

**The
Regal Sisterhood
Book Club**

The Regal Code

Book Club By-Laws
Revised 1/2019



Purpose

The Regal Sisterhood Book Club was created to give women a group setting to chat, listen, reflect, renew, debate, learn, teach and yes, eat! The Regal Sisters will be given the opportunity to discuss books in a friendly forum while broadening our literary knowledge and being introduced to books/authors we may or may not typically be exposed to.

Vision

To become a visible book club that promotes literacy by Reading, Empowering, and Gaining Abundant Life through our inner circle and throughout the relationships, we foster outside the club.

Club Officers

President — Misty Irby (972-978-4187)

Vice President — Andrea Carr (214-493-3531)

Treasurer — Noreen Mitchell (773-491-9468)

Committees:

Book Review

Special Events

Community Service/Volunteer

REGAL SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

President

- A. Maintain Book Club Website with current and relevant information
- B. Create visibility for the book club via social media and other opportunities as they arise.
- C. Work closely with other club officers and committees to arrive at agendas, activities, and events
- D. Delegate responsibilities to other club officers and members as needed
- E. Introduce guests to the club
- F. Have the ultimate responsibility for coordinating club events. (Travel and accommodations)
- G. Serve as guide for each meeting
- H. Be the Book Club Representative at any public functions

Vice-President

- A. Know all the duties of the President to preside in her absence
- B. Record and report attendance for each meeting and event
- C. Assist in anything else that is needed

Treasurer

- A. Issue receipts for initiation fees.
- B. Provide financial reports as needed.

Host

- Responsible for planning and preparing for meeting
- Selecting meeting location (member home, public meeting space, local restaurant or other locations)
- Preparing refreshments
- Leading book discussion during the meeting

Some general discussion questions might include:

What is your favorite passage?

Which characters are your favorites?
Describe their development.

Did the characters change?

Did your opinions of the characters
change? Why? How?

What is the message the author is
bringing to the reader?

What did you learn from this book?

Was it educational?

Was it entertaining? Why or why
not?

What meaning does the title bring to
the book?

Why did the author choose the title?
What is its significance?

Membership:

- Potential new members will be invited to the “*Regal Sisterhood Get Acquainted Gathering*” in September.
- New Members will be responsible for a \$35 initiation fee, which will cover the cost of a club shirt and book bag.
- Members are responsible for reading the book and being prepared to discuss the book.
- Members are responsible for keeping their commitment to attend meetings/events.
- Members should visit the website (www.regalsisterhood.com) and Book Movement frequently to keep up to date with any club changes or news.
- Members must be respectful to the hostess and give courtesy call/text to President if running late or unable to attend.
- Members must be respectful to each other when meetings and/or events are in session.
- If a member fails to attend at least half of the meetings during the season, the president and vice-president will evaluate their membership, unless extreme circumstances exist.
- The reading list for each year will be comprised of suggestions from the members in the offseason. The Book Review Committee will determine the final list for members to vote on. The members will be given a list of books to vote from and choose their favorite 6 books.

The Top 6 from all votes will be selected for the upcoming season. The deadline to submit book votes is September 1st. During the October meeting members will sign up to host for the new season.

- Officers are nominated and voted upon by the group as needed. Officers must have a successful track record of commitment to the group.
- When an Officer leaves the group, the President will appoint another member during the interim.
- The President appoints committee Coordinators at the beginning of each season.

Dues:

- Dues are \$10 per month. Our fiscal year begins January 1st. Dues can be paid annually, quarterly or monthly. Dues are omitted for the months of August and September.
- Dues can be paid by PayPal, check, cash or credit card to Regal Sisterhood Book Club. A PayPal payment link is provided on the book club website.
- During the season, if dues are not paid after 3 consecutive months, participation in the group will be suspended.
- Delinquent members will not be included in future emails until dues are current.
- Monthly Dues cover, Website, Member Business Cards, Periodic Mailings, Author Gifts, Annual Photo Shoot, Misc. Club related expenses and some Events.
- A report of club dues usage will be provided by the Treasurer as needed.
- The final due date for dues to be paid is June 30th.

Meetings:

- Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month unless the host makes arrangements with the president for another date.
- The meetings will rotate to each member's home or an alternative location of their choosing.
- If you are hosting the meeting, it is your responsibility to choose the book for the club to read from the approved book selections list. Any deviating requests need to be discussed with the President.
- RSVP to the meetings and outings on the Regal Sisterhood Book Movement Page.
- Please notify the meeting leader if you decide at the last minute not to attend the meeting that month. This information will be helpful when planning the meals for the group.
- Every third month we will have an "Open Date". On that day, we will go on an outing as a group. This fun activity will include such things as going to a new or existing restaurant, theatrical play, movie theater or whatever, to create fun and camaraderie for the group.
- If the "Open Date" falls in your month, it is your responsibility to choose the outing for the group. You can speak with the President for suggestions.
- All members must host a meeting. Two or more members can host a meeting at one time.
- The meeting host(s) will be responsible for submitting the book review to the president 7 days after the meeting. The President will post this review on the Website, Amazon, Goodreads, and Facebook.

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