of the Reformed Churches. To this end, this corporation may lease, hold, purchase, sell such real estate and personal property as may be necessary or reasonably incident to the said purpose and objectives and the financing thereof, it may take such property by gift, devise or purchase, it may employ teachers, grant diplomas and awards, it may make charges for tuition of students and solicit funds, and without limiting the foregoing, it may do whatsoever is necessary and proper and lawful in the establishment, maintenance and operation of such a school, and to accomplish the said objects of this corporation.

ARTICLE IV

Seal

This corporation shall have a seal which shall bear the words: "Southwest Minnesota Christian High".

ARTICLE V

Membership

The membership of the corporation shall be persons who are in sympathy with the objectives and purpose of this corporation, as set forth in ARTICLE III hereof and who shall pay an annual membership fee of \$5.00.

ARTICLE VI
Board

The affairs and business of this corporation shall be conducted by an Executive Board consisting of not fewer than nine members, called trustees. The first year the affairs shall be conducted by an executive board of nine members. The members shall be selected as provided by the By-laws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII
Officers

The officers of this corporation shall be a President, Vice-president, secretary and treasurer, all of who shall be elected annually by the Executive Board from its own membership. This election of officers of the corporation shall be held at the first meeting of the Executive Board following the annual meeting of the members of the corporation. The meeting of the Executive Board shall be held at Edgerton, Minnesota and not more than thirty days after the annual meeting. Between the annual meeting and the first meeting thereafter of the Executive Board the incumbent officers of the Executive Board shall have full authority as given under these articles at such meeting of the Executive Board. The officers who are to conduct the transactions for the society during the first year shall be: Evert De Vries, President, Abe Kooiman, Vice President, John Faber, treasurer and Matt Wolterstorff, secretary.

ARTICLE VIII
Election of Officers

The members of the first Executive Board shall be elected from the charter members of the corporation present at the organizational meeting of said corporation. Thereafter, replacements or additions to the Executive Board shall follow regulations as specified in the By-laws accompanying this constitution.

ARTICLE IX
By-laws

This corporation may make such By-laws, not inconsistent with these articles of incorporation, as shall be approved by the Executive Board by a majority vote of the members thereof.

ARTICLE X
Incorporation, Buildings & Equipment

This corporation shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota, Minnesota Statutes of 1945 Section 309.01 and the laws amendatory thereto. These Articles of Incorporation shall be recorded with the Register of Deeds of Pipestone County, Minnesota and filed with the Secretary of State. All deeds and mortgages shall be signed by the President and the Secretary of the Executive Board and shall be made out in the name of the corporation. This shall be done in regard to the Equipment of the school. However, the signatures of the President and the Secretary shall not make them personally responsible for any indebtedness, mortgages, etc. in accordance with the above mentioned State laws.

ARTICLE XI
Charter

This corporation shall be organized under a perpetual charter.

**ARTICLE XII
Amendments**

This constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote at a regular meeting of the corporation, provided that two weeks notice has been sent to each member stating the desired change. The notice of change need not be published in a legal newspaper. Article III of this Constitution, however, is not subject to change.

**ARTICLE XIII
Dissolution**

In event of dissolution of this corporation, the property and moneys belonging to the corporation as a body, shall be donated after liquidation, to such a Christian educational cause as may be decided by the majority of the members of the corporation at a meeting called for that purpose in agreement with the intent of the constitution and in conformity with the laws of the State of Minnesota.

This constitution was adopted on the 12th day of January 1951.

Evert De Vries
Abe Kooiman
John Faber
Matt Wolterstorff

Witnesses:

Henry J. Kreun
Benjamin Vander Kooi

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) as
COUNTY OF MINNESOTA)

On this 12th day of January, 1951, before me personally appeared Evert De Vries, Abe Kooiman, John Faber, and Matt Wolterstorff to me known to be the persons described in, and who executed, the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

(Seal)

BENJAMIN VANDER KOOI
Notary Public, Rock County, Minn.
My Commission Expires July 18, 1957.

BY-LAWS

**ARTICLE I
Executive Board, or Board of Trustees**

The affairs and business of the corporation shall be conducted by an Executive Board, also called trustees, (unless otherwise provided for in these By-Laws), to be elected at the regular meeting of the members of this corporation the first held on May 22, 1950.

As far as possible, every church community shall have at least one member, but not more than three, on the executive board.

ARTICLE II
Vacancies on the Board of Trustees

Three candidates for each vacancy shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees, but other persons may be nominated by the members at the meeting before voting commences. Members of the Board shall be elected in such a manner that the various group cooperating with the school shall be duly represented according to the size of the group.

Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by appointment by the executive board.

ARTICLE III
Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the members of this corporation shall be held at Edgerton, Minnesota, in June, at such a place and time as the Executive Board shall determine.

ARTICLE IV
Notice of Meetings

Notice of annual meetings and all special meetings of the Society shall be given by church announcement at least eight (8) days before the meeting. This notice must be given in all churches where members of the Society are known to worship regularly.

ARTICLE V
Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Society may be called at any time by the Board of Trustees or by the President of the Board, or by a written request of 25 members of the Society, provided that reasons for calling such special meetings are specified.

Notice of all such meetings of the Society shall be given by letter or announcement at least three days prior to the meeting. When such notice has been given those voters who appear at the time and place specified shall constitute a quorum.

The majority shall rule in all cases, except where otherwise required by this constitution or its by-laws or Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VI
Change in Number of Trustees

The terms of office for members of the Executive Board shall be so arranged that as nearly as possible one-third of their number shall expire each year.

ARTICLE VII
Standing Committees

The standing committees of the Executive Board shall be four in number and these are to be the following: Education, Finance, Building & Grounds, and Propaganda. Special committees may be appointed for special purposes as the need for such arises.

ARTICLE VIII
General Duties of the Board

The Executive Board shall determine the time and the place of its meetings. There should be at least one Board meeting per month. It shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the business of the Corporation, and the conduct and the operation of the business, thereof.

ARTICLE IX
Formula for Subscription

We, the undersigned, teachers of the Southwest Christian High School, Edgerton, Minnesota, declare by our signatures that we believe the Holy Scriptures according to the Reformed interpretation as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism, the 37 Articles of Faith, and the Canons of Dort. We promise to instruct the children in accordance with the principles formulated in said Reformed Standards, to maintain discipline according to Christian principles, and to be truly Christian examples unto the children by a godly walk of life as commanded by Christ Jesus.

The fore-going By-laws consisting of nine articles were approved by the Executive Board of the Corporation by a majority of the members thereof on this 12th day of January, 1951.

EVERT DE VRIES, President
MATT WOLTERSTORFF, Secretary.

The fore-going By-laws were made, enacted and adopted by the Society at its meeting held this 12th day of January, 1951.

EVERT DE VRIES, President
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