

NOTE: These minutes were approved as corrected at the April 17, 2021, Board of Directors meeting held at the Southside Masonic Lodge in Fort Worth.

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2021
MEETING HELD BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:03 a.m. via video conference by Chairman Bob Royall. The Chairman welcomed all present. It has been a year of Believing and Giving and we need to continue practicing these. We are looking forward to better days in the future.

Board Members present by video conference were: Chairman, Bob Royall, District Four; Vice Chairman, James Parker, District One; Secretary, Phyllis Wilson, District Five; Joe Gilmore, District One; Cindy Echols, District Two; Tamela Henington, District Two; Darrell Albrecht, District Three; Donna Noe, District Three; Bill Henry, District Four; and Randy Martin, District Five.

Others present by video conference for the meeting were: Worthy Grand Matron, Linda Winn-Christenson; Associate Grand Matron, Terri Rozell; Associate Grand Patron, Tom Brisko; Grand Secretary, Dr. Ellen Pickrell; Grand Treasurer, Greta Spradling; Grand Conductress, Phyllis Macon; Past Grand Matron, Jimmie Lee McMahan; Past Grand Matron, Cheryl Albrecht; Past Grand Matron, Carolyn Martin; Past Grand Patron, Tom Murphy; Barbara Martin, Ron McMurray, Cheryl Royall, Kathy Paschal, Shelly Walker, Glenda Murphy, Kim Waxler, Beverly Plante, Tonya Wilson, Glenda Klemm, Brenda McDaniel, Sherrie Fowler, Jerre Miller, Susan Martin, Doyle Martin, Madi McMurray, Pete Araiza and Janet Travers.

Joe Gilmore presented a devotional on the Salt of the Earth referencing Matthew 5:13. A prayer was presented by Joe Gilmore at the end of the devotional.

Worthy Grand Matron Update:

Thanks were given to everyone in attendance and the work they do for the Order. The Worthy Grand Matron thanked everyone for keeping OES going during the Covid-19 situation.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

- The following April birthdays were recognized: Xanthe Parker and Dan Noe.
- There were no Anniversaries to be recognized.

Minutes:

The minutes of the January 9, 2021, Regular Board of Directors meeting held by video-conference were presented.

James Parker moved that the minutes of the January 9, 2021 Regular Board of Directors Meeting be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded by Phyllis Wilson and adopted. The vote was conducted by roll call of the Board.

The February 20, 2021 meeting was cancelled because of the winter storm throughout Texas.

Email Vote Ratification:

The next item of business was ratification of email vote conducted in February:

February 4th – Vote on the Board of Directors Contract Committee's recommendation to approve the updated 2022 Grand Chapter Elegante' and Ford Park Contracts.

Randy Martin moved to ratify the email votes. The motion was seconded by Joe Gilmore and adopted. The vote was conducted by roll call of the Board.

Correspondence:

Twenty-two (22) cards were sent between January 10th and March 19th. Cards sent by the Secretary included: 12 Birthday Cards, 6 Anniversary Cards, 1 Get Well Card, and 3 Valentines Cards.

Grand Secretary's Report:

Funds have been received from Amazon Smiles in amount of \$307.25. The new Grand Chapter Secretary's database is online. Betty Hancock has been working with the Chapter Secretaries and addressing bugs in the database. Thirty-eight (38) applications have been received for Education Scholarships. Members can now subscribe to the Bulletin (printed copy and digital copy) through the Grand Chapter website. The Grand Chapter Office is working to get ready for the Grand Chapter Session.

Grand Treasurer's Report:

The Board has been provided with the Financial Reports as requested. The reports include: Eastern Star Home Account, Grand Chapter Account, Balance Sheet Entries and the Profit/Loss Report. The Grand Treasurer has been receiving requests for Endowed Memberships. There are a total of 7,095 Endowed Memberships since program inception. Checks to Chapters for Endowed memberships will be sent out in May.

Unfinished Business:

J.P. Morgan Chase Bankers were not able to attend the meeting today. Sara Ma provided the Board with Investment Report composed by Josh Biering and Lyndon Westerberg. This report will be discussed at the April meeting.

New Business:**Grand Chapter Vehicle Replacement:**

The current Grand Chapter Vehicle needs to be replaced. The extended warranty on the vehicle has expired and the Grand Chapter has had to pay for a series of repairs during the past year.

Darrell Albrecht moved that Grand Chapter purchase a new vehicle this year to replace the current Grand Chapter vehicle. The motion was seconded by Cindy Echols and adopted. The vote was conducted by roll call of the Board.

Committee Reports:

Benevolent Aid: Phyllis Wilson reported on Benevolent Aid for February 2021 and March 2021.

February 2021

Long Term Aid was paid to the following Chapters in February

Kerrville #24	Alvarado #656	South Fort Worth #835
Duncanville #1014	New Caney #1093	Amarillo #787
Winnie #160	Aldine #1088	Burnet #425
Haltom City #982	Cockrell-Hill-Delta-Flora #794	
Grand Prairie #219	Round Rock #316	Round Rock #316

Emergency Aid: Rosewyn #927 Montgomery #228

Temporary Aid: None

The totals for Benevolent Aid in February were:

Long Term Aid	\$ 7,000.00
Emergency Aid	\$ 2,787.00

Temporary Aid	\$	0.00
Total	\$	9,787.00

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Museum and Facilities: Darrell Albrecht reported on the Museum. No new information is available at this time.

The safe in the Grand Chapter Office has been repaired.

Titles, Deeds, & Properties: Bill Henry reported on the Titles, Deeds and Properties. Rick Taylor has been researching getting the Oil and Gas leases that Grand Chapter has active.

The current information on file at the Grand Chapter Office will be updated by Rick Taylor starting this month.

Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects: Tamela Henington reported on the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects.

No new information is available at this time.

TMRC (Our Precious Ladies):

Information on our OES Ladies was presented by Barbara Martin.

The three (3) ladies are doing well.

Grand Chapter Vehicle:

The Vehicle Committee will be reporting on the wholesale value of the current vehicle and information on purchasing a new vehicle at the April meeting.

Retirement Banquet: Information on the retirement banquet was presented by Bill Henry, Randy Martin, Joe Gilmore and Donna Noe.

The Board of Directors Retirement Banquet is coming soon. Date for Banquet will be July 16, 2021.

The banquet will be held at Southside Masonic Lodge located at 7800 Crowley Rd. in Fort Worth.

Randy Martin will be in charge of tickets.

Entertainment will be provided by Carl Chalfant.

Decorations and gifts are in the works.

Past Grands Remarks: none

Miscellaneous:

- Next Board meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2021 and will be an in-person meeting located at Southside Masonic Lodge located at 7800 Crowley Rd. in Fort Worth.
- Legislative Workshop will be held Saturday, April 17, 2021 in Fort Worth, TX.
- J. P. Morgan Chase Bankers will attend the April meeting
- The April devotional will be given by Cindy Echols.

District Reports:

District 1: James Parker and Joe Gilmore reported on the following happenings:

More members are attending meetings

Sunday April 21st, District 1 Section 10 is holding a Tea for Associate Grand

Matron Terri Rozell.

Quitman Chapter has suffered water damage due to pipes freezing.

Wolf City Chapter has suffered water damage due to pipes freezing.

Pat Garcia, Worthy Patron in a number of Chapters, has passed away.

There is sickness in a number of Chapters some Covid-19 related.

District 2: Cindy Echols and Tamela Henington reported on the following happenings:

Ramona Hall has passed away. Prayers are needed for Gary Hall and the family.
Lubbock #76 will be initiating 5 members in April.

District 3: Darrell Albrecht and Donna Noe reported on the following happenings:

Chapters are meeting again – Southside Chapter had 36 people at their meeting.
Crescent Chapter has moved to Southside Masonic Lodge. They have 3 pianos
and an organ available to a Chapter needing one.

Cheryl Royall will be presenting a program at Crescent Chapter in April.

A few members have had Covid-19 and are recovering.

District 4: Bob Royall and Bill Henry reported on the following happenings:

Bill Henry represented the Board at Texas City Chapter's 101st Anniversary.

Several members have passed away.

Associate Grand Conductress Roundup, Susan Dormady, April 30th – Abilene

Past Grand Matron Carolyn Martin – Hanging – April 24th – Crockett

District 5: Phyllis Wilson and Randy Martin reported on the following happenings:

Travis Chapter will be initiating a new member in April.

Some members are having difficulty getting around after been home bound for so long.

Please assist our members that do not have access to the Internet to sign up for the vaccine.

Corporate Board Remarks:

Associate Grand Matron Terri Rozell thanked the Board for approving the contracts for the 2022 Grand Chapter Session. There is still one contract being negotiated.

Emails will be sent during April as to Grand Chapter appointments for next year.

Associate Grand Patron Tom Brisko thanked the Board for approving the contracts for the 2022 Grand Chapter Session. A member, Linda Carney has passed away. Tom Brisko is looking forward to the fellowship at the Associate Grand Matron's tea tomorrow.

Grand Conductress Phyllis Macon invited everyone to the Mr. X banquet in Addison May 15th. Sudley will finally be leaving.

A room in Addison has been secured for the Board meeting on April 15th.

Good of the Order:

Worthy Grand Matron:

The Order to wear Masks at meetings has not been rescinded.

The Grand Master of Grand Lodge has not rescinded wearing masks at meetings.

After the Board meeting the Candidates for next year will meet with the Worthy Grand Matron to determine their place on the ballot for elections at the Grand Chapter Session.

Executive Session Report: The Chairman reported on items discussed in the Executive Session: Benevolent Aid, Grand Chapter Vehicle replacement and Covid-19 Vaccination update.

There being no further business, the Mizpah Benediction was repeated in unison.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Travers
Recording Secretary