

## FRIENDS OF THE CENTRAL RIDGE LIBRARY BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of this organization shall be FRIENDS OF THE CENTRAL RIDGE LIBRARY, INC.

### ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to support the Central Ridge Library and to promote donations, endowments and bequests for public library purposes. Friends of Central Ridge Library, Inc. is part of Friends of the Citrus County Library System, Inc. (FOCCLS), whose purpose is to hold book sales for the benefit of all member Friends of the Library.

### Article III - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this organization shall be open to all individuals interested in promoting the use of the library's resources.

### Article IV - DUES

Section One: Dues shall be determined by the Executive Board and shall be adopted after majority approval of the membership at a general meeting.

Section Two: Annual membership period shall begin January 1 and end with December 31 of the calendar year.

### ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section One: The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in the following officers: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and at least **four (4)** ~~six (6)~~ Directors.

Section Two: The terms of office shall be: A. President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected to serve for one (1) year which shall begin February 1. Officers may succeed themselves at the discretion of the Nominating Committee and the voting membership. B. Directors shall be elected for a three-year term which shall begin February 1. Section Three: The President, with the approval of a majority of the Executive Board, shall appoint officers or directors pro-tem to fill any vacancy that may occur.

### Article VI - ELECTION OF **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS**

**A slate of officers and incoming directors will be developed at the September board meeting. This slate shall be announced by posting at Central Ridge Library and on the Library's web site by the date of the December meeting.** ~~A nominating committee with three (3) members shall be appointed by the President at the September Board meeting. Nominations for officers shall be announced by posting the slate of nominees at Central Ridge Library and on the Library's web site.~~ Elections shall be held at the January general meeting. Candidates shall consist of **the posted slate** ~~those nominated by the Nominating Committee~~ and those nominated from the floor. The election shall be by closed ballot unless the candidate is unopposed. **The Board of Directors** ~~Officers~~ shall be installed immediately following the election.

### ARTICLE VII – **COMMITTEES AND POSITIONS**

Standing committees, **or positions to be filled** to be appointed by the incoming President with the approval of a majority of the Executive Board, shall be membership, ~~historian,~~ publicity, newsletter, ~~Speaker's Bureau representative to the Citrus County Library Advisory Board (LAB),~~ representative to the LAB, ~~library volunteers-coordinator, Book House coordinator, Book House sales chairman~~ and representatives (2) to the FOCCLS Board of Directors.

Ad Hoc committees **and appointments** are to be appointed as required by the President with the approval of a simple majority of the Executive Board.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS**

Section One: The general meeting of the members of this organization shall be **held** in January.  
Section Two: Special meetings of the members of this organization may be called at any time by the President, Executive Board, or upon the request of ten (10) members.

Section Three: The number of members attending a general meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section Four: Executive Board meetings shall be held each month with the exception of **June**, July and August at a time and place designated by the President. A quorum for Board meetings shall consist of one-half (1/2) of the members of the Executive Board.

#### **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS**

Changes in the By-Laws may be initiated by a majority of the Executive Board or by a petition signed by one-fourth (1/4) of the membership. The proposed changes shall then be posted at Central Ridge Library, on the Library's web site and in the Friends Newsletter, and voted upon at the following general meeting, a two-thirds (2/3) vote being required for passage.

~~In any area not specifically covered by these By-Laws, Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail.~~

#### **ARTICLE X - CONDUCT AT MEETING**

**Board of Directors** ~~officers~~ and members shall at all times conduct themselves in generally accepted good manners. Membership may be canceled by action of the Executive Board if conduct is unacceptable.

#### **ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION**

If for any reason, at any time, the FRIENDS OF THE CENTRAL RIDGE LIBRARY organization is dissolved, all funds in all accounts shall be given to the Central Ridge Library of Citrus County, Florida.

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These By-Laws revise and extend the documents of the FRIENDS OF THE CENTRAL RIDGE LIBRARY dated October 2002.

By-Laws Committee: Sue Haderer, Jean Racine, Peggy Stillman and Jackie Dean - November 7, 2005. Accepted by the Executive Board on January 9, 2006. Passed by members by unanimous vote on January 19, 2006. Revised on January.15, 2008. Revised on September 17, 2009.

**Revised by By-Laws committee (Cathy Lindell, Mary Kay Pavilionis, Gail Roughgarden and Karen Slaska) and approved by Board of Directors Nov.15,2022.**