

**NOTE: These minutes were approved at the May 21, 2022, Board of Directors meeting held in Arlington.**

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
April 16, 2022  
ARLINGTON, TEXAS**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:02 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 Easter weekend and wished us all a Happy Easter!

Board Members present were: Chairman, Cindy Echols, District Two; Vice Chairman, Darrell Albrecht, District Three; Secretary, Phyllis Wilson, District Five; Joe Gilmore, District One; Ray Hargis, District One; Beverly Plante, District Three; Bill Henry, District Four; Brenda Mc Daniel, District Four and by zoom Tamela Henington, District Two.

Others present for the meeting were: Grand Secretary, Ellen Pickrell, Grand Treasurer, Greta Spradling, Recording Secretary, Donna Noe, Barbara Martin and Oscar Hairell. By Zoom, Worthy Grand Patron, Tom Brisko.

Absent was Randy Martin, District Five Board member due to illness.

**Devotional:** The devotional was given by Phyllis Wilson who spoke to us about the song "Angels Cry," we rejoice that Jesus died and arose from the grave. Our tears are a language that God understands. Phyllis then led us in prayer.

**House Keeping Rules:** Chairman Cindy Echols read them.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:** The following May birthdays and anniversaries were recognized:

- Phyllis Wilson, May 8th
- Tamela and Wayne Henington, May 15th

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the March 19, 2022, Regular Board of Directors Session held in Arlington, Texas was presented.

Darrell Albrecht moved that the minutes be approved as written, the motion was seconded by Joe Gilmore. The vote was adopted with 7 approval and 1 abstaining.

The minutes of the April 9, 2022, Special Board of Directors Session held in Midlothian, Texas was presented.

Joe Gilmore moved that the minutes be approved as written, the motion was seconded by Phyllis Wilson. The vote was adopted.

**Email Vote Ratification:** The next item of business was ratification of email votes conducted since the March meeting.

- March 30, 2022 - Vote to approve the Sweet Southern Sound agreement for our Grand Chapter Session in Beaumont.
- April 2, 2022 - Vote to approve the Hilton Garden Inn agreement for Grand Chapter in Beaumont.
- April 8, 2022 - Vote to approve the Worthy Grand Matron's request to take the van out of state to Mississippi's Grand Chapter, April 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- April 9, 2022 - Vote to approve the funding for the Associate Grand Matron to order her items as approved in the Purposes and Policies.

Darrell Albrecht moved to ratify the email votes. The motion was seconded by Bill Henry and the votes were adopted.

**Correspondence:** None received. Three (03) cards were sent this past month. Two birthday and one thinking of you.

**Grand Secretary's Report:** Working on endowment checks to send out to the chapters. They are printing ballots and getting ready for Grand Chapter. Bob Royal and Don Cooper were here this last week and checked out the trailer and signs. Getting the trailer ready for Grand Chapter.

**Grand Treasurer's Report:** Financials were sent out to all the board members earlier in the week. No one had any questions on the financials. Greta is working the

endowment reports for the chapters. We currently have 7,174 endowment memberships and the chapters will receive \$14.90 per endowed membership they have. Grand Chapter did receive less money this year for the endowments.

**Unfinished Business:** The Worthy Grand Matron said Zoom is not legislation, it needs to be written in the Board's handbook for next year. Benevolent aide is a board decision and the board will make the changes to the forms for next year.

**New Business:** Zoom meeting with the bankers on May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. Bill said that the bankers told us we need to review our assets and bonds. Bill would like us to do that. Bankers have been making changes that benefit Grand Chapter with board approval. Bill would like an outlook on the economy from the bankers. If guidelines need to be changed, we need to start now. This is a 2-year constitution change. Chairman Cindy will contact the bankers and ask them to include any recommendation in their presentation in May.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Benevolent Aid:** Report by Phyllis Wilson, Benevolent Aid Chairman.

For the month of April, we wrote checks in the amount of \$5,450.00 for Long Term Aid and 1 check totaling \$500.00 for Temporary Aid Total for a total of \$5,950.00.

**Museum and Facilities:** Still looking for Mary Ruth's sheath of wheat.

**Titles, Deeds, & Properties:** No Update.

**Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects:** Beverly Plante reported that some items are selling really well and other items not moving at all. Have lowered price on first aid kits and rain coats.

### **TMRC (Our Precious Ladies):**

Tamela turned the floor over to Barbara Martin. She visited with Suzanne and Lois on Thursday and gave them their Easter gift. Lois is 95 and starting to show her age. She does not see well at all. Suzanne still working on her teeth, but she is doing good. Barbara is going out in a couple of weeks to help her clean out her room. Chairman Cindy thanked Barbara.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Next Board meeting, which will include our budget workshop, is scheduled for May 21, 2022, and will be at the Grand Chapter office in Arlington. It will be set up for a zoom meeting. Randy Martin has the devotional in May. District banquets are next month.

**Worthy Grand Matron remarks:** The Worthy Grand Matron joined our meeting through Zoom. She thanked the board for allowing her to take the van to Mississippi. It was a great trip. She stated she can't believe how the time is flying. The year is going so quickly. She thanked the board for all the work they do. She wished all a Happy Easter and safe travels to those traveling.

**District Reports:**

District 1: Joe Gilmore and Ray Hargis reported on the following happenings:

Some sickness and several deaths. The last school was in District 1 and it was great.

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

Joyce Fields will be celebrating her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. They have received 3 petitions.

District 3: Darrell Albrecht and Beverly Plante reported on the following happenings:

5 chapters looking to consolidate. Tarrant Lodge has not been sold. NFW chapter has to be out by April 30<sup>th</sup> and they are going to use Lake Worth's building.

District 4: Bill Henry and Brenda McDaniel reported on the following happenings:

Have 2 fraternal visits next week. The district banquet is changed to May 21<sup>st</sup>. Chapters are having elections and getting ready for installations.

District 5: Phyllis Wilson reported on the following happenings:

Jane Hudson, our Grand Electa has been staying with Phyllis and she needs our prayers. Randy Martin not feeling well this weekend. Susan Martin in rehab center from shoulder surgery. PGP Kenneth Gregory was staying with his daughter Karen, he has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Karen has been diagnosed with melanoma on her face. All the chapters are struggling.

**Executive Session Report:** The Chairman reported on items discussed in the Executive Session: Benevolent Aid application voted on.

There being no further business, the Mizpah Benediction was repeated in unison. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Noe  
Recording Secretary