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GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
JULY 17, 2021
FORT WORTH, TX

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:28 a.m. at the Southside Masonic Lodge in Fort Worth, TX. The Chairman welcomed all that were in attendance. The Chairman thanked the Board for the Retirement Banquet at which he was an honoree. The Chairman expressed his appreciation to the Board for all of their work over the past two years. Prayers were asked for Board Member Phyllis Wilson as she recovers from surgery and her husband who is not doing well.

Board Members present: Chairman, Bob Royall, District Four; Vice Chairman, James Parker, District One; 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.

Board members absent: Secretary, Phyllis Wilson, District Five due to recent surgery.

Others present for the meeting were: Worthy Grand Matron, Linda Winn-Christenson; Worthy Grand Patron, Paul Garner; Associate Grand Matron, Terri Rozell; Associate Grand Patron, Tom Brisko, Grand Treasurer, Greta Spradling; Past Grand Matron, Jimmie Lee McMahan; Past Grand Matron, Cheryl Albrecht; Past Grand Patron, Bill Wyatt; Barbara Martin, Xanthe Parker, Ann Wyatt, Ray Hargis, Linda Hargis, Kay Kilmer, Carlotta Fairchild, Cindy Brisko, Ron McMurray, Cheryl Royall, Lesa Smith, Beverly Plante, Jerre Miller, Susan Martin, Madi McMurray, Lyndon Westerberg, Josh Biering, Graham Wyatt and Janet Travers.

Bill Henry presented a devotional on "Serving God by Serving Others." The OES members should not only serve its members but others outside the OES. Matthew 25:40 and James 2:14-17 were referenced.

A prayer was presented by Bill Henry at the end of the devotional.

Worthy Grand Matron Update:

It has been an honor to serve the membership. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have worked closely with the Board over the past two years. Best wishes to the Board and thanks for the work the Board has done.

Worthy Grand Patron Update:

The Worthy Grand Patron thanked the Board for the work that they continue to do. The Worthy Grand Patron is looking forward to the Grand Chapter Session. The support of the membership over the past two years has been appreciated.

J. P. Morgan Chase Bankers:

Lyndon Westerberg, Josh Biering and Graham Wyatt presented information on the Financial Investments of the Grand Chapter. An overview was given on the current financial outlook in the banking industry and the economy. The major OES Grand Chapter accounts were reviewed.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

- The following August birthdays were recognized: Garvid Wilson, Kay Gilmore, Tamela Henington
- The following July and August anniversaries were recognized: Cindy and Tom Brisko, Bill and Laurette Henry

Minutes:

The minutes of the May 15, 2021 Regular Board of Directors meeting held at the Renaissance Hotel in Addison, TX were presented.

Cindy Echols moved that the minutes of the May 15, 2021 Regular Board of Directors Meeting be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy Martin and adopted.

Email Vote Ratification:

The next item of business was ratification of email votes conducted in June and July.

June 10th – Vote to approve the Associate Grand Matron’s request to print an additional 250 Travel Books and an additional 200 copies of the Interpretations.

July 12th – Vote to approve the Associate Grand Matron’s request to have an additional 400 copies of the Interpretations printed.

James Parker moved to ratify the email votes. The motion was seconded by Darrell Albrecht and adopted.

Correspondence:

Twenty-one (21) cards were sent this past month.

Cards sent by the Secretary included: 10 Birthday Cards, 7 Anniversary Cards, 3 Get Well Cards, and 1 Sympathy Card.

Grand Secretary's Report:

Funds have been received from Amazon Smiles in amount of \$277.40.

Bags of Books are being compiled at the Grand Chapter Office for Associate Grand Matron Terri Rozell's round-up.

Advanced reports for the Grand Chapter Session are being printed.

Grand Chapter Directories are being printed.

Funds have been transferred to the Education Scholarship account to distribute monies for 34 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each.

No additional funds are needed for the ESTARL scholarships that will be presented.

Grand Treasurer's Report:

The Board has been provided with the Financial Reports as requested.

Funds have been transferred to the Education Scholarship account to distribute monies for 34 scholarships.

Quite a number of questions have been asked concerning the amounts paid to Chapters for Endowed Memberships.

Special thanks to Donna Noe for her assistance with the Annual Reports at the Grand Chapter Office.

Unfinished Business:

No update on new database being used from Enable Labs.

Educational Scholarships:

Thirty-four (34) Educational Scholarships will be presented at \$1,000.00 each.

There was a low amount of interest this year from the Educational Fund Investments.

The Board voted on additional funds for the Educational Scholarships at the May meeting.

Grand Chapter Vehicle Replacement:

The new Grand Chapter Van was picked up in Lufkin, TX by Bob Royall and Bill Henry.

The van was housed at Bob Royall's house for a while. The Board by unanimous consent decided the van will be housed at Darrell Albrecht's house and remain there until the beginning of the Grand Chapter Session. Bob Royall will be responsible for getting the van to the Grand Chapter Session.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Benevolent Aid: Phyllis Wilson reported on Benevolent Aid for June 2021 and July 2021.

June 2021

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

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	Conroe #710

Emergency Aid: None

Temporary Aid: Conroe #710

The totals for Benevolent Aid in June were:

Long Term Aid	\$ 6,500.00
Emergency Aid	\$ 0.00
Temporary Aid	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 7,000.00

July 2021

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

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	Conroe #710

Emergency Aid: Conroe #710

Temporary Aid: None

The totals for Benevolent Aid in July were:

Long Term Aid	\$ 6,500.00
Emergency Aid	\$ 1,500.00
Temporary Aid	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 8,000.00

There were no new applications during the month of July.

Museum and Facilities: Darrell Albrecht reported on the Museum.

No new information is available at this time.

Ellen Pickrell and Greta Spradling will be updating the OES display at Grand Lodge before the Grand Chapter Session.

Titles, Deeds, & Properties: Bill Henry reported on the Titles, Deeds and Properties.

No new information is available at this time.

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

All projects have shown a profit, the funds have been deposited and distributed to the Worthy Grand Matron's charities.

TMRC (Our Precious Ladies):

Information on our OES Ladies was presented by Barbara Martin.

The three (3) ladies are doing well. Barbara Martin has visited the Ladies several times.

A special bulletin was sent to the Ladies. Barbara Martin thanked the Board for the financial assistance to provide items for the Ladies.

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 was held on July 16, 2021.

There were five honorees – Bob Royall, Barbara Martin, James Paker, Donna Noe and Janet Travers.

The funds received for the banquet covered all costs and all the bills have been paid.

A refund was given to those who had purchased tickets and were unable to attend.

The remaining funds were given to Barbara Martin to provide items for the OES Ladies.

Miscellaneous:

Next Board meeting is scheduled to be held during the Grand Chapter Session in Waco, TX – August 12th through August 14th.

District Reports:

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

Chapters are now meeting on a regular basis.

James Parker's Chapter has 3 new petitions and Pine Tree Chapter will be initiating 2 new members.

Prayers are needed for: Jack Guy and his wife, John and Kathy Creel, Jack Beal and Daniel Caldwell and his family.

District 2: Tamela Henington reported on the following happenings:

Cindy Echol's Chapter has initiated 4 new members and has a new petition. Tamela Henington's Chapter has initiated 2 new members and has two new petitions.

A Tea will be held for Grand Electa at the Eastern Star Temple, Abilene on July 18th.

Keep Cindy Echols family in thoughts and prayers as her sister is not in good health.

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

A Tea will be held honoring Cheryl Albrecht, Darrell Albrecht and Loretta Booth at Crescent Chapter #820, Fort Worth on July 18th.

Glenda Klemm presented a program at South Side Chapter.

Members are returning to Chapter meetings.

TMRC Candidates Forum will be held on July 18th.

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

Bill Henry attended 14 Chapter Installations.

Bob Royall attended a number of Installations.

A concern is that Chapters do not have a full slate of officers.

Prayers are needed for: James and Linda Roy, Judith Wilson's husband, Carolyn Dickson. Bob Royall's mother.

Several members are in the hospital.

District 5: Randy Martin reported on the following happenings:

Chapters are getting new members.

Prayers are needed for: Past Grand Matron Sharon Mosmeyer, Phyllis and Garvid Wilson.

Past Grand Patron Rick Skidd's wife Lou is doing better.

Several members are ill and in the hospital.

Executive Session Report: The Chairman reported on items discussed in the Executive Session: Annual Renewal of Benevolent Aid Applications, Upcoming Elections of Officers for the Board in August and the appointment of a new Recording Secretary.

Good of the Order:

Associate Grand Matron, Terri Rozell, thanked the Board for approving the funds for the additional Interpretations and Travel Books.

Board Recording Secretary, Janet Travers, thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with the Board and for being honored at the Retirement Banquet.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Travers
Recording Secretary