

NOTE: These minutes were approved as corrected at the July 17, 2021, Board of Directors meeting held by video conference.

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MAY 15, 2021
ADDISON, TX

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:03 a.m. at the Renaissance Dallas-Addison Hotel, Addison, TX. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the members participating by Zoom. It is great to have so many members attending the Board Meeting.

Board Members present: 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; and Bill Henry, District Four.

Board members absent: Randy Martin, District Five due to illness in the family.

Others present for the meeting were: Worthy Grand Matron, Linda Winn-Christenson; Right Worthy Grand Warder and Past Grand Matron of Virginia, Brenda Jones; Grand Secretary, Dr. Ellen Pickrell; Grand Treasurer, Greta Spradling; Associate Grand Conductress, Susan Dormady; Past Grand Matron, Jimmie Lee McMahan; Past Grand Matron, Jerre Lucas; Past Grand Matron, Cheryl Albrecht; Past Grand Matron, Carolyn Martin; Past Grand Patron, Ray Hertenberger; Past Grand Patron, Bill Wyatt; Past Grand Patron, Tom Murphy; Donna Edmonds (Grand Chapter of Virginia), Lois Venall (Virginia Home Board of Governors), Jane Pyle, Cynthia Araiza, Pete Araiza, Ron McMurray, Madi McMurray, Glenda Murphy, Judith Wilson, Tonya Wilson, Diane Flanagan, Glenda Klemm, Brenda McDaniel, Wanda Parks, Brenda Whitehead, Melba Jean Hanna, Butch Hanna, and Janet Travers.

Those present by video conference for the meeting were: Associate Grand Patron, Tom Brisko and Shelly Walker.

The devotional "Find Your Calling – What's Your Shape" was presented by Tamela Henington. Hebrews 13:21 was referenced. A prayer was presented by Tamela Henington at the end of the devotional.

Worthy Grand Matron Update:

Thanks were given to everyone in attendance in person and those attending by Zoom.

The Worthy Grand Matron thanked the Board of Directors for continuing to do the work of the Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Patron Update:

The Worthy Grand Patron was not in attendance.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

- The following July birthday was recognized: James Parker.
- The following June and July anniversaries were recognized: James and Xanthe Parker, Bob and Cheryl Royall, Randy and Susan Martin, Cindy and Tommy Echols, Donna and Dan Noe, Phyllis and Garvid Wilson.

Minutes:

The minutes of the April 17, 2021, Regular Board of Directors meeting held at the Southside Masonic Lodge, Fort Worth, Texas and those attending by Zoom were presented.

Darrell Albrecht moved that the minutes of the April 17, 2021 Regular Board of Directors Meeting be approved as distributed. The motion was seconded by Joe Gilmore and adopted. Cindy Echols abstained as she was not present at the meeting.

Email Vote Ratification:

The next item of business was ratification of an email vote conducted in April.

April 29th – Vote was called for by the Chairman of the Board on the “Postponed Motion” from April 17, 2021 Board of Directors meeting concerning the sale of the Grand Chapter 2016 Van. All Board members voted with the following results:

2 votes “In Favor Of” going ahead and selling the 2016 Van to the dealer at this time

7 votes “Against” the selling of the 2016 Van to the dealer at this time

The motion was defeated.

Darrell Albrecht moved to ratify the email vote. The motion was seconded by Cindy Echols and adopted.

Correspondence:

Five (5) cards were sent this past month.

Cards sent by the Secretary included: 2 Birthday Cards, 1 Anniversary Cards, 1 Get Well Card, and 1 Thinking of You Card.

Grand Secretary's Report:

Endowed Membership checks have been mailed to the Chapters.

Member's Dues Cards have been mailed to Chapters. Dues Cards for new members and lost dues cards requests must go through the Grand Secretary.

The Educational Scholarship Committee has met and approved 30 applications with 4 pending. Current funds available for Scholarships are \$10,000.00 in the Educational Fund and \$2,000.00 interest. Additional funds are needed for the scholarships.

The Worthy Grand Matron requested that the Board of Directors allocate additional funds for the Educational Scholarships.

Jane Pyle recommended that the scholarships for the approved applicants be \$1,000.00 apiece.

James Parker moved that \$25,000.00 be moved from the 501c8 Fund to the Scholarship Fund for Scholarships. The motion was seconded by Darrell Albrecht and adopted.

Special thanks were given to Jan Ryhanthe Chairman of the Educational Committee.

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.

Unfinished Business:

2016 Grand Chapter Van: A reserve price needed to be set for the sale of the 2016 Grand Chapter Van.

Bill Henry presented research he had done to determine a reserve price.

Recommendation was made that \$12,500.00 be the reserve price.

Joe Gilmore moved the reserve price for the sale of the 2016 Grand Chapter Van be \$12,500.00. The motion was seconded by Phyllis Wilson and adopted.

An ad will be placed in the Bulletin with the reserve price of \$12,500.00 for the sale of the 2016 Grand Chapter Van which will not be available until after the 2021 Grand Chapter Session in Waco.

Holiday Inn Beaumont 2022 Grand Chapter Session Contract: There are still some items that need to be resolved on the contract. Once the 2022 Executive Committee has completed the contract it will be sent to the Board Contract Committee for review. The Board will vote on the contract via email vote.

2021-2022 Grand Chapter Budget: The Budget was received on May 14th from the Associate Grand Matron by the Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Budget Workshop will be held by Zoom Meeting at date to be determined. The Board will vote on the budget via email vote.

New Business:

2020 Grand Chapter Van: The Grand Chapter is in possession of the new van and it is residing at Bob Royall's house. Topic of discussion is to purchase floor mats for the van as the flooring in the van is not carpeted.

Donna Noe moved that floor mats be purchased for the new Grand Chapter Van not to exceed \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Tamela Henington and adopted.

A question arose as to how the purchase would be funded.

Committee Reports:

Benevolent Aid: Phyllis Wilson reported on Benevolent Aid for April 2021 and May 2021.

April 2021

Long Term Aid was paid to the following Chapters in April:

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: None

Temporary Aid: Conroe #710

The totals for Benevolent Aid in April were:

Long Term Aid	\$ 7,000.00
Emergency Aid	\$ 0.00
Temporary Aid	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 7,500.00

May 2021

Long Term Aid was paid to the following Chapters in May:

Kerrville #24	Alvarado #656	South Fort Worth #835
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: Alvarado #656

Temporary Aid: Conroe #710

The totals for Benevolent Aid in May were:

Long Term Aid	\$ 6,500.00
Emergency Aid	\$ 1,500.00
Temporary Aid	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 8,500.00

Museum and Facilities: Darrell Albrecht reported on the Museum. No new information is available at this time. The OES display at Grand Chapter needs to be updated.

Titles, Deeds, & Properties: Bill Henry reported on the Titles, Deeds and Properties. Bill Henry presented a report by Rick Taylor. Rick Taylor will be going to the Grand Chapter Office to work on the Oil and Gas Leases. Time at the Grand Chapter Session has been requested by Rick Taylor to share report and findings with the membership.

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 Bob Royall on the behalf of Barbara Martin.

The three (3) ladies are doing well. Barbara Martin has been allowed to see our OES Ladies. Barbara Martin will be visiting our OES Ladies again next week.

Grand Chapter Vehicle Replacement:

This information was discussed earlier in the Board Meeting.

Retirement Banquet: Information on the retirement banquet was presented by Bill Henry, 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 7700 Crowley Rd. in Fort Worth.

The ticket price is \$31.00 per person and Randy Martin is the ticket chairman.

Deadline for purchasing tickets is July 5th.

Miscellaneous:

- Next Board meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2021 and will be an in-person meeting at the Southside Masonic Lodge in Fort Worth, Texas.
- The J.P. Morgan Chase Bankers will be at the July 17, 2021 Meeting. Attire will be Business Casual.
- The July devotional will be given by Bill Henry.

District Reports:

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

Past Matrons/Past Patrons Meeting will be held on May 16th at McKinney Chapter #518.

District 1 Banquet will be May 22nd at The Landmark on the Lee in Greenville, TX.

District 2: Tamela Henington reported on the following happenings:

Past Matrons/Past Patrons Meeting will be held on May 22nd.

District 2 Banquet will be May 22nd at Yellow House Masonic Lodge in Lubbock. Cindy Echols Chapter initiated 4 new members.

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

District 3 Banquet will be May 22nd at Western Hills United Methodist Church in Fort Worth.

Doyle Martin is in the hospital.

Mary Nell Ramsey will be celebrating her 100th birthday on May 23rd at Lockwood Lodge.

Tornado hit Donna Noe's residence and did a considerable amount of damage.

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

Past Grand Patron, Burley Jones, will have his "Hanging" on May 23rd at Tarkington Prairie Masonic Lodge at 3:00 PM.

District 4 Banquet will be May 22nd at The Monument Inn Restaurant in LaPorte.

Bob Royall's mother has been experiencing health issues.

District 5: Phyllis Wilson reported on the following happenings:

District 5 Luncheon will be May 22nd at the First United Methodist Church in Gonzales.

All Austin Chapters will be having installation of Officers on June 5th.

Garvid Wilson has been doing well with chemo and radiation treatments.

Randy Martin's sister is very ill and needs prayers.

Executive Session Report: The Chairman reported on items discussed in the Executive Session: Benevolent Aid and the ability to meet in person.

Good of the Order:

Worthy Grand Matron thanked the Board of Directors, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the past two years. Special thanks to the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons for their support. And thanks to the membership for hanging in there and their support.

Right Worthy Grand Warder, Brenda Jones, Past Grand Matron of Virginia thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the board meeting.

General Grand Ambassadors and Committee Members were asked for comments.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were asked for comments.

Past Grand Matron, Cheryl Albrecht, thanked the Board for allowing the Grand Chapter Finance Committee to attend Board meetings.

Chairman, Bob Royall, thanked the Board for their commitment and work they had achieved in the last two years.

Janet Tavers was thanked for being the Recording Secretary to the Board.

Everyone appreciated the donuts. 😊

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Travers

Recording Secretary