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

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:11 a.m. We met in the Board Room at the Grand Chapter of Texas Office in Arlington, Texas. The Chairman welcomed all present and gave us a quote from Winston Churchill.

Board Members present were: Chairman, Cindy Echols, District Two; Vice Chairman, Darrell Albrecht, District Three; Secretary, Phyllis Wilson, District Five; Ray Hargis, District One; Tamela Henington, District Two; Beverly Plante, District Three; Bill Henry, District Four; Brenda McDaniel, District Four and Randy Martin, District Five. Absent was Joe Gilmore, District One.

Others present for the meeting were: Worthy Grand Matron, Terri Rozell, Worthy Grand Patron, Tom Brisko, Grand Secretary, Ellen Pickrell, Associate Grand Matron, Phyllis Macon, Associate Grand Patron, James Parker, Grand Conductress, Susan Dormady, Grand Marshal, Cindy Brisko, Grand Electa, Jane Hudson, Recording Secretary, Donna Noe, Xanthe Parker, Barbara Martin, Oscar Harrell, Linda Hargis, Mary Medford, and Susan Martin.

By zoom, Grand Treasurer, Greta Spradling and Past Grand Matron, Carolyn Martin.

**Devotional:** The devotional was given by Bill Henry who spoke to us on wisdom, it is mostly found in Jobs, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. Bill then led us in prayer.

**Bankers present:** Joshua Biering, Patrick Sanders, and Jose Guerra. They passed out booklets to the Board Members. Lyndon Westerberg is in Canada, his mother passed away. Graham Wyatt has been promoted to the New York office. They gave a brief synopsis of our accounts and spoke about the market. Several questions were asked and answered. They stated that our portfolio is doing exactly what it was designed for. Chairman, Cindy Echols and our Worthy Grand Matron, Terri Rozell thanked the bankers for coming. The Bankers left after their report at 9:52 am.

**Worthy Grand Matron remarks:** A huge thank you to all the Board Members. It was a beautiful evening for the Board Retirement dinner the previous evening. Congratulations to the two members retiring, Phyllis and Ray. A job well done! This Board has worked great together. She also stated that we are in good hands with JP Morgan. Only 23 more days until Grand Chapter, but who is counting.

**Worthy Grand Patron remarks:** Those 3 boys (the Bankers) will have grey hairs in less than a year due to what is coming in our market. He thanked the Board for all the work they have done and congratulated our two retirees.

**Other remarks:** Past Grand Matron Carolyn Martin was asked to speak. She agreed with our Worthy Grand Matron about our Bankers, JP Morgan. She also congratulated the two members who are retiring.

**Housekeeping Rules:** Chairman Cindy Echols read them.

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

- Kay Gilmore, August 12<sup>th</sup>
- Tamela Henington, August 20<sup>th</sup>
- Brenda McDaniel, August 30<sup>th</sup>

Anniversaries

- Ray and Linda Hargis, August 18<sup>th</sup> 60 Years
- Beverly Plante and Pete Spurgeon, August 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Bill and Laurette Henry, August 30<sup>th</sup>

Our Grand Marshal Cindy Brisko's birthday is today the 16<sup>th</sup> and her spouse our Worthy Grand Patron, Tom Brisko's birthday is tomorrow the 17<sup>th</sup>. We all sang Happy Birthday to them.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the May 21, 2022, Regular Board of Directors Session held in Arlington, Texas were presented.

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

The minutes of the May 24, 2022, Special Session Budget Workshop held via Zoom was presented.

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

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

- May 25, 2022 - Vote to approve revising our 2022-2023 Budget.
- May 26, 2022 - Vote to approve revised General Budget and Ladies Budget for 2022-2023.
- June 17, 2022 - Vote to approve the two gas lease contracts reviewed by attorney's and if approved, be signed by the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Randy Martin moved to ratify the email votes. The motion was seconded by Brenda McDaniel and the vote was adopted.

**Correspondence:** None received. Thirteen (13) cards were sent this past month. Seven birthdays, five get well and one anniversary.

**Grand Secretary's Report:** This is our busiest time of the year. Printing books and supplies for Grand Chapter.

**Grand Treasurer's Report:** Congratulations to Ray and Phyllis on their retirement. Financials were sent out to all the board members earlier in the week. Great to hear from the bankers.

**Unfinished Business:** Worthy Grand Matron discussed the oil leases. Her suggestion was to put the \$34,000.00 we received into a separate account and not the general fund. Grand Secretary stated that all oil and gas lease money go into the C8, Ladies Fund. Leases we have were received from asset turnovers. The Grand Treasurer stated that these funds need to be reviewed.

**New Business:** Ray Hargis moved that we need to transfer \$20,000.00 for the 140<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session into the bank account on behalf of the Associate Grand Matron and the Associate Grand Patron. Darrell Albrecht seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Associate Grand Matron Phyllis Macon was looking at her calendar for out of state travel. She is requesting permission to take the Grand Chapter van through New Mexico on the way to Dumas from El Paso and to Oklahoma for the 4 State exchange and Oklahoma Grand Chapter.

Phyllis Wilson made a motion to allow the Associate Grand Matron Phyllis Macon to take the Grand Chapter van out of state to Oklahoma. Tamela Henington seconded the motion. After much discussion. Phyllis Wilson amended her motion to allow the

Associate Grand Matron Phyllis Macon to take the Grand Chapter van out of state to New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas. Tamela Henington seconded the amended motion. The motion was approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

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

During the Executive Session we approved 10 Long-Term Aid renewals for 2022-2023.

**Museum and Facilities:** Still looking for Mary Ruth's sheath of wheat. No other news.

**Titles, Deeds, & Properties:** Bill Henry has his Grand Chapter report done and it has been turned into the Grand Secretary. Worthy Grand Matron will have the crack in the windshield of the Grand Chapter van replaced and will have it detailed before Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects:** All products have been turned in, the Worthy Grand Matron will do an inventory and hopes to reduce the price and sell at Grand Chapter.

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

Tamela Henington turned the floor over to Barbara Martin. We lost Lois Pate. We have only 1 lady left, Suzanne Walters. Suzanne was very excited to sit by the Worthy Grand Patron, Tom Brisko and his lady at the TMRC meeting. Tamela thanked Barbara Martin for checking in on our ladies. It was noted that TMRC rent rooms to Eastern Star and Masonic members, \$50.00 a night. If ever in the area let Lavelle Ford know.

**Retirement Banquet:** Ray and Phyllis thanked the Board for a lovely evening. The banquet was wonderful. Beverly Plante and Brenda McDaniel did an outstanding job.

Michael Cote and his group did an outstanding job on the music. We were grateful to have the Arlington Rainbow Assembly girls help with serving the meal and assisting with the cleanup. The income and expense for the banquet were as follows:

62 Guests. \$1925.00 total Income Expenses: \$1073.00 to caterers, \$192.50 for gifts, \$80.00 to Southside Lodge, \$75.00 to Beverly Plante for supplies, \$300.00 for entertainment and \$204.00 to the Rainbow girls.

**Miscellaneous:**

Our next meeting will be at 139<sup>th</sup> Session of Grand Chapter in Beaumont, Texas. August 11<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We have over 1000 people registered for Grand Chapter and have met our food and hotel requirements.

The sound system carried in the Grand Chapter Van for the schools is not working well. The wireless mics are not working at all. Need the over the ear with transmitters. Tamela Henington made a motion to purchase a portable sound system with the transmitters we need, not to exceed \$1000.00. The funds are to be pulled from the contingency account. Beverly Plante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Randy Martin was appointed to take this task on.

**Worthy Grand Matron remarks:** The Corporate Board did approve the amendment to the articles of association. They have talked with the attorney and will take it to Jurisprudence. There will be a joint corporate board/board of directors meeting at Grand Chapter.

**District Reports:**

District 1: Ray Hargis reported on the following happenings:

All installations are finished.

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

Cheryl Ruth passed away. Lubbock hosted a Tea for the Grand Conductress and they have initiated 3 new members.

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

Mary Albert is turning 100. Jacksboro and Graham have consolidated. North Fort Worth and Lake Worth have consolidated. Tina Stevens, our Deputy Grand Matron for District Three has Covid. No host luncheon for Loretta Booth on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Lesa Smith has a knee replacement and is doing well. Crescent initiated 1 new member. Tea for Donna Pope at TMRC on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

Bill Henry having some medical tests done. They are excited to have Grand Chapter in Beaumont. Tom and Glenda Murphy have a family member having some health issues. Mary Frances was involved in a car accident; she is doing much better. Bob Royall retired from his job on July 15, 2022.

District 5: Phyllis Wilson reported on the following happenings:

Jane Hudson, our Grand Electa visiting with us today. Karen Gregory doing well have cancer surgery to her face. Kenneth Gregory is living with Karen and is on hospice and doing well. Ethel Bowman having health issues. Phyllis Wilson retired on May 31, 2022. Joyce Waddle to have surgery in August on her femur and she gets a new knee.

**Executive Session Report:** The Chairman reported on items discussed in the Executive Session: Benevolent Aid Long Term renewals.

There being no further business, the Mizpah Benediction was repeated in unison. The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Noe  
Recording Secretary