

# **RESOLUTION: SGMN DUES STRUCTURE**

As submitted by the Executive Committee of the High State Grange of Minnesota

\*Resolution Number not yet assigned

WHEREAS: The daily and annual operations of the State Grange of Minnesota require funding, and

WHEREAS: the current dues structure does not provide the State Grange of Minnesota to grow and adequately function, and

WHEREAS: the State Grange of Minnesota needs additional funds to support our Mission, Vision, and our Granges while providing programming that will help increase our membership, and

WHEREAS: we can only grow as an organization if we provide the tools to excite our members and the public, and

WHEREAS: The Delegate Body of the High State Grange of Minnesota, meeting in due and amble form at the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the State Grange of Minnesota (October 16, 2016), unanimously voted to adopt a *Strategic Plan for the State Grange of Minnesota*, and,

WHEREAS: the State Grange of Minnesota needs funding to maintain our own efforts and traditions in conjunction with fulfilling the goals set out in the adopted *Strategic Plan for the State Grange of Minnesota*, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the entirety of the State Grange of Minnesota Bylaws, Article XI, Fees and Dues be changed to read:

## **Article XI**

### **Memberships and Dues**

#### **Section 1, Fraternal Membership**

**11.1.1** The High State Grange of Minnesota recognizes a “Fraternal Grange Member” as a member in good standing of a Subordinate Grange.

**11.1.2** The total dues for a Fraternal Grange Member shall be \$10.00 monthly to be paid via direct deposit to the State Grange of Minnesota.

**11.1.3** Subordinate Granges may vote to approve additional dues for Fraternal Grange Members.

**11.1.4** Fraternal Grange Members in good standing may serve as an officer, director, and/or delegate at Minnesota Subordinate, Pomona, and State levels of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

**11.1.5** For every Fraternal Grange Member (having been a Grange member for at least 12 months) in good standing at the end of the third quarter, the Subordinate Grange to which that member belongs will receive a Booster Grant of \$50.00.

**11.1.6** Booster Grants will only be presented at the Annual Session of the High State Grange of Minnesota, beginning in 2018.

**11.1.7** Booster Grant funds may not be used to directly reimburse members, but may be used to subsidize the cost of attending State or National Grange events.

**11.1.8** Booster Grant funds may not be used as donations, gifts or grants to organizations outside of the Grange

**11.1.9** Any Fraternal Grange Member or person wishing to become a Fraternal Grange Member may work with the Master of the High State Grange of Minnesota to come up with a mutually agreed upon individual dues structure.

## **Section 2, Fraternal Family Membership**

**11.2.1** The High State Grange of Minnesota recognizes a “Fraternal Family Membership” as a household membership in a Subordinate Grange consisting of two adults and any youth aged 14 years-old to 18 years-old and residing at the same address.

**11.2.2** Each declared resident will be considered a member and receive voice and vote at Subordinate Grange meetings.

**11.2.3** The total dues for a Fraternal Family Grange Membership shall be \$15.00 monthly to be paid via direct deposit to the State Grange of Minnesota.

**11.2.4** Subordinate Granges may vote to approve additional dues for Fraternal Family Memberships.

**11.2.5** Fraternal Family Grange Members in good standing may serve as an officer, director, and/or delegate at Minnesota Subordinate, Pomona, and State levels of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

**11.2.6** For every Fraternal Family Grange Membership (having held a membership for at least 12 months) in good standing at the end of the third quarter, the Subordinate Grange to which that membership belongs will receive a Booster Grant of \$60.00.

**11.2.7** Booster Grants will only be presented at the Annual Session of the High State Grange of Minnesota beginning in 2018.

**11.2.8** Booster Grant funds may not be used to directly reimburse members, but may be used to subsidize the cost of attending State or National Grange events.

**11.2.9** Booster Grant funds may not be used at donations, gifts or grants to organizations outside of the Grange

**11.2.10** Any Fraternal Family Grange Member or family wishing to become a Fraternal Family Grange Members may work with the Master of the High State Grange of Minnesota to come up with a mutually agreed upon individual dues structure.

### **Section 3, Individual Associate Membership**

**11.1.1** The High State Grange of Minnesota recognizes a “Individual Associate Member” as an individual supportive member of a Subordinate Grange.

**11.1.2** The total dues for a Fraternal Grange Member shall be \$5.00 monthly to be paid via direct deposit to the State Grange of Minnesota and to increase proportionately as dues to the National Grange may increase.

**11.1.3** Subordinate Granges may vote to approve additional dues for Individual Associate Grange Members.

**11.1.4** Individual Associate Grange Members in good standing may serve as an officer and/or director at the Minnesota Subordinate level of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

**11.1.5** Individual Associate Grange Members may not serve as an officer, director, and/or delegate at Minnesota Pomona or State Levels of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

**11.1.6** Individual Associate Grange Members are not eligible for Booster Grants.

**11.1.9** Any Individual Associate Grange Member or person wishing to become an Individual Associate Grange Member may work with the Master of the High State Grange of Minnesota to come up with a mutually agreed upon individual dues structure.

#### **Section 4, Business Associate Membership**

**11.4.1** The High State Grange of Minnesota recognizes supportive Business Associate Memberships.

**11.4.2** Business Associate Members may hold no officer, director, or delegate positions at any level of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

**11.4.3** Business Associate Members shall never have a voice or vote in the Grange.

#### **Section 5, Collegiate Membership**

**11.5.1** The High State Grange of Minnesota recognizes a “Collegiate Grange Member” as a member of a Collegiate Grange, or a Subordinate Grange Member currently enrolled in college or university or a Subordinate Grange Member having graduated from college or university within the previous three years.

**11.5.2** The total dues for a Collegiate Grange Member shall be \$5.00 monthly to be paid via direct deposit to the State Grange of Minnesota.

**11.5.3** Collegiate Granges may vote to approve additional dues.

**11.5.4** Collegiate Grange Members in good standing may serve as an officer, director, and/or delegate at Minnesota Subordinate, Pomona, and State levels of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

**11.5.5** For every Collegiate Grange Member in good standing at the end of the third quarter, the Collegiate Grange or Subordinate Grange to which that member belongs will receive a Booster Grant of \$20.00.

**11.5.6** Booster Grants will only be presented at the Annual Session of the High State Grange of Minnesota beginning in 2018.

**11.5.7** Booster Grant funds may not be used to directly reimburse members, but may be used to subsidize the cost of attending State or National Grange events.

**11.5.8** Booster Grant funds may not be used at donations, gifts or grants to organizations outside of the Grange

**11.5.9** Any Collegiate Grange Member or person wishing to become a Collegiate Grange Member may work with the Master of the High State Grange of Minnesota to come up with a mutually agreed upon individual dues structure.

## **Section 6, Ceres Membership**

**11.6.1** The High State Grange of Minnesota recognizes a “Ceres Grange Member” as a member of a Ceres Grange; a Grange based at a nursing home, care facility, assisted living facility, or retirement community.

**11.6.2** The total dues for a Ceres Grange Member shall be \$5.00 monthly to be paid via direct deposit to the State Grange of Minnesota.

**11.6.3** Ceres Granges may vote to approve additional dues.

**11.6.4** Ceres Grange Members in good standing may serve as an officer, director, and/or delegate at Minnesota Subordinate, Pomona, and State levels of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

**11.6.5** For every Ceres Grange Member in good standing at the end of the third quarter, the Ceres Grange to which that member belongs will receive a Booster Grant of \$20.00.

**11.6.6** Booster Grants will only be presented at the Annual Session of the High State Grange of Minnesota beginning in 2018.

**11.6.7** Booster Grant funds may not be used to directly reimburse members.

**11.6.8** Booster Grant funds may not be used at donations, gifts or grants to organizations outside of the Grange

**11.6.9** Any Ceres Grange Member or person wishing to become a Ceres Grange Member may work with the Master of the High State Grange of Minnesota to come up with a mutually agreed upon individual dues structure.

## **Section 7, Heritage Membership**

**11.7.1** The High State Grange of Minnesota recognizes a “Heritage Grange Member” as a Subordinate Grange Member who has been a member in good standing for ten or more continuous years as of State Session, 2017.

**11.7.2** Grange Members meeting these requirements may apply for Heritage Grange Membership by December 31, 2017.

**11.7.3** Heritage Grange Dues shall be locked in at \$30.00 annually, payable to the State Grange of Minnesota within the first quarter of the calendar year and to increase proportionately as dues to the National Grange may increase.

**11.7.4** Heritage Grange Members agree to remain Grange Members and pay dues annually for the remainder of his/her life.

**11.7.5** Heritage Grange Members are not eligible for Booster Grants.

**11.7.6** Heritage Grange Members in good standing may serve as an officer and/or director at Minnesota Subordinate levels of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

**11.7.7** Heritage Grange Members may not serve as an officer, director, and/or or delegate at Minnesota Pomona or State levels of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

## **Section 8, Junior Membership**

**11.8.1** The High State Grange of Minnesota recognizes a “Junior Grange Member” as a member of a Junior Grange between the ages of five (5) and (13).

**11.8.2** The total dues for a Junior Grange Member shall be \$10.00 per Junior Grange Member monthly to be paid via direct deposit to the State Grange of Minnesota.

**11.8.3** Junior Granges must meet a minimum of twice a month.

**11.8.4** A Subordinate Grange sponsoring a Junior Grange may vote to approve additional dues for the Junior Grange.

**11.8.5** For every Junior Grange Member in good standing at the end of the third quarter, the Junior Grange will receive a Booster Grant of \$60.00.

**11.5.6** Booster Grants will only be presented at the Annual Session of the High State Grange of Minnesota.

**11.5.7** Booster Grant funds may not be used to directly reimburse members or parents of members, but may be used to subsidize the cost of attending State or National Grange events.

**11.5.8** Booster Grant funds may not be used at donations, gifts or grants to organizations outside of the Grange

**11.5.9** Any Parent of a Junior Grange Member or person wishing their child to become a Junior Grange Member may work with the Master of the High State Grange of Minnesota to come up with a mutually agreed upon individual dues structure.

## **Section 9, Golden Sheaf Membership**

**11.9.1** The High State Grange of Minnesota recognizes a “Golden Sheaf Member,” as a member who has maintained continuous Grange Membership for 50 years or more.

**11.9.2** The High State Grange of Minnesota may elect to wave all or a portion of a Golden Sheaf Member’s dues to the State Grange of Minnesota.

**11.9.3** The High State Grange of Minnesota may elect to pay all or a portion of the Golden Sheaf Member’s dues to the National Grange.

**11.9.4** Golden Sheaf Members are not eligible for Booster Grants.

**11.9.5** Golden Sheaf Members in good standing who have their dues paid for by the State Grange may serve as an officer, director and/or delegate at Minnesota Subordinate and Pomona levels of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

**11.9.6** Golden Sheaf Members in good standing who have their dues paid for by the State Grange of Minnesota may not serve as an officer, director, and/or or delegate at the State level of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

## **Section 10, Affiliate Membership**

**11.10.1** Where an affiliate membership is allowed, the member is responsible for paying the full amount of dues for the appropriate type of membership in both Granges.

## **Section 11, Seventh Degree Club**

**11.11.1** Any Grange Member having received the Seventh Degree may join the Minnesota Grange Seventh Degree Club.

**11.11.2** The Seventh Degree Club shall meet at least once annually at the High State Grange of Minnesota's Annual Session, but may meet additionally as appropriate.

**11.11.3** The Seventh Degree Club may set its own dues as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all subsequent articles in the State Grange of Minnesota Bylaws be re-numbered accordingly, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these additions to the State Grange of Minnesota Bylaws take effect January 1, 2018.