

Rules of decorum Adapted by the Church
called Sharon, Gallatin County B. M. at their
Monthly Meeting on the 3^d Saturday in
May in the year of Our Lord 1825. —

Rule 1st our Church Meetings for business shall
be on the Third Saturday in each Month.
Publick Worship shall be on the following
Lords day — unless the Church shall speecially
direct it to be otherwise when it is the duty
of every Member to ~~Attend~~. —

" 2^d Meetings of business shall be opened
and closed by prayer. —

" 3^d A Moderator & Clerk shall be Chosen
by the voice of the Members present who
shall continue to act untill others are appointed. —

4th The Moderator shall preside during
the Meeting of business — it shall be his
duty to invite Visiting Brethering to sit with
us to advise in any matter but not to Vote
it shall also be his duty to take the mind of
the Church on any matter brought properly
before her — to keep order during the Meeting
and in case the Church is equally divided
shall give the casting Vote; he shall have
equal right to Speak on matters provided
the Seat is filled. —

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Rule 5th It shall be the duty of the Clerk to
Record the business of the Church in the itoms
as they are done & at the close read them over

6th A majority shall rule in all cases except
the receiving & excluding of Members -
Receiving, must be by Unanimous consent
of the members present - Two Thirds of the
Members present must Concur in the Exclusion
of a member. —

7th All trespass among us affecting indivi-
-dual Fellowship, shall be treated
according to the precious Law given by the
Saviour in the 15. 16 & 17th Verses of the 18th
Chapter of St^h Matthews Gospel. —

8th All public offences ~~subjecting~~ affecting the cause
of Christ to reproach & affecting Christian
Fellowship generally - shall be brought
before the Church in the most prudent
way to reclaim the offender & glorify

the name of our Divine Redeemer. —

9th All business discussed in the Church
shall be introduced by Motion & second
and any member wishing to Communicate
to the Church must arise from his seat
and respectfully address the Modera-
-tor when done speaking shall sit down
again - & no member shall speak more than
twice to any one point except he obtains
leave of the Church. —

Rule 9th when any person wishes to become a member of the Church it shall be the privilege & duty of the Members present to enquire into his her or their Moral Character and require a Gospel profession of their faith in Christ Jesus - except Such as comes Satisfactorily recommended from Sister Churches -

10th It shall be the duty of the Clerk at the opening of every Meeting to read our Church Covenant, & these Rules when the Church or any Member thereof may require the Same -

11th Our business shall be conducted in the following order 1st An enquiry for fellowship & the orderly walk of the Members - 2nd Attend to any matter laid over from a previous Meeting - 3rd Motions on new matter - 4th An opportunity given for members to join the Church -

12th Whereas we have entered into a solemn Covenant to & with each other & knowing our own frailties we think it very necessary, as well as Scriptural to appoint Faithfull Brethren whose duty it shall be to take notice of all delinquency in the Members in their

8 Relative duties I have power to reprove
admonish & advise such as may appear
in a state of declension & report any such
matter to the Church when they may think
it necessary —

13th The above rules may be altered
Enlarged, or Amended, when two
thirds of the Members present shall
concur after giving one Months notice
of the intention. —

1st Brother John Scott chosen
Moderator: and Brother James Knox
chosen as our clerk: —
And Brother Lewis A. Neal
chosen as our Deacon —