

Policy Statement

Indian Hill Historical Museum Association d.b.a. The Indian Hill Historical Society

Subject: Dues

- 2/3/1974: The Code of Regulations states the annual dues were established as: "Patron \$100, Sustaining \$50, Family \$15, Individual \$5, and Youth \$1. Original dues shall be paid upon becoming a member and thereafter annually in the month of February. Any person becoming a member (Note: later than 2/75) shall be billed in each year in the month in which he initially became a member. Non-payment of annual dues shall terminate membership."
- 2/3/1974: Code of Regulations: "The Board of Trustees shall have a power to create and change such classed of membership as it may deem advisable, and fix the dues therefor. The membership of the Corporation shall at all times consist of those persons who have paid such annual dues. Any person making a gift of \$100 or more within the first year (February 1974 to February 1975) shall be designated a Founder. After this time such a gift shall designate that person as a Patron."
- 3/6/1974: The Articles of Incorporation reaffirm the power of the Board of Trustees to fix dues, create classed of membership, etc.
- 3/17/1975: Decided to "bill" for membership dues annually.
- 2/10/1976: Discussion regarding billing once per year for all members vs. annual dues billing based on month joined for each member. Generally agreed either method has pros and cons. Tabled for further discussion. In the meantime, annual billing will continue to be done for each individual membership, based on month joining.
- 9/19/1978: Additional discussion regarding having all membership dues payable at same time, as opposed to staggered by join date. Clarification requested regarding non-requirement of dues for Founders. No decision reached.
- 9/2/1980: Founding members "should not have to pay annual due; all other members, patron, family, and individual must pay annual dues."

1/8/1981: Dues established as Individual \$10, Family \$20, Sustaining \$50, and Patron \$100.

6/7/1983: Dues changed to Individual \$20, and Family \$25.

12/3/1985: Decided to establish Life membership fee at \$2,500, with provision that it could be raised in the future.

4/1/1986: Voted to keep the dues for Patron and Sustaining the same (\$100 and \$50).

10/7/1986: Dues raised to Individual \$30, Family \$35, Sustaining \$70, Patron \$125.

3/3/1987: Further discussion re: changing dues payment to once per year for everyone (during same month).

12/12/1989: Voted to discontinue use of VISA charge for paying dues.

7/25/1990: Dues increased to Individual \$35, Family \$45, Sustaining \$80, and Patron \$150.

1/10/1995: Special Bicentennial offer made to former members of 1 ½ years membership for price of 1 year.

2/14/2012: Created a new level of membership: Business, \$350

1/14/2014: Added new benefits for certain membership levels. Benefits now include:
Life: Free admission to all events, 25% discount on Little Red Schoolhouse Rental, name tags, preferred seating at programs
1873: Free admission to all events, 20% discount on Little Red Schoolhouse Rental, name tags, preferred seating at programs
Cornerstone: One free program each season, invitation to member only events (includes Patron & House Tour), 15% discount on Little Red Schoolhouse Rental, name tag, preferred seating at programs
Business: Free member only events (includes Patron & House Tour), bring up to 2 Associates & 2 Guests (not free) to members only events (includes Patron & House Tour), 10% discount on Little Red Schoolhouse Rental
Patron: Invitation to Patron Party

5/12/2015: The "Patron" level was changed to "Benefactor". The term "Patron" as a membership tier will no longer be used.

6/9/2015: Dues increased as follows: Individual \$50, Family \$75, Benefactor \$175, Cornerstone \$500, and 1873 Club \$1000. The Sustaining level was eliminated.

10/13/2015: Change the renewal process for members. The current monthly renewal process based on join date will be replaced with an annual membership renewal

time, regardless of the members' join dates. There will need to be a transition to this and memberships would be prorated initially if they join mid-year. This will allow for bulk mailing of the letters.

12/1/2015: Changed the renewal process for membership back to the monthly process as opposed to the annual process adopted on 10/13/15. The work load for proration and the annual mailing in the Fall would conflict with the program work.