Constitution of Hearts Towards Hope Club

Purpose: The purpose of Hearts Towards Hope is to better the lives of the living and those who need support the most through club members volunteering for charitable organizations, assisting at events sponsored by

nonprofit organizations, and through the establishment of events on or off campus to further the social action emphasis of repairing the world or making our campus a better place. Examples of volunteer efforts already

undertaken include assisting at the Houston Hispanic Forum’s College Day, assisting Junior Achievement and the National Organization of Jewish Women to prepare foster teens to age out of foster care by teaching

budgeting and other life skills; filling backpacks with school supplies to be distributed to underprivileged

children, carrying banners at the annual Thanksgiving Day parade in downtown Houston, pet drive, food drive, and Run For A Cure Africa.

The Hearts Towards Hope Club will donate club funds directly to organizations and provide support in the form of manpower. Sometimes, the club will be a conduit for its members to participate in events such as the AIDS Foundation AIDS Walk, teams for bowl-a-thons that raise funds for charitable causes, or a team for the MS150.

No club funds will be used for this function, but instead, the club will assist by making the connection between students and qualified charities.

Funds will be used for membership generation (including providing snacks at kick-off meetings each semester), the printing of promotional fliers and informational handouts, thank-you cards, and club identification materials such as T-shirts, which will enable the Hearts Toward Hope Club members to be recognized and identifiable, both on campus and in the community.

The constitution is authority and the laws. The constitution is to be upheld above all other rulings and decisions of the club.

Should a tenet and the Constitution contradict each other, the Constitution holds precedence.

To amend the constitution, it must be proposed by a member. Then, at the next meeting upon review, a vote will take place. More than two-thirds of the board is required to pass the proposed amendment.

Elections for officers are to be held once a year.

A person can choose to nominate others or themselves for officer positions.

An Officer shall be seated after the majority of the voting members select the named, or if the candidate is unopposed.

Members will vote for positions by ballot, and a majority of votes is required for election. Results will be announced immediately after counting, and the newly elected members will assume their roles as outlined in

the club’s bylaws.

Votes will be taken via ballot.

Should the President be unable to complete the term, the Vice President will complete it in his/her place.

The Board shall consist of the following positions:

President: Directs the other officers and leads the group, chairs meetings, answers incoming emails, and keeps track of members and events coordinated.

Vice President: Finds charity events, makes contact with charities and sponsors, is in charge of communications outside and in the school, helps the President keep track of members, and gets information to new and

prospective members.

Treasurer: Counts and keeps track of club money, is responsible for financial reports both written and at meetings, keeps track of finances before and after events, and allocates funds for functions from the club account.

Secretary: The Secretary gives notice of meetings; maintains a record of all club proceedings (minutes of the meeting); tallies votes; serves as a resource for the database, entering new information as needed and deleting

outdated information from the roster; and checks email, texts, and sends out emails at the direction of the President or Vice President.

Historian: Takes photos at club events, creates club scrapbook, keeps details of each event, (who was there, what we were doing, and who we were working with), maintains archives.

Exclusivity: It is parallel with the very idea of the Hearts Towards Hope Club that exclusivity should not be within the walls or borders of the club.

In order to guarantee equal rights for all members of the Lone Star College-CyFair student body, equal opportunities shall be afforded all students without regard to race, color, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender

identity, gender expression, religion, ethnic or national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other protected status.

Should a voting tie occur in any situation, whether it is officer elections, amendment ratification, or any situation requiring a majority vote, the election shall be decided by a tie-breaking vote provided by the President

The club does not require any initial fees for members or officers.