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The Women's Chamber of Commerce

Member Chamber of Commerce of the United States

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THE WOMEN'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE -- AN OVERVIEW

The Women's Chamber of Commerce is an organization whose membership consists of women representing business, industry, civic, education, health related, service oriented, commercial and other interests in the Greater Kansas City, Kansas community. The organization exists to foster the common good of both the community and its residents by promoting the strengths of women and their contributions in leadership roles.

WCC PROJECTS

Projects vary with changing leadership of the organization but generally include sponsoring programs of an educational nature and community service efforts. For example, in the past the Women's Chamber has organized career information days for high school students and a hospitality room at the American Royal, has conducted a shoppers' survey, offered seminars and been involved in other projects directed toward community service and membership enrichment.

Projects of the current year include:

- The American Royal Lounge and a booth at the Royal to promote the Agricultural Hall of Fame.
- Support of the City Beautiful Campaign.
- A Speakers' Bureau.
- Scholarship Fund and various projects to support it.
- Awareness of legislative issues.

BENEFITS TO MEMBERS

Informational programs.
Exchange with members in a broad variety of professions.
Networking.
Community involvement.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Women's Chamber of Commerce meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month. Meetings vary with breakfast, lunch and dinner sessions planned at different locations throughout the city. Members are responsible for individual meal charges and are asked to make reservations prior to attending meetings.

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Active -- Representative women who are established in business and/or professions in Greater Kansas City, Kansas.

Associate -- Women who have been active members in good standing of the organization and are moving or have moved to another city, or who have by reason of temporary or permanent retirement become disqualified for active membership.

Sustaining -- Be held by a firm in Greater Kansas City, Kansas not having a representative woman in its organization.

ANNUAL DUES

Active and Sustaining Members	\$35.00
Associate Members	\$10.00
(Payable annually in advance of July 1 of each year).	

WOMEN'S CHAMBER ADDRESS

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CURRENT OFFICERS

JoAnn Kelley, Paulin, President (Sears, Roebuck and Co.).
Pamala Grisnik, First Vice President (Security National Bank).
Therese M. Horvat, Second Vice President (Providence-St. Margaret Health Cntr).
Frances Hay, Recording Secretary (Donnelly College).
Adrienne Kyger, Corresponding Secretary (Richards Agency, Inc.).
Margaret Eagleburger, Treasurer (Wyandotte County Courthouse).

July, 1938 - President Dorothy West. One activity was planting roses in the rose garden, and planting iris. Seventeen members were present; dues were \$2.50. Dorothy West was the first woman ever to be elected president of the "Club President's Round Table". The Chamber sponsored "A Christmas Carol" at Memorial Hall and were entertained by the Gibson Players. The borrowed wedding veil was lost on Rural Day. N.S. Savings bond to reimburse the owner of the veil was \$18.75.

December, 1938 - "Little World's Fair" two weeks before Easter for three days. Merchants rented out booths, parade and floats - N.J. Snyder. Suggested naming a lady to Women's Field Army - American Society for the Control of Cancer. President went to convention at Washington, D.C.

July, 1939 - President Mrs. Fannie Slagill. She was invited to become a member of the State Chamber of Commerce. Spent \$100.00 to decorate Huron Park for Christmas. Yearbook printing cost \$40.00. Purchased court house site, deed recorded. President went to Washington, D.C. convention. Sent a representative to annual state meeting of State Chamber of Commerce in Wichita.

July, 1940 - President Mattje Herndon. Activity was buying pins, which cost \$2.50 for a solid gold pin. Fifteen members present.

March, 1941 - Paid dues for five little girls at Children's Home for Campfire Girls. \$1.00 per girl.

December, 1941 - President Alta Shondell. "What are we going to do in the National Defense Movement?" Contact chairman of movement and offer services for any emergency.

January, 1942 - Offered a class for knitting and sewing for Red Cross. Bought war bonds with money from Women's Chamber of Commerce.

April, 1942 - After two years of debate a grand piano was purchased for \$245.00.

July, 1942 - President Bessie Sullivan. Two representatives went to State Chamber in Topeka. Discussed whether to raise luncheon fee from \$.50 to \$.60. "Opinion was that \$.60 was too high; regular diners only pay \$.55." Avis Crown "Newcomer's Service" is today's Welcome Wagon. Began discussion for purchase of furniture, "Soldier's Recreation Room". A letter was sent suggesting each club have a drive to sell war stamps and bonds during the month of September. It was decided against spending money from the budget for Christmas decorations this year. New members this year represented War Price Rationing Board; Bomber Plant; Aircraft Accessories, Inc. It was decided to donate the "old Liberty Bell" to the scrap drive.

Letter received from the Defense Committee requesting \$100.00 be set up as a Defense Committee Fund for a defense emergency. A purchase of gifts to each individual woman leaving this area for the WAAC's. A donation of \$40.00 was given to the United War Fund. Red Cross solicited help with making surgical dressings. Decided as many members as possible would volunteer one to two nights a week on this project. Fund raising project was Valentine Card Party, proceeds would be turned over to Finance Committee.

Mr. Breidenthal, President of Chamber of Commerce informed Women's Chamber they would now be included in the classified club luncheons. He also thanked the Women's Chamber for the purchase of the piano.

It was reported that Madam Chiang Kai-shek would be in Kansas City, Missouri this spring. A telegram was sent to the Office of War Information asking for her for our city under our sponsorship.

A motion was moved and carried that we sponsor WAAC Recruiting project through 1943. It was pointed out that each WAAC relieves a man for combat duty. Our share would be 900 WAAC's for Kansas and Western Missouri, a total goal of 75,000 for the area.

One thousand war bonds were purchased. To publicize the enlistment campaign to be held at the U.S.O. Clubhouse (7th and Minnesota), the Women's Chamber of Commerce would print tickets for distribution to girls of 20 or older. A drill by the WAAC's could be presented on the street for the general public.

A discussion was held to locate a parental home for juvenile delinquents of Kansas City, Kansas. Presently nothing available but the county jail.

Unanimously approved to sponsor Camel Cigarette Project with the R.J. Reynolds Company to ship to men in overseas forces. It would cost the donor \$.05 per package to be supervised for free distribution to men on the fighting front. A label will be affixed on each package bearing personal message of encouragement with the name of the donating organization. \$100.00 sends 2000 packages. \$250.00 sends 5000 packages. The project was dropped and no reason given.

July, 1943 - Dances, cookies and drinks were offered often for servicemen.

September, 1943 - President Jeanette Capp. Women's Chamber of Commerce assisted the WAVE recruiting office in their drive for getting enough recruits from Kansas City to fill a Pullman Car. They think they might call them the "Kansas City Clippers". Approved the securing of an executive secretary to be paid a salary of \$50.00 a month for 20 hours per work week.

January 10, 1944 - A discussion on juvenile delinquency and the need for a place for Kansas City, Kansas children to dance and have entertainment was held. The only place available was "Blenders".

May 24, 1944 - Dues raised to \$10.00 annually after much discussion and debate.

October 9, 1944 - President Julia Frisbie. It was reported that the Lutz property at 7th and Washington could be purchased for \$10,500 to be used for a hotel.

November 13, 1944 - The hotel committee reported that resources were too limited to buy and maintain a hotel at this time.

February 12, 1945 - Dues were reduced to \$5.00 annually. It was suggested that the Chamber sponsor the buying of a B-25 Bomber, the first new fighter plane that North America was making.

March 21, 1945 - In a general discussion, joint effort with BPW, it was the consensus that the first fighter plane, a P-40 jet-propelled, would intrigue the fancy and arouse the interest of a greater number of potential bond buyers than would the buying of a B-25.

April 9, 1945 - The idea of sponsoring the sale of a jet-propelled P-80 fighter was turned down by the Kansas War Finance Commission, the U.S. Treasury and the War Department.

October 8, 1945 - President Margaret Folk. Recommended planting iris again on Highway 40. This project was previously discarded because of the war.

February 11, 1946 - The hotel committee reported on the possibility of the building of a hotel for women. Tentative plans called for seven story structure of both apartments and rooms.

July 8, 1946 - President Marjorie Wingett. A check was sent to Emergency Food Collection Fund for \$1915.25 from accumulated donations over Kansas City, Kansas.

October 14, 1946 - Report of Finance and Auditing Committee was read. Budget for year 1946-47 totaled \$1581.00. The committee recommended 465 trees be planted with the name plates of each veteran who gave his life in service in Wyandotte County.

November 1946 - A report from State Engineer stating that Highway 40 is going to become an international highway, necessitating it be widened four feet, which would interfere with tree planting.

July 14, 1947 - President Mae Harmon. Recommended that Women's Chamber of Commerce protest against removal of Huron Cemetery.

October, 1947 - Entrance fee to Women's Chamber of Commerce is \$5.00. Annual dues \$10.00. Any person paying dues late will add \$.50 penalty.

April, 1948 - Impossible to continue with present arrangement for executive secretary since executive Chamber of Commerce was withdrawing its financial support.

June, 1948 - Agnes Swartz moved that Helen Brennan be reimbursed at \$.05 mile for use of her car as transportation for delegates to State Convention. It was seconded, and motion was carried.

July, 1948 - June, 1949 - President Bess Major. Fireside chat plan was introduced. Purpose was to divide membership in small groups inviting them to different homes. "Chamber Chats" was name decided upon.

Contributions of \$40.00 made to Community Chest. "City Beautiful" directed letter to merchants and property owners to keep alleys and adjacent parking lots clean. A letter was sent to Street Department for cooperation in this project.

The Christmas gift exchange among members was not to exceed \$1.00 per gift.

July, 1949 - June, 1950 - President - Helen Brennan. Contribution of \$50.00 made to Community Chest. A letter from Abilene Chamber invited the Women's Chamber of Commerce to attend the State Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Plea came from Tom Daily to assist with hotel drive. It was unanimously agreed to purchase five additional units of Hotel Stock totaling \$1050.00. "A New Kansas City, Kansas Hotel".

Christmas party held at Fairfax Airport, gift exchange held and voted to donate balance left over to Salvation Army for playground equipment.

President and president-elect attended annual convention in Washington, D.C.

April, 1950 - A skit was performed by members depicting the history of the organization for the past 30 years. Past president's club presented each member with a red rose.

Plans were made for the Public Relations committee to entertain the visiting teachers.

July, 1950 - July, 1951 - President Loraine Edmonds. Annual dues are now \$10.00. Notice of the Stockholder's Meeting in the Wyandotte Hotel Company, Inc. to be held in chamber auditorium, committee members to attend. Boss's Dinner or Luncheon plans under review by Luncheon Committee. A letter of appreciation was read from visiting teachers.

General discussion for new letterhead for bulletin. Read letter from planning consultant for the city, giving Women's Chamber of Commerce suggestions to the Memorial Tree planting. Decided to place trees at west entrance to city on Highway 32.

Chamber chats to be resumed, new name for bulletin to be considered, "Chamber Chatter" suggested. Decided names of officers and editor be placed on letterhead.

Donated \$50.00 to Community Chest. Voted to have a gift exchange at next meeting not to exceed \$2.00. Membership continues to grow. Twenty-eight new members approved for membership at the three previous meetings.

Memorial Tree Fund "City Beautiful" tree planted.

Taxes in the amount of \$3.26 paid on the Women's Chamber of Commerce but approved to entertain the Kansas Teachers and agreed to sell tickets for the Lillian Murphy Concert sponsored by the Kansas City, Missouri Women's Chamber of Commerce.

Tax settlement was reported on the Women's Chamber of Commerce lot for \$50.00. Approval to purchase space on the billboard sign near the city if price was less than the \$60.00 presently being quoted.

Powers School of Charm gave lectures. Charge of \$5.00 for four lectures. Netted profit of \$93.43.

New Chamber offices to be located at the new hotel (Town House) costing approximately \$195.00 per year. Tree memorial program to be held on Memorial Day, 1951.

During counting of votes a hat party was staged. Humorous commentary and some finalists: prettiest hat bar, most original hat, largest hat, funniest hat, and oldest hat.

Voted to again entertain Kansas teachers.

Membership dues increased to \$12.50 in lieu of \$10.00. Memorial Day plans finalized with a plaque in memory of all the boys and girls who gave their life in World War II be placed at the entrance to the city on Highway 32.

Existing president Loraine Edmonds was given a gift of eight pieces of Swedish Glass Dishes from the Board members.

July, 1951 - June, 1952 - President Faye Richards. First meeting was held at Myron Green's on the Plaza.

Plans to erect Memorial Sign on Highway 32 west entrance of Kansas City, Kansas by the Lorton sign company.

Plans were finalized to share space in Town House Hotel with Junior Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$37.50 per month.

A special committee was organized to collect voluntary cash contributions from members and a letter was sent to each member notifying them of the opportunity to donate to the Flood Relief Fund. The committee would then study and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as to how this money could be appropriated.

Weekly luncheon has now risen to \$1.50 and dinner meetings are \$3.00. Discussion change from weekly to bi-weekly meetings due to rising cost of luncheon.

Over 700 names are on the Memorial sign nearing completion.

Merchants Association asked that we cooperate with Minnesota Area Association in putting on a Tea and Fashion Show at the new Town House Hotel, \$1.00 per ticket. All profit would be given to the hotel. Approximately 1600 women attended, no cash profit, but alot of publicity. Merchants Association paid for models and printing of invitations.

A plea was made to area congressmen for service consideration of flood legislation, long term loans, flood control and grants. Noted newscaster Alex Dreir and Kansas City, Kansas Area Chamber president toured flood damaged area and planned to devote several periods of his broadcasts to tell the world of the Kansas City disaster.

The Board decided to have a card party to raise money to be donated for the purchase of boots for flood victims. School Board to distribute money to most needed area.

Junior college girl hired to process all preparation and mailing of bulletins.

Total contribution for flood program now totals \$200.00.

Lengthy research to sole owner of piano...Women's Chamber or possibly partly owned by S. Chamber of Commerce. 1932 president thinks we traded in piano originally purchased by them for \$50.00. We should sell/split proceeds or donate to mutually agreed upon organization.

Equipment inventory on file. Study of constitution and by-laws regarding the eligibility of new members (definition, etc. on file for review). Membership continues to grow. Ten new member applications presented to Board.

November, 1951 - Voted on and approved old records be kept for only three years with exception of Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's ledger books.

December meeting held at the Terrace Club atop the New Brotherhood Building following cocktails and dinner party given by Mr. Harry Darby.

Piano sold for \$150.00 and entire proceeds were kept by Women's Chamber.

New by-laws and ammendments to be presented to membership.

Flood Rehabilitation committee working on the establishment of a library for children at Trailer City. \$205.00 on hand would purchase a good supply of children's books to be housed in the new Recreation Building now under construction. Approximately 125-150 book purchases for children from beginner through 12 years old.

Nine new member applications presented and approved.

Trade Extension Committee planning spring show for girls graduating from high school. They may bring their mothers.

February, 1952 - A certificate presented which had to be signed by president and recording secretary, for filing with the Secretary of State. Town House Hotel designated as Women's Chamber of Commerce office and a resident agent named. A corporate seal was ordered.

The Trade Extension Committee met with Merchants Association regarding an exposition show and agreed to underwrite expenses if project wasn't self-supporting. Memorial Hall was reserved for Tuesday night and all day Wednesday. Forty-two booths were sold to area merchants for their display. A charge was by foot for booth. Fashion shows were also planned. Purpose to encourage girls graduating to purchase their needs here in our city and show we have a worthy selection of desirable merchandise available. Tuesday night "by invitation only" and Wednesday open to the public for a small fee.

Chamber voted to support Mozart club concert to be held at Wyandotte High School.

Spring Show progressed - named MAMA - Showtime "Minnesota Area Merchant's Association" with fashion show, door prizes. Some free small sample gifts - special invitation to girls graduating from city and country high schools and junior college for Tuesday night and one guest - auditorium will be sectioned off by means of banners designating each school group present. The fee was set for \$.25. If a profit is made, it will be donated to Civic Orchestra who will play for the show. Name changed again! "Showtime on the Avenue". Charge upped to \$.35. Eighty-three voting members present.

During counting of votes, members of past president's club entertained with hair style show and parodies of the current fashions. "Shrimp Boat" hair style, poodle cuts, and ponytail coiffures.

April, 1952 - President Dorothy Lane. Meeting held at Pine Room in Union Station. Estella McDonald was presented pin for perfect attendance. Outgoing president presented an Elgin watch on behalf of Board members.

July 1955 - June, 1956 - President Estella McDonald. \$25.00 contributed to Red Cross. Eleven names presented for membership. \$100.00 allowed for American Royal Lounge.

Luncheon charge at Town House will now be \$1.75. Motion presented and carried for major project to be Pop Concert with profit to go to Cerebral Palsy fund. \$400.00 to be allowed for expenses. Agreed to assist Wyandotte City Historical Society to help beautify Huron Cemetery by dedicating a memorial tree for the cemetery. Donated \$500.00 to Cerebral Palsy fund - result of concert.

April 5, 6, 1956 - 1957 - President Edith Heimback. Two members to Washington, D.C. for National Chamber of Commerce meetings.

Johnson Business School did bulletin for 1956-57 at a cost of \$8.00 per month.

A letter was presented from Rural Elec. Association requesting that we provide entertainment for ladies attending convention for two days.

American Royal requested we sponsor a lounge again this year.

Members attended Athletics-Yankee ballgame. Also attended Red Barn Playhouse production of Harvey.

Present membership as of June, 1956.

222	Paid Memberships
25	Associate Memberships
4	Life Memberships
1	Honorary Membership
<u>5</u>	Complimentary Memberships
257	Total Memberships

August 1, 1956, Edith Heimback, president, 14 members present

Wayne Phillips volunteered that the Chamber of Commerce will print the Bulletin for \$1.00 per hour. Bids were received from three printers.

A motion was made and seconded that a letter should be sent to Mayor Mitchum and the commissioner asking for a 10:00 p.m. curfew for those 17 and under.

Members met with Mr.'s Woodward and Camel in regards to the American Royal Lounge. It was agreed there would be no animals within 18 feet of the lounge. Mr. Woodward said he would ask the Board to purchase furniture for the lounge - it was remembered that Fairfax Furniture had loaned furniture in the past. The American Royal is to furnish muzak. Committee is to make certain the Queen visits the lounge on Kansas Day.

October 9, 1956, 17 members present

It was agreed to accept the bid of \$185.00 for the printing of the yearbooks from Brennan Printing Company.

November 7, 1956, met at Grinter House, 17 members present

A tax notice for \$256.00 for property owned by WCC to pave the alley at 3rd and Nebraska was given attention. It was decided to pay the amount in installments.

A letter was read from the Wyandotte County Tuberculosis Association asking for hostesses at their vans for mass x-rays.

January 2, 1957, 15 members present

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1884.06.

February 6, 1957, 19 members present

It was agreed to raise some money by having a card party for a cancer detection hospital.

March 6, 1957, met at Allison's Cafe, 15 members present

A motion was made and carried to pay the Cake Shop for lamb and pig cakes used at the breakfast.

After much discussion, it was mutually agreed to have a card party for Cancer Research.

May 14, 1957, 10 members present

President Edith (Heimback) announced there would be a clean-up campaign May 18-26. WCC will donate a garden cart as a prize.

A thank you was read from the Association of Conquest for the Blind, for the record player presented for Christmas.

June 5, 1957, Terrace Club, 16 members present

It was agreed to accept the lowest price offered for the auditing of the books.

A thank you letter was read from the Wyandotte Company Chapter of the American Cancer Society acknowledging the check for \$1247.34 for cancer research.

July 10, 1957, Betty Thomas, president, 19 members present

The treasurer's report was given showing a balance of \$57.62.

It was agreed to sponsor the American Royal Lounge again.

A motion was made and carried to have a line party to the Red Barn

August 28 leaving the Town House promptly at 7:30.

August 8, 1957, 14 members present

It was agreed to support a nurse's scholarship for one year. \$200.00 would be taken from the treasury for the Kansas City, Kansas Church Related Hospital's Nurse Endowment Association.

September 4, 1957, Terrace Club, 20 members present

Judge Harry Miller spoke on mental health.

A letter from John Thomson of the Kansas City Kansan was read asking for WCC to sponsor a tea for the wives of the coaches of the NAIA - a basketball tournament in March. A motion was made and carried that the matter be turned over to the trade extension committee for them to work with the merchant's association.

Two dates were reported, September 18 and 23 to have demonstrations at the Gas Service Company. The WCC will receive .50¢ per person if there are 50 in attendance each night.

October 3, 1957, 20 members present

Balance shown of \$2072.01.

It was agreed to give Red Motley, speaker for "Bosses Night" \$50.00 for his favorite charity and pay his hotel bill for one night.

Also agreed to purchase a movie projector and screen for the Wyandotte County Mental Health Association and any money left in the project should be put in the Centennial Fund.

December 4, 1957, Terrace Club, 20 members present

A member asked for help in solving the poor attendance.

It was agreed that "our" nurse be invited to the Christmas party and given a gift with value of \$5.00.

January 18, 1958, Copper Kettle, 17 members present

Balance shown of \$1719.20.

A petition was passed to be signed for continued double lane highway across Kansas.

February 5, 1958, 18 members present

WCC invited February 27 to the Kansas City, Missouri Friendship dinner at the Sales and Ad Club. \$3.75 price.

March 5, 1958, 15 members

It was agreed that \$3.05 made by the sale of fruit from a fruit basket be put into our nurse's fund.

A letter was read from Alan Farley asking for five hostesses for the Library Open House March 21.

April 2, 1958, 17 members

It was agreed to insure the projector and screen during our possession; also a place to display the items was discussed.

Special Board Meeting, April 18, 1958, called by president Betty Thomas,
Town House Hotel, 11 members present

Purpose: To discuss what should be done with the \$5600.00 given to YWCA, for the purpose of building a sun deck - inasmuch as they do not plan to build a sun deck, we were to decide and vote upon the building of a lounge.

It was decided to give the money to the YWCA to build a lounge and any money remaining would be determined to be used at a later date by the Board of Directors.

May 7, 1958, Oak Ridge Manor, 16 members present

The special Board meeting on April 18 was ratified as there was not a quorum during the meeting.

A member reported, after checking into the situation, that a new lounge would cost \$5600.00. Thus, the new lounge at the YWCA has been paid for by WCC.

A thank you was read from the Wyandotte Mental Health Society from Rev. Donald C. Houts thanking the WCC for the projector and screen and a notation from their minutes in case there would be no Mental Health Society anymore, the WCC would receive the projector and screen back. A copy would be put into the vault at the bank and attached to the recording secretary's minutes.

Installation Dinner to be held at Town House Hotel on June 11.

June 4, 1958, Delma Hopkins, president, 19 members, balance \$451.90

It was agreed to give another \$200.00 for a nurse's scholarship, the money to be raised by a project. It was agreed to put the remaining \$14.50 from the Board of Directors Flower Fund into the nurse's fund. Nurse to be a guest at installation dinner.

Motion carried to continue the American Royal Lounge for another year.

July 2, 1958, 15 members present

Each member present was reminded that every bill must be presented to the Board and okayed before being paid.

Motion was made and carried to discuss to Mr. Green at the Chamber of Commerce about lowering the rent. President appointed the financial and auditing chairman for this job.

A line party to the theater in Parkville was discussed - to see Picnic.
September 3, 1958, 19 members present

A letter was read from student nurse McClain and Sister Mary Anthony and St. Margaret's Nursing Home, thanking the WCC for the scholarship.

American Royal Lounge discussed. Suggested note pads be printed, such as "WCC," "KCK Welcomes You," motion carried that \$200.00 be taken from Gibraltar for an active fund for American Royal Lounge.

October 1, 1958, 11 members present

A letter from the Wyandotte County Historical Society was read, inviting WCC to their open house. It was thought that each board member should attend.

All luncheons through January be cancelled, motion carried.

A drawing for a quilt at birthday dinner, \$1.00 - money given to YWCA.

November 5, 1958, Terrace Club, 18 members present

Terrace Club luncheons, \$1.50, soup, sandwich, dessert and drink.

It was decided the drawing for the quilt be at Christams Party, \$1.00 gift exchange at Christmas party.

December 3, 1958, Terrace Club, 18 members present

The \$200.00 for American Royal Lounge to be kept in savings until after first of January to draw interest.

Money from quilt drawing for YWCA's public address system.

Nurse invited to Christmas dinner party at YWCA - suggested to buy her a gift - \$5.00 and new dress at Nell Donnelly's.

February 4, 1959, 14 members present

A letter was read from the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce asking WCC to support the Agriculture Hall of Fame.

March 4, 1959, 15 members present

Gave \$10.00 to National Jewish Hospital, Colorado.

A letter from Urban Renewal was read, stating that a new street would come through the middle of property owned by WCC. If sold, the lot would sell for \$1000.00.

It was suggested that when we have election, we have teller not give the amount of votes each person running for office receives.

April 1, 1959, 17 members present

It was agreed to have a bake sale for the yearly project for the nurse's fund.

May 6, 1959, North KC Bowl, 17 members

Urban redevelopment situation discussed; it was WCC's understanding they get \$1000.00 for the property in the urban development area; it was not their understanding. WCC does not have an abstract just sheriff's deed. Mr. Scott Stanley thought WCC should get \$1500.00 for sentimental value or another lot. Will not get \$1000.00 clear because of buying an abstract. Suggestion was made to sit still and will probably get \$1000.00 minus what the abstract will cost - which should be approximately \$200.00.

June 3, 1959, Terrace Club, 19 members

Report from urban redevelopment abstract to cost \$100.00 or less.

Report on bake sale - \$224.60 to date.

We were all asked to be sure and attend the installation dinner and that it was informal dress and please not to wear a hat.

June 23, 1959, Margaret Reiling, president

It was reported the sale of lot at 3rd and Nebraska would bring \$1000.00 less what Guarantee Abstract Company would charge. This sale money to be used as a memorial for the Agriculture Hall of Fame.

July 1, 1959, 22 members present, balance \$191.80

Bake sale intake was \$249.60 and expenses \$2.90 - net profit \$246.70.

Line party to Bell Road Barn Playhouse to see "The Admirable Crichton."

The third and final year of nurse's scholarship is now due. It was agreed to finance a \$200.00 scholarship again (for same nurse, Margaret McClain).

Again decided to sponsor American Royal Lounge, but to eliminate gifts.

September 1, 1959, 19 members present

Gave \$10.00 to National Jewish Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

Meeting in Colby, Kansas attended by president Margaret Reiling (Kansas Executive Club Conference) October 1 and 2.

Announcement was made that on September 17, 10:00 a.m., a dedication at Hall of Fame site to be made and anyone who can go is asked to wear her centennial dress.

October 7, 1959, 18 members present

A letter was read from the Fleet Reserve Association in regard to a donation to raise the ship Arizona. No can do, as budget has already been set up for the year.

Urban Renewal report was read and a check for \$658.71 from sale of property was presented to the treasurer.

Special project for the year will be a card party November 7 at the National Guard Armory. Candy and party mix will be made and sold. Members will be asked only for door prizes.

November 4, 1959, 16 members present, balance \$2182.08 checking; \$1050.86 savings

It was reported that 4000 persons registered in the book set up at the American Royal Lounge.

Gift exchange at Christmas party at \$2.00.

Special Board Meeting, November 11, 1959, 14 members

Purpose of meeting to discuss ways of raising money needed to fulfill pledges that have been made.

It was agreed to sell chances for \$1.00 on a portable T.V.

December 2, 1959, Terrace Club, 19 members

Report on cheer committee - Beulah Stewart as chairman has sent 123 birthday cards, 9 get-well cards, and 2 sympathy cards. She is buying the cards and stamps as her donation. It was suggested to acknowledge her donation by recognizing her at the birthday dinner.

T.V. project was shelved until spring.

It was agreed to give a \$5.00 gift to nurse.

February 3, 1960, 16 members

A letter from Lee Reeder from the commission on Human Relations from Kansas City, Missouri was read, asking WCC to present a resolution in regard to the anti-American activities in their city; mainly the painting of swastikas and bombing of synagogues. President Margaret referred this matter to the resolution committee for investigation and action.

\$338.10 has been raised toward the \$638.00 goal for the YWCA p.a. system. \$195.90 to be raised by personal contributions and other resources. It was suggested that \$195.90 be withdrawn from the savings account so p.a. system could be installed before Friendship Dinner, February 10. Motion carried.

Aircade - Wichita, February 25 - it was reported that round trip by plane would be \$25.00.

April 6, 1960, 17 members present

A notice was received from the National Jewish Hospital for a contribution. As the WCC has so many demands in the county, it was agreed to dispense with sending any contribution this year.

The anti-American activities issue has been dropped because of the lapse of time since the issue first came up.

May 4, 1960, 14 members

The memorial sign is to be removed, along with flag and flag pole.

June 1, 1960, Terrace Club, 20 members

It was agreed to give the graduating nurse, Margaret McClain, \$10.00.

July 6, 1960, Frances Myers, president, 22 members present

Again, it was agreed to sponsor the American Royal Lounge.

September 7, 1960, 15 members

Memorial Project explanation - The cost of a bronze plaque to be placed in Memorial Hall at a cost of approximately \$4000.00. This would establish a permanent memorial for the deceased soldiers of WW II more information needed before proceeding.

Special Meeting, September 14, 1960, 19 members

Travelogue series for four Saturdays in November to be held at Wyandotte High School at a cost of \$100.00 per Saturday. Total basic expense for both the hall and series will be \$1400.00.

October 5, 1960, YWCA, 15 members, balance \$2282.99

Agreed to sponsor a nurse scholarship again.

The minutes of WCC meetings from 1952 to 1955 could not be located.

November 2, 1960, 14 members, balance \$2047.56

New nurse, Janice Daniels, thanked the WCC.

American Royal Lounge was furnished by Feingold's this year. Approximately 4000 registered in the guest book.

\$2.00 gift exchange at Christmas party.

December 7, 1960, Terrace Club, 19 members

December 14, Centennial Dinner at the YWCA, \$2.50. Theme, "Christmas in Old Quindaro."

January 11, Bosses Night at the Town House, speaker Mr. Haney of the Ford Motor Company.

Memorial Committee, two 72 x 42 plaques holding 600 names and with a 2 or 3 line heading showing by whom sponsored or donated; will cost approximately \$2641.00

March 1, 1961, 18 members, balance \$1331.96

Sponsored a female teacher on the KABIE tour to represent Women's Chamber of Commerce with the cost approximately \$100.00 - \$125.00.

May 3, 1961, 13 members

National Chamber of Commerce meeting in Washington, D.C.

A letter was read inviting the WCC to the 4th Regiment U.S. Air Force Command NIKE missile demonstration on May 20 and 21.

June 7, 1961, Victory Hills, 15 members

Hattie Rotert Memorial Fund to purchase silver service for the YWCA

July 5, 1961, Mary Ebener, president, 20 members

Sponsor American Royal Lounge, and Feingold to furnish it again.

Kansas Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting in Salina. Suggestions from that meeting: 1) Keep new members active, starting them out as co- or vice-chairmen. 2) Become more active in legislative problems.

It was mentioned that the Anti-Communism Strategy Seminar was July 27-29. Several members said they planned to attend.

September 6, 1961, 17 members, balance \$1524.14

Memorial plaques to be presented November 11.

No major money making project this year.

Nurse scholarship and KABIE tour continued.

Not in favor of air conditioning at YWCA at this time.

October 4, 1961, 18 members

Memorial Plaques Dedication Program at Memorial, November 12, 1961.

American Royal Functions - president to present ribbon to one of the winning horses.

Two silver pieces engraved "In Memory of Hattie Rotert" had been purchased to be given to the YWCA. Cost was \$25.12.

It was suggested that members write to Federal, State and Local Representatives asking that welfare money be spent wisely.

December 6, 1961, Terrace Club

Board was urged to attend the Greater Kansas City Freedom Day Rally on December 7 to hear Dr. Schwarz. The Chamber of Commerce hoped the WCC would take the Freedom vs. Communism course as a group.

February 7, 1962, 15 members

National Chamber of Commerce Golden Anniversary in Washington, D.C., invitation.

March 7, 1962, 14 members

Opening of Kansas City Circle Theater at Union Station, March 28.

A member stated that one application has been received from "rural" Wyandotte County for KABIE tour.

April 4, 1962, 13 members

It was moved that the Robert's law be waived in that the number of votes for each person for the various offices not be publically announced; but that they be filed in a separate folder in the Recording Secretary's book for one year and then destroyed at the end of that year. Motion carried.

May 7, 1962, Terrace Club, 17 members

Mrs. Mae Hobbs, teacher from Piper Grade School was the recipient of the \$108.00 for the KABIE tour.

June 6, 1962, Meadow Oaks Country Club, 19 members

It was suggested that, since no wreaths were placed on the plaques in Memorial Hall on Memorial Day, that flags be placed there for Flag Day, June 14.

The corresponding secretary was asked to send a letter of congratulations to Robert Potter on his receiving the Dr. Ginsberg award for the outstanding student in physical diagnosis.

July 2, 1962, Donna Carson, president, 17 members

It was moved to give \$150.00 from the Centennial Coin Account in the Gibraltar Savings and Loan as a contribution to the YMCA Expansion Fund; motion carried.

September 5, 1962, 18 members

Three past presidents appointed to work in going over WCC properties to see what should and should not be kept.

It was moved that in event of a member's death, \$5.00 be taken out of the Miscellaneous Items by the cheer committee with the president's approval to purchase a plant. Motion carried.

Bulletin given a name, "Business News and Civic Views."

The Board decided to invite Mr. and Mrs. Schlagle as guests at the next luncheon in appreciation for the many nice things they have done for WCC.

Continue with nurse's scholarship - \$200.00.

October 3, 1962, 17 members

A thank you from Mr. and Mrs. Schlagle for invitation to lunch was read; regretting that they would be unable to attend.

Dr. Scott speaker for Bosses Night for \$100.00. Tickets \$4.50 each.

November 7, 1962, 16 members

4-H Achievement Dinner to be held at the Town House Hotel November 20.
Cost \$3.75.

February 4, 1963, 16 members, balance \$1259.03

Money raising project - dinner at Gas Service Company, May. Gas company will furnish the food; charge for dinner \$2.25. Merchant's hour 5:30-6:30. Bake Sale in conjunction with dinner.

State Chamber of Commerce luncheon - wig program and Proctor and Gamble tour; gifts of pens with lettering, "Women's Chamber of Commerce - KCK" will be given. Additional pens sold .50¢ - profit to go into the project fund. Door prizes will be given by merchants.

May 1, 1963, 14 members

Two memorial wreaths at a cost of \$6.50 each to be placed beneath our memorial in Memorial Hall for Memorial Day.

May 29, 1963, Colonial Cafeteria, 17 members

Etta Blanche Smith, principal of Frances Willard is WCC representative for KABIE Dinner in June.

November, 1969, president Vera Nickel, 15 members

A letter was read from the Providence Hospital Auxiliary asking members of the WCC to attend a Benefit Premiere at the Capri Theater to see "Paint Your Wagon."

December 4, 1969, letter to O.L. Plucker, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Dr. Plucker:

The Women's Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, Kansas whole heartedly endorse the school bonds for the \$24.5 million School Bond Election set for January 20, 1970.

Sincerely,
Vera F. Nickel, president
Women's Chamber of Commerce

November 26, 1969, letter to Vera Nickel:

Dear Mrs. Nickel:

The Board of Directors of the YWCA wish to thank you for the beautiful nativity set that your organization has presented to the YWCA.

It is indeed a lovely gift and we are planning now just where and how we will use it at the coming Christmas season.

I know of no place in the city where as many people will be seeing and enjoying it as at our YWCA.

Please extend our thanks to all in your organization.

Sincerely,
Emilie Miller,
Corres. Sec'y,
Board of Directors

February 4, 1970, 14 members

At luncheon at YWCA, Thelma Whitney of Youth and Beauty (Beauty Salon) will speak on "Trends in Beauty."

The Kansas State Chamber of Commerce annual convention is June 21 and 22, 1970 at the Holiday Inn Towers.

President 1971-72 - Annette Thurston

President 1972-73 - Mary Lou Pfenning

President 1976-77 - Adele Duy

President 1977-78 - Naomi Bowen

July 29, 1975, Edith Farmer, president, 11 members present

Staffing and furnishing of the Ladies' Lounge for the American Royal was discussed. There will now be two lounges. Presently do not have enough furniture and equipment for both and may ask Kansas City, Missouri or Johnson County Chamber to assist us.

WCC has been invited to help sponsor the New Teachers' Luncheon August 21 at Pitko's. Several members volunteered to attend and serve as hostesses.

August 27, 1975, 17 members

Difficulties were related the WCC has recently encountered with Mr. William Little, executive vice-president of the Area Chamber of Commerce. He is intent on making changes, some involving WCC. As a result, Bulletin will no longer be printed from Area Chamber office. We will no longer use the mailing address. We can continue to use ACC Board Room for meetings, if we desire. Will be permitted to continue with storage of our files there if desired. Though the WCC was erroneously billed \$500.00 rent for use of the ACC Board Room last year, WCC can continue to use it if desired, rent free. A lively general discussion followed. It was decided to cooperate with the ACC in all possible ways, but will not continue to use the Board Room for meetings.

President announced the WCC has been asked to participate in the 1975 Fall Community Bazaar at Indian Springs, and will develop a Bicentennial Cookbook of Ethnic groups in our area. Five recipes from each group will be used.

October 29, 1975

President urged members attend the WCC Line Party at the Arena Club in the new Kemper Arena for the American Royal, in honor of Kansas Day, November 19. Seats will be reserved. Tickets \$5.00, dinner \$9.55. Board was reminded the WCC are hostesses for the Women's Lounge which will be in the old private club, "The Tack Room" next to the press club.

December 10, 1975, 9 members

An invitation was extended by William C. Johnston, plant engineer at Proctor and Gamble to tour the plant.

It was reported on the Christmas display at the Agriculture Hall depicting Christmas in the home of a settler's family of the Kansas Sod Buster era.

January 28, 1976, 11 members

The Ag Hall of Fame project was commented on. We plan to dismantle the "sod buster" display and set up a room display of the late 1800's. The committee will be in consultation with Fred Rose, museum curator.

February 25, 1976, 13 members

President stated WCC is well over income goal for the year and are strongly in the black!

Agriculture Hall of Fame, Mr. Fred Rose, curator has decided to let the "sod buster" display remain in place and WCC will add to it the displays of other eras.

April 28, 1976, Edith Farmer, president, 13 members

The president announced the National Bicentennial Commission has asked the Junior League and the WCC to sponsor the Grinter House Fair.

Participation in the American Royal was discussed. It was stated that class sponsorship fee has increased from \$100 to \$300. The lounge which operated last year was used very little due to the show being held primarily at Kemper.

June 30, 1976, 9 members

President to speak to the Northeast Optimist Club in July, in order to give that group an idea of what the WCC is and does.

It was mentioned that a member had recently been working on a history of another group and discovered just how helpful and important it was to have and to keep the minutes and scrapbook for any organization; she hoped that we had sufficient material from which to construct a history of the WCC. The president said the WCC had been organized in 1920 and had been incorporated in 1935 for fifty years.

August 25, 1976, 11 members

A letter from the Festival of Progress '76 was read; the letter invited the Women's Chamber to participate in the Festival again this year, September 11. It was noted that the WCC had purchased a booth last year with the understanding that WCC would have free and unrestricted use of same in the future. Due to financial difficulties within the festival, Commissioner Hanlon had offered to purchase all booths. This would entail "buying back" the booths sold last

year to individual organizations. One WCC member registered a protest on selling the booth back. The Board will await a more official, written request from the Festival before any decision is made.

December 1, 1976 (for November, 1976), 9 members

A letter was read which invited the WCC to an Open House of the new Providence/St. Margaret Health Center on December 12.

December 29, 1976, 9 members

It was announced that Dan Bechter, an economist with the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City, Missouri will be the speaker at the January membership meeting. He will discuss the economic outlook for 1977.

February 12, 1977

The name of John Thomson, promotions director for the Kansas City Kansan was placed in nomination for the 1977 Boyd Community Service Award.

February 23, 1977, 10 members

Though there may not be enough work to justify an office, or at least a full-time office, there is a need to have a stationary location and a means to become more visible in the community. Volunteer staffing appears to be the best initial way to get started.

The discussion on the opening of an office brought about the consideration of the need for an increase in dues. This would have to be voted on by the entire active membership. It was agreed that dues would have to be raised. Two items connected with such a raise would be the amount of increase and whether it should be done over more than a one year period. It was also agreed that any increase would have to be presented in conjunction with a specific program justifying the increase.

March 30, 1977, Brotherhood State Bank, 9 members

Members were informed of the Kansas City Metropolitan Regional Commission on the Status of Women and their search for women to take part in the Women's Talent Bank. The Talent Bank is a resource file of talented women available to serve on boards or commissions and to speak to groups on women's concerns.

It was noted that the WCC membership is a talented bank and it would be useful to compile a card index on member's hobbies, talents, expertise and membership in other organizations. It was suggested that members could fill out a form at a membership meeting to provide information for such a file.

Office space found - reoccupy the space that WCC formerly used.

April 27, 1977, 8 members

A letter was read from the Festival of Progress, stating that the booth previously purchased by WCC had now been purchased by the City. The letter asked that WCC either request a refund of \$76.00 or consider it as a donation and relinquish rights to the booth. It was approved to donate the booth.

Dues per year from \$18.00 with an increase to \$35.00 for active members and \$10.00 for associate members.

July 27, 1977 - Naomi Bowen president, 18 members

It was requested to have a roster of all clubs and organizations and perhaps WCC could have a copy of the clubs from Charlotte McKenzie at the Kansan newspaper. However, Charlotte explained this is confidential information and she would be unable to release this to the chamber. Adele Duy volunteered to compile a list and Charlotte offered to help.

August 31, 1977 - 12 members, balance \$449.57

Mayor Reardon will be guest speaker at the next regular dinner meeting - dinner \$3.75.

The governor will be having a public information meeting. It will be in the newspaper as to the time, date and place. Sometime in September.

Four projects for this year: 1) Fire prevention coloring contest; 2) The Agriculture Hall of Fame is closed and a member will have to talk to the new director; 3) A program for cardio-pulmonary resuscitation; 4) Crime prevention.

October 26, 1977 - 13 members

American Royal committee needs promotional and handouts such as, throw covers for the divans, pillows, plants, coffee, tea, sugar, cream, room deoderizer, hand lotion, plastic bags, large throw rugs for the floor, cleaners, hand soap and cookies.

The president commented that the WCC has a C.D. that is maturing and suggested this be reviewed. Motion carried.

Members were urged to write to their senators and representatives to hasten immediate approval of the Alcan Pipeline.

The president suggested the WCC be on record as opposing the closing of the HUD office, leaving 200 employees jobless.

November 30, 1977 - 14 members, balance \$3,227.27

Christmas Dinner to be held at Pitko's; will honor past presidents and it was suggested to let the Past Presidents sit in the audience with the members and husbands.

The Festival of Trees at the YWCA was reported on. There was a picture of the tree at the meeting; the tree will be donated and delivered to the Life Line Children's Orphanage.

January 25, 1978 - 15 members, balance \$3,698.32

Membership meeting February 8 at the Travelodge, featuring a lecture/demonstration of CPR.

Attention was called to Section I of the By-Laws, concerning the employment of an Executive Secretary and others. It was noted that the current situation of Adele Duy generously donating her services ought not to continue indefinitely and the Board was asked to come to the next meeting with concrete proposals on items

such as who, how much -- time and compensation -- and office hours.

February 22, 1978 - 10 members

A letter was presented from Adele Duy, who said she would not be able to provide full time voluntary service in the WCC office after April 28. The president commented that this situation was expected to rise eventually and asked the Board members to give some thought to other means of staffing the office. She also noted that some retired members had indicated a willingness to assist.

This was observed as a need to enlarge the budget and one way to do it would be through increased membership.

March 29, 1978 - 14 members, balance \$3,872.57

Membership meeting in the "Blue Flame Room" courtesy of the Gas Service Company.

"World of Earning" event underway at the National Guard Armory. Two groups of 500 students expected on March 30.

A letter from American Royal requesting a commitment from the WCC for a class sponsorship. The cost for the coming Royal would be at least \$400.00 but noted that WCC, because of assistance in the lounge, had paid \$150.00 last year. Any increase over the \$150.00 amount would be greatly appreciated by the Royal. It was pointed out the WCC will shortly be scrutinizing budget carefully and probably wait until that had been done before any final decision is made.

August 30, 1978 - Sister Mary Blaise Cillissen, president, 11 members

A certificate of resolution was required for the Safety Deposit Box - motion carried.

American Royal furniture in fair to poor condition, a need for furniture donations as well as accessories.

A letter was read from Bill Little, area Chamber of Commerce president, thanking WCC for their vital and excellent assistance in the "Liquor by Choice" petition drive.

September 27, 1978 - 16 members

WCC has received dues payments from 101 active and 20 associate members.

Speaker at October Breakfast will be Officer T.J. Robinson, Police Public Education Unit, on Rape and Personal Safety.

Budget adopted in this meeting required revenue equal to 140 active memberships, which means that 40 new, quality members must be found.

October 25, 1978 - 13 members

It was reported that the Education Committee had been asked to help secure volunteers to judge debate tournaments at Wyandotte and Schlagle High School. Seven WCC members had said they would participate. A clinic would be held for

judges wishing information. It was felt very important that judges be knowledgeable in the principles and procedures of debate; otherwise it was unfair to the students.

President Sister Mary said she had been contacted and asked to assess need and interest in a possible seminar series on the Management of Money. It was commented that this kind of activity was totally in line with WCC's stated purpose. Brotherhood Bank was considering preparing a seminar on the book, The Joy of Money. It was suggested the WCC consider being a sponsor or co-sponsor. The consensus was that there was interest and the project should be explored.

November 29, 1978 - 12 members

The treasurer reported a deficit in the expenses of the American Royal Reception. A motion was made and carried that a further report be given at the next board meeting regarding the expenses of the BOTAR reception and attendance of members and guests. A recommendation was to be made at that time from the board regarding how to handle this deficit.

Report on American Royal Lounge:

62 ladies worked throughout the 14 days of the Royal

26 companies contributed give-a-ways

10 individual contributions of monies

10 organizations used the lounge for special meetings

January 31, 1979 - 15 members

President Sister Mary noted WCC had received a large amount of mail, including both requests for service or contributions and information. She reiterated that we cannot give service or donations as an organization but she would encourage individual participation.

The Program Chairman announced at the next membership meeting, Dr. W. L. Davies, from Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools, will acquaint members and their guests with the successful program at Sumner Academy of Arts and Science.

March 28, 1979 - 12 members

A letter was read from The Concerned Girls and Women requesting a gift for Mrs. Carlin (governor's wife) to be presented during their tour of the State Capitol. As neither the budget or traditional purposes of WCC allow for such items, WCC will have to decline.

It was reported that the Public Relations Committee sent out 150 letters inviting participation in a meeting to promote Tourism in Kansas. Wyandotte, Johnson, and Leavenworth Counties will be working together and the program has the Governor's support and some funding. At present, there are many places of interest in the three-county area but very limited publicity, so this is definitely an important project.

April 25, 1979 - 8 members

President Sister Mary expressed her wish to see the former WCC presidents' pictures properly framed and hung.

WCC has already been contacted by the American Royal Board concerning what kind of event the WCC wants to sponsor next year. The vital economic importance of the Royal to the area and of the WCC to the Royal was emphasized.

May 30, 1979 - 15 members

Board members had been asked at previous meetings to scrutinize the By-Laws for possible or necessary revisions. One Board member had already pointed out the change in dues amount and Sister Mary said she had not been able to find the change recorded in any official records. Subsequent copies of the By-Laws should read, "dues amount as set by the Board of Directors, subject to the ratification of the full membership," or similar wording. This was felt to be a good idea. There will be a message in the next bulletin asking all members to review the By-Laws and send their ideas in to a designated member.

It was announced that Ruth Smith had been asked to join a Trade Commission expedition to China headed by Robert Strauss. Mrs. Smith was one of only twenty asked to make the trip, the only woman and the only person from the Kansas City area. Extensive publicity is expected to take place on the conclusion of the trip.

June 27, 1979 - Sister Mary Blaise, president, 10 members

It was reported to the Board that the WCC contributions to the American Royal have been a long standing commitment. In the past, \$150.00 has been paid to the Royal. A motion was made, seconded and carried to maximize the fee paid to the American Royal to \$200.00.

It was reported that the Kansas City League of Municipalities Governing Body was meeting. Mayor Reardon is the president of the League. WCC will entertain the wives of the League members with a bus tour of Strawberry Hill, a reception at Security National Bank with a presentation of the slide show, "Roots," and a tour of Grinter House.

August 29, 1979 - 11 members

The Finance Committee requested a study be conducted regarding the savings account at Sun Savings. The By-Laws of the WCC do not allow us to earn interest. A discussion was to be held for the September Board meeting regarding the funds in the savings account.

September 26, 1979 - 14 members

A motion was made to correct the dues for the associate members to be \$10.00. This was an ammendment change from the spring of 1977.

October 24, 1979 - 16 members

BOTAR Reception to be held November 7 at Security National Bank. It was agreed to serve wine. A discussion was then held concerning how to pay for the guests invited to the reception. A motion was made to withdraw the passbook from Sun Savings in the amount of \$749.81 and have that amount transferred to the general fund, with the allocation of \$150.00 to be used for the reception for the BOTAR. Motion carried.

It was reported that a convention and tourism group was forming. This group will work through the Kansas Department of Economic Development to promote our area and entire state.

A discussion was held concerning the duties of the executive secretary. It was agreed that a job description needs to be written. A suggestion was made that possibly the title should be changed to office manager rather than executive secretary.

November 28, 1979 - 11 members

The suggestion was made that a form be sent out to all of the Hostesses of the Day for the American Royal Lounge who worked in the lounge requesting their remarks for each day's events and activities, enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope to return the form immediately, for proper evaluation, and long-range planning for next year's events.

Further discussion was held suggesting better orientation be made next year for the lounge workers. Also, more explicitly, who was to use the lounge. It seemed the purpose was not clear from the present name, WCC Ladies Lounge, and that perhaps it should be called WCC Hospitality or Hostess Room, meaning for all people, men, women, and children. It was noted that nice comments were made in the guest book by those guests attending and the American Royal officers came to the lounge often to see the daily progress expressing their appreciation.

It was noted that present membership now stands at 151 with 119 full members.

December 12, 1979 - 12 members

A discussion was held regarding proxy. The absent member is to call someone on the Board who will attend the meeting to give her proxy.

Sister Mary stated that she had received letters from all the private clubs stating their individual membership practices.

January 30, 1980 - 11 members

The Kansas Press Association was soliciting nominations for their annual award. A motion was made and carried that the Public Relations Committee make a study and compile information on appropriate candidates annually and make a recommendation for a nomination to the Kansas Press Association.

A motion was made to purchase a nice flag and stand to be available for all meetings. Motion carried.

It was reported that the World of Earning would be held at the National Guard Armory, April 23 and 24. The booths are \$75.00 and there are presently 18 sponsors.

March 26, 1980 - 15 members

It was reported that the Social Security Districts across the nation will be holding Town Meetings to assure citizens of the validity of the social security system. Motion was made and carried that the WCC fully support the upcoming Town Meeting at the Kansas City, Kansas Community College.

April 30, 1980 - 8 members

Motion made and carried to support the GSA Women In Business Seminar. WCC had supported the seminar last year.

Discussion was held concerning expenditure of money left over in the budget this past year. It was suggested the By-Laws could be printed in the same format as the annual yearbooks, or the By-Laws could even be printed in the same book with the membership listing. The Keep America Beautiful office is now open and it was reported that a new slide show is needed. It was suggested the WCC could sponsor a specific project through Keep America Beautiful.

May 28, 1980 - 11 members

A report for a special project was made. It was proposed the WCC allocate up to \$1,500.00 to purchase a slide carousel, projects and screen and to underwrite the cost of production for a slide show for the Keep America Beautiful. Motion made and carried.

Motion made and carried to support and endorse the Girl Scouts for their youth employment project. Letter to be sent.

June 25, 1980 - Lonnie Krivjansky, president, 15 members

It was reported the WCC could either purchase the equipment for the City Beautiful Commission or present a check for \$1,500.00. Motion made and carried to send a check for \$1,500 with receipts for purchase of projector, screen, etc. to remain the property of the WCC.

The Kansas Association of Commerce and Industry will hold a District Meeting here this fall.

The city's Independence Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 29 at City Park, with pancakes served at 7:00 a.m. and booths, games and activities all day long with the fireworks display at 9:30 p.m.

July 30, 1980 - 15 members, balance \$3,310.00

President reported \$2,000.00 had been received from the Wyandotte Hotel Company debentures which is included in the \$3,310.00. Motion made and carried this \$2,000.00 be deposited in a passbook savings account at the Brotherhood State Bank.

It was reported that a Julia Grindel from John Knox Village had contacted the office stating that she was a descendant of Hiram Northrup, a man who founded the First Kansas City, Kansas Bank and was married to a Wyandot Indian buried in Huron Indian Cemetery. She felt the WCC might be interested in a gold leaf framed portrait of Hiram Northrup and other pictures. She volunteered to write up a history of those people and the early days of Kansas City, Kansas.

She wants some organization who would appreciate the pictures to have them. It was the consensus that President Lonnie contact Mrs. Grindel and suggest she turn the material over to the Kansas Historical Society.

August 27, 1980 - 16 members

The 1980-81 budget was presented by the Chairman of the Budget Committee, and it was pointed out that one big change was the deletion of World of Earning per request of schools due to cost and time involved - Budget approved as presented.

President Lonnie urged members to work toward increasing membership and suggested the possibility of a membership drive in the very near future. To date there are 100 paid full memberships, 1 paid sustaining membership and 19 paid associate memberships.

September 24, 1980 - 11 members

President Lonnie presented information obtained regarding bulk mailing rates and it was the consensus that it would not be feasible to go to bulk mailing before January 1, 1981.

October 29, 1980 - 14 members

The American Royal Lounge and BOTAR reception were reported on. The instructional booklets that will be distributed to all workers were shown. Also, Women's Chamber pins were passed out.

November 24, 1980 - 13 members

The Board was advised of the maturing of a Certificate of Deposit on November 26, 1980 at Sun Savings and was asked direction as to method of reinvesting funds. After discussion it was moved the treasurer and president be authorized to withdraw \$100.00 from savings account at Brotherhood Bank and Trust and add to the Certificate of Deposit and reinvest it for 2½ years at current interest rate.

December 10, 1980 - 17 members

Tickets for a Kings basketball game were passed out.

President Lonnie discussed talking to Susan Cannon of the Sante Fe Girl Scouts and their COFE program. Pamphlets explaining what the program is about were passed out.

January 14, 1981

The following resolution was adopted unanimously: "The members of the Women's Chamber of Commerce, a group of over 140 women in commerce and industry and as concerned residents of Wyandotte County, interested in growth and development of our area do hereby support the new General Motors plant at the proposed Piper site."

January 28, 1981 - 13 members

It was reported that participation of the Women's Chamber in the American Royal Lounge and activities was a great success with superb cooperation from the membership.

It was reported the recommended By-Laws as amended were ready for presentation to membership for approval and that should be done at the membership meeting scheduled February 11, 1981.

There was a brief discussion regarding the poor attendance of some Board members. It was the consensus that these members be contacted and urged to improve attendance and participation in organization.

February 25, 1981 - 14 members

The financial report was presented by the treasurer and she pointed out there were not enough funds available in the checking account to meet budgeted items through the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1981. After considerable discussion, a motion was made and carried the amended By-Laws be incorporated into the yearbook and be distributed to members in that manner.

A brief report was given on the WCC nominee for the Newspaper of the Year Award, who was Marilyn Petterson, stating the fine cooperation and number of letters of commendation submitted.

March 25, 1981 - 14 members

Election of officers held April 8, 1981 at the Gas Service Company and installation dinner at Victory Hills on June 10, 1981.

Report on bulletin updates, requesting help from board and membership on news items for bulletin and suggested that consideration be given to increasing postage and printing budget items due to increased cost in these areas.

Members were urged to make reservations to attend the seminar on "Women - Coping in the 80's" at the Kansas City, Kansas Community College on April 4, 1981,

Margaret Jordon, speaker.

April 29, 1981 - 11 members

Installation dinner to be held June 10, 1981 at Victory Hills. Sister Mary Janet McGilley, S.C.L., will be the speaker. An informal fashion show will be held during the cocktail hour.

Discussion was held regarding a WCC pin. The pin would either be a tack or stick pin. Membership would be allowed to purchase individually. Price of setting up a new die to be looked into.

May 27, 1981 - 11 members

President suggested the board approve an amount payable to the Area Chamber of Commerce as an expression of our appreciation for the use of the office space in that office. Motion was made and carried unanimously that an item be included in the budget for the coming year for payment of office space in the Area Chamber's office.

It was stated the WCC needs a plan of action for 1981-82. It was suggested the image of the WCC should be improved. The comments were the consensus of the group and considerable discussion ensued.

June 24, 1981 - Lonnie Krivjansky, president, 15 members

July 8, membership meeting would be a fashion show by Kay's Fashions, with a box lunch at the Kansas City, Kansas Community College -- a mini seminar on dressing.

A letter was presented from Kathy Smith, president of the Handicapped Opportunities Project explaining that the absence of environmental and attitudinal barriers can mean the difference between independence and productivity for handicapped persons and dependence and non-productivity. "Barriers Awareness Day" is being planned for the Kansas City area for October 6, 1981. The Handicapped Opportunities Project, a non-profit organization of individuals involved in the employment of the handicapped, wishes to begin planning activities for Barriers Awareness Day. The Project is too big for one organization to coordinated. They are asking for WCC to volunteer to be involved in planning the event. It was the consensus that the organization should have a representative appear at WCC's August membership meeting to report on and explain the project.

July 29, 1981, 14 members

A change of format in the yearbooks was discussed. President suggested a loose-leaf format be used. Cost of binders is an item for which no budget has been allocated. Yearbook chairman will research the cost and make a recommendation. General approval of the change was expressed.

August 26, 1981, 16 members

There was discussion of secretarial needs and the number of new memberships which would be required to support the position. This raised the question of proper ways to raise money to meet expenses.

The following recommendations were made:

1. Inquiry be made to the National Chamber of Commerce as to the parameters within which we must operate in raising money.
2. That WCC work intensively to increase membership.
3. That an effort be made to secure donations of stationery and supplies.

A letter of thanks was received from Ray Daniels, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, for packets distributed to new teachers of the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools at their orientation. It was suggested that this might be an annual project.

October 28, 1981, 10 members

Concern was expressed on two issues related to the American Royal:

1. The signs at the Lounge do not reflect the role the WCC has historically played.
2. Communication, or lack of it, between the BOTAR Committee and the WCC needs improvement.

A plea for give-aways was made.

November 24, 1981, 10 members, balance \$2674.79

An expression of thanks was offered to WCC for their support of the November meeting. A donation of \$100.00 has been made to the Agriculture Hall of Fame.

December's meeting will be a high tea at W.D. Mohr Florist. Displays by various retailers will be featured. Report of market survey results and shoplifting awareness.

In January, a discussion of city government and proposed changes by Dr. Plucker.

Expenses for the American Royal Lounge were \$62.00. The lounge was closed twice during the two week period to accommodate functions sponsored by the Ambassadors. This factor and other dissatisfactions with the lounge led to discussion of sponsoring other projects related to the American Royal.

Because there is considerable dissatisfaction with staffing the Ambassador Lounge, the Board voted to form a task force to investigate alternate American Royal activities and/or projects.

January 27, 1982, 13 members

Report on January luncheon - letter received from Dr. Plucker urging WCC to adopt a public posture on the matter of changing the city's form of government. This matter was deferred for future discussion.

February 10 noon luncheon, Dr. Bradley will speak on Time Management.

National delegate to the Annual Chamber of Commerce Meeting, April 24-26, 1982 in Washington, D.C. \$800.00 is budgeted. The usual delegate is the currently serving 1st vice-president.

February 24, 1982, 10 members

March 10 luncheon at Kansas City, Kansas Community College, with a program on Community Service. The April meeting; luncheon at Mrs. Peter's with a speaker on IRA's.

Regarding Dr. Plucker's request that WCC publicly endorse the recommendation of the Study Commission to the City Commissioners, consensus was this issue should ultimately be addressed by full membership.

March 31, 1982, 15 members

Kansas City, Missouri WCC is selling WCC paperweights as a moneymaking project (\$12.50 each). Offered Kansas City, Kansas WCC 100 at 20% off. No interest in project at this time due to budget situation.

President informed Board of invitation to join Civic Coalition whose purpose is to promote the proposed change in the Kansas City, Kansas form of government.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to place the following recommendation before membership for a vote at the April meeting. The WCC supports the recommendation that the issue of whether or not to change the form of city government should be placed on the ballot for the electorate's decision.

It was also recommended that the education process to both the current and proposed forms of government be supported.

April 28, 1982, 13 members

A request was received from the Salvation Army to join in sponsoring a Youth Fest in Chicago, June 11-14, 1982.

American Royal report: An effort will be made to evaluate our participation in the Royal and the hospitality lounge. This should result in some positive documentation on which to base our decision as to the nature of WCC's future participation.

May 26, 1982, 16 members

Pat Sedlock, guest of the president, addressed the meeting regarding opportunities for individual members to work to assist in educating the voters regarding the proposed change of government in Kansas City, Kansas. A sub-committee is doing a survey of voter information.

June 30, 1982, 17 members, Jo Ann Kelley Paulin, president

Goals and Objectives of 1982-83

Perform all American Royal activities being financially self-supported with maximum visibility to the WCC and business sponsors.

Evaluate American Royal project.

Renew 90% present membership.

Recruit 75 new members.

Enlarge Bulletin and increase mailing circulation.

Study dues increase.

Appointment of new committees: City Beautiful, Community Development, Economic Education and Scholarship.

Add two special events: Honor Sponsors Night and New Members Reception.

Promote adult education.

Strengthen WCC finances with moneymaking projects.

Take stand on issues, not candidates.

Be as visible as possible, but do something so WCC can be proudly visible.

Support Kansas City, Kansas bid for 1998 World's Fair.

Work with Kansas City, Kansas Tourism and Convention Bureau.

Sponsor scholarship for outstanding female DECCA student.

Establish Speaker's Bureau.

Improve yearbook.

It was also stated the WCC will support the educational efforts of the Chamber of Commerce regarding the change in the form of city government in Kansas City, Kansas.