

**Board of Directors
Order of the Eastern Star
Regular Meeting Minutes
Grand Chapter Office
8101 Valcasi Drive, Suite 101, Arlington, Texas
May 20, 2023**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. We met in the Board Room at the Grand Chapter of Texas Office. The Chairman welcomed all present, thanking us for being here. Cindy gave us a quote from Joanna Gaines. “Now it’s the little moments that stop me in my tracks, because that’s what life is all about.” How true is that?

Board Members present: were Chairman Cindy Echols, District Two, Vice Chairman Darrell Albrecht, District Three, Secretary Brenda McDaniel, District Four, Rick Taylor, District One, Joe Gilmore, District One, Tamela Henington, District Two, Beverly Plante, District Three, Bill Henry, District Four, and Oscar Hairell, District Five. Also present were Grand Secretary, Ellen Pickrell, Donna Noe, Recording Secretary, and Worthy Grand Matron, Phyllis Macon. Randy Martin, District Five, and Grand Treasurer, Greta Spradling, were absent. Randy Martin is ill, and Greta Spradling was at her first grandchild’s baby shower.

Others present: Also present were Worthy Grand Matron, Phyllis Macon, Keith Nix, Ashu Kukreja, Kate Cecil, Associate Grand Matron, Susan Dormady, Bill Dormady, Associate Grand Patron, Mark Dieckmann, Sherry Dieckmann, Jane Pyle, and Barbara Martin.

Worthy Grand Patron, James Parker, Tammy Andricak, Associate Grand Conductress, Glenda Klemm and Terri Rozell, Past Grand Matron attended by Zoom

The Devotional was given by Oscar Hairell. He shared how important the Memorial Month of May is to our families. Everyone grieves differently. It’s the little things that affect everyone differently. Read the Book of John. 14:27 reflect on your own memories.

Chairman Cindy Echols reviewed the Housekeeping Rules for our meeting with everyone.

Birthdays were announced for June:

Rick Skidd	June 1st
Judy Parsons	June 3rd
Sherry Dieckmann	June 7th
Mary Ruth White	June 18th
Audri Rowell	June 19th

Carrol Macon	June 23rd
Donna Hill Pope	June 26th
Annette Curry	June 30th

Birthdays were announced for July:

James Parker	July 7 th
Vickie Matthews	July 10 th
Ed Warner	July 22 nd
Bill Dormady	July 25 th
Bill Dotson	July 29 th

Anniversaries were announced for June:

James and Xanthe Parker	June 1 st
Rick and Addie Taylor	June 2 nd
Randy and Susan Martin	June 14 th
Mark and Sherry Dieckmann	June 17 th

Anniversaries were announced for July:

Cindy and Tommy Echols	July 9 th
Donna and Dan Noe	July 16 th
Richard and Barbara Ochs	July 21 st

Remarks By:

WGP: Worthy Grand Patron, James Parker thanked the Board Members for their hard work and thanked the sideliners for attending this meeting.

WGM: Worthy Grand Matron, Phyllis Macon stated that Grand Chapter is on the radar. It's moving quickly and furiously. Thanked the Board Members for their work and she will have a spot for them at Grand Chapter.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the April 15, 2023, Regular Board Meeting held at the Grand Chapter Office boardroom in Arlington were presented. A motion was made by Bill Henry to approve the minutes as corrected, the correction being the birthdays were May not March; it was seconded by Oscar Hairell. Motion carried.

Ratify E-Mail Votes: None

Correspondence: Board Secretary Brenda McDaniel reported since our last meeting she had mailed 1 Anniversary Card, 8 Birthday Cards, 12 Get Well Cards, 3 Sympathy Cards, 1 Thinking of You card, for a total of 25 Cards. No correspondence received.

Grand Secretary's Report: Annual reports have started coming in. The office will be busy working on them. Will start working on Susan's book. It's a very busy time for the office.

Grand Treasurer's Report: Financials emailed out earlier. No other report given.

Unfinished Business – Legislation is done and has been passed on to Jurisprudence and will be in the July Bulletin.

New Business – Associate Grand Patron, Mark Dieckmann and Ashu Kukreja presented a new website they have been working on. Wanting to change it after the installation of officers at Grand Chapter. We need to be a service to our members and be a service to the world. We do service our members but not so much the world. They showed us a mock website. The cost to Grand Chapter will be about \$1200.00 to \$1500.00 a year. This amount has been put into the new budget. Grand Chapter would own this site. (Oestx.org) We can tie the bulletin, calendar, and community service to the new website. Possible start date 09-01-2023. More discussion to follow.

Committee Reports:

Education: Twenty-seven scholarships for \$1000.00 each will be presented this year. No need to transfer any funds this year.

Benevolent Aid: For the month of May, Long Term Aid, \$4,300.00 and Emergency Aid, \$4,500.00, totaling \$8,800.00. A New Caney member passed away. Long Term Aid renewal forms will be reviewed at the July meeting.

Museum & Facilities: Nothing to report.

Titles, Deeds & Properties: Rick Taylor said there is nothing to report.

WGM's Special Projects: Brenda McDaniel passed out the report on the WGM's items. As of May15, 2023 all items are making a profit.

Retirement Banquet: July 14th at 6:30 pm at Southside Lodge. This will be for Cindy and Darrell's retirement from the Board after the upcoming Grand Chapter session. Oscar and Rick thanked Brenda and Kate for their help.

TMRC Lady: Beverly Plante is glad that Barbara Martin is here, Barbara Martin reported that Suzanne is doing well, slowing down some. She is headed over after this meeting to take her some Dr. Pepper.

Misc.: Next meeting is July 15th at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington. Beverly Plante will give the Devotional. The Bankers will attend this meeting.

District Reports:

- **District One:** Nothing to report.

- **District Two:** Several initiations and Installations coming up.
- **District Three:** Several initiations happening, Installations coming soon. Hamilton Chapter to demise. Donna Noe lost her sister. Mineral Wells chapter has severe roof damage from the last storm, they will have to move their meetings for a bit.
- **District Four:** Several initiations and installations happening and its annual report time. A card to sign was passed around for Randy. Worthy Grand Matron, Phyllis Macon reported on PGM Rosemary Berry, she is improving a little at a time. PGP Ray Hertenberger to have shoulder surgery at the end of May. Gary Mosmeyer having heart problems. Remember Bill Henry's son George.
- **District Five:** Randy Martin is ill; he has good days and bad days; it seems the bad days are becoming more frequent. Oscar stated that District 5 is on track with some of the other districts just with a bigger smile. He will go by Randy's to get the old sound system.

Executive Session Report – We ratified email and Cindy reported that she has started receiving the long-term aid renewal forms from the chapters.

Mizpah Benediction was repeated by all.

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Noe, Recording Secretary