

By-Laws of the Zion Chapel Chapter of the National Jr. Beta Club

Article I

Time and Place of Meetings

The time and place of the meetings of this chapter of the National Jr. Beta Club shall be determined at least two days in advance. Meetings will be held in sponsor's room unless otherwise announced and will be called for specific purposes deemed necessary by the sponsors/officers. This chapter of the National Jr. Beta Club is an integral part of the central organization of the National Jr. Beta Club and shall be governed by the academic and financial policies laid down in the National Constitution of the central organization of the National Beta Club. Its coat-of-arms, motto, colors, creed, and official insignia shall be those of the National organization of the National Jr. Beta Club.

Article II

Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be the promotion of scholarship, leadership, and good citizenship at Zion Chapel High School.

Article III

Standards of Membership

Standards of membership in the Zion Chapel High School Chapter of the National Junior Beta Club must conform to the general features as laid down in the National Constitution and in all cases must be approved by the officers. Standards for membership (prior to initiation and during membership) must address three areas: Academic, Character, and Leadership.

The grades from which the members may be drawn shall be the sixth through the eighth. The Academic/scholastic requirements for membership in this chapter of the National Jr. Beta Club shall be as follows: A student must have a semester grade of at least an 88 or higher in the core courses for sixth grade (English, math, science, and social studies) for the past semester and a semester grade of at least an 88 or higher in the four core courses for seventh and eighth grade (English, math, science, and social studies).

The Character standard for membership will require that all prospective members must demonstrate a history of good character in and out of school. Names of prospective members who meet the academic requirements will be submitted to the faculty for a character evaluation. A prospective member should receive no more than 2 (cannot have 3 or more) negative teacher recommendations from the faculty recommendation sheets. These students meeting the standard will then be presented to the officers, and formal induction invitations will be given. Once the students are inducted as members, they must maintain a credible record of good character both in and out of school. The prospective member must not have been convicted of the commission of any act classified as a misdemeanor or felony by the State Code of Alabama or the United States Code. A prospective member and current members shall not hold any disciplinary referrals of a Class II or Class III offense to the Zion Chapel High School Office. Repeat offenders of a Class I school violation may be brought before the officers for possible denial of admission, punishment, probation, and/or dismissal.

The Leadership standard for membership will require that members must actively participate in the service projects, meetings, events, and any activity sponsored by the Zion Chapel Chapter of the Jr. Beta Club.

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Article IV

Induction of Members

The induction of new members into the membership of the Chapter of the National Jr. Beta Club shall be one of the dignity appropriate to the ideals of the organization. An induction ceremony will follow the same guidelines and principles as recommended by the National Jr. Beta Club.

Article V

Administrative/Disciplined Actions

A member of this Chapter of the National Jr. beta Club will be placed on probation if his/her grade point average, for the previous semester of school, falls below an 88 in the core classes as defined above in Article III. The member must bring his/her GPA back up to an 88 in the core classes during the current semester. During the probationary period, members may participate in all club activities and benefits. Once students are inducted as members, they must maintain a credible record of good character both in and out of school. The members must not have been convicted of the commission of any act classified as a misdemeanor or felony by the State Code of Alabama or the United States Code. Current members shall not hold any disciplinary referrals of a Class III offense to the Zion Chapel High School office. Repeat offenders of a Class I school violation (three or more) or one offense of a Class II disciplinary referral may be brought before the Jr. Beta officers for possible punishment, probation, and/or dismissal.

Article VI

Service Project

As soon as possible after its activation in the Fall term of the school year, the Chapter will undertake a program of service which will be of benefit to the school and community. The project shall be decided upon only after consultation with, and upon approval of, the Principal, sponsors, and officers. At a minimum, Zion Chapel High School National Jr. Beta Club will sponsor two service projects per year.

Article VII

Local Dues

The local dues of this Chapter of the National Jr. Beta Club shall be \$15 dollars per year. New inductees will pay \$25 dollars to include one-time National Membership fee, pin, and certificate.

Article VIII

Amending the By-Laws

The By-Laws of this Chapter of the National Jr. Beta Club may be amended by the officers who will present the possible changes to the club. The club must have a majority vote at a regular meeting to approve the changes. The By-Laws will be reviewed yearly to determine if amendments are necessary. A quorum must be present at a meeting in order for a vote to be extended to the members present.

Article IX

Quorum

A quorum of the membership shall be constituted by a majority, to exceed 50%, of the membership. No action may be taken which is binding upon the membership unless a quorum is present. However, certain matters, such as a discussion of means of taking in new members, the presentation of a program, etc., may be carried on a regular or special meeting without a quorum being present.

Article X

Officers

The officers of this National Junior Beta club chapter will be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Historian, and Inspirational Leader.

The duties of the President will be to preside at the meetings, appoint the committees of the club, represent the organization when necessary, and to administer the policies as laid down in the constitution and bylaws.

The duties of the Vice President will be to preside at meetings when the president is absent or incapacitated to perform the duties of the office, and to assist in administering the affairs of the club, such as serving on committees.

The duties of the Secretary will be to keep the records of membership, record the minutes of the meetings, and to carry on the necessary club correspondence.

The duties of the Treasurer will be to keep a record of all financial matters pertaining to the local club, collect and preserve the club's funds, and pay out of the club's funds to meet the financial obligations of the club.

The duties of the Historian will be to update the calendar, create a digital or physical album of all Beta Club activities and manage the submission of member's service hours.

The duties of the Inspirational Leader shall be: to provide words of inspiration and encouragement at the meetings.

Officer election will be by secret ballot and will take place during the Fall semester of the service year. Three nominations for each office will be received when possible. Officer elections shall begin with the election of the President and Vice-President. Nominations will be offered from the group at large, and the offices of President and Vice-President shall be held only by students currently in the eighth grade. Nominations will then be offered from the group at large for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer shall be held only by students currently in the seventh grade. The club at large will offer nominations for the offices of Historian and Inspirational Leader from both grades.

Submitted, voted, and approved by the Zion Chapel Chapter of the Jr. Beta Club on March 17, 2021.
Signatures of the Zion Chapel Jr. Beta Club Officers.

Mr. Matt Barton, Principal

Mrs. Ashley Storey, Sponsor

President, Brady Flowers

Vice President, Riley Bannin

Secretary, John Foster Hamm

Treasurer, Dylan Davis

Historian, Sydney Boothe

Inspirational Leader, Ethan Ard