

NOTE: These minutes were approved at the November 20, 2021, Board of Directors meeting held in Arlington.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
October 16, 2021
FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at Fort Worth Masonic Temple in Fort Worth, Texas. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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; Tamela Henington, District Two; Beverly Plante, District Three; Bill Henry, District Four and Randy Martin, District Five.

Others present for the meeting were: Carolyn Martin, PGM, Jerre Lucas, PGM, Oscar Hairell, Grand Representative and Donna Noe, Recording Secretary.

Board Member, Brenda McDaniel, District Four was absent.

The devotional, Remember the Banana was presented by Darrell Albrecht. Hebrews 10:25 was read, we work as a board and we stick together. A prayer was presented by Darrell Albrecht at the end of the devotional.

Worthy Grand Matron/Worthy Grand Patron Update: The Worthy Grand Matron stopped by during our break, she apologized for not staying for the meeting. The Worthy Grand Patron and herself would be upstairs attending the School of Instruction.

PGM Carolyn Martin stated she was excited to be here and glad the meeting is at the school of instruction. PGM Jerre Lucas was also glad to be here. She stated she enjoyed her time on the board many years ago. She also thanked the board for their hard work.

House Keeping Rules: Chairman Cindy Echols read them.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: The following November birthdays were recognized: Greta Spradling, November 11th, Cindy Echols, November 30th. The Chairman apologized to Ellen for not remembering hers last month. No anniversaries.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 25, 2021, Regular Board of Directors Session held in Fort Worth, Texas were presented.

Darrell Albrecht moved that the minutes of the September 25, 2021, Regular Session be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy Martin and adopted.

Email Vote Ratification: None

Correspondence: Seven (07) cards were sent this past month.

A thank you note from the Worthy Grand Patron, Tom Brisko was read, thanking us for the love gift.

Grand Secretary's Report: None.

Grand Treasurer's Report: Financials were sent out to all the board members earlier that week. There was a charge of \$247.01 shown for maintenance on the Van. Chairman Cindy Echols will find out what this amount was for. Bill Henry still has a question on the negative amount on P&L statement, he will meet with Ellen on this matter.

Unfinished Business: Janet Travers is not here as she is in Virginia, her dad is ill. Will reschedule Parliamentary update at a later time.

New Business: January 22, 2022 Board meeting needs to be changed to January 15, 2022, it conflicts with Grand Lodge. This needs to be put into the Bulletin. Our next meeting is November 20, 2021 at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington. Tamela may zoom and go to the school in Midland. February 19, 2022 is the Houston School and we will meet in Arlington.

Committee Reports:

Benevolent Aid: Phyllis Wilson reported on Benevolent Aid for October 2021.

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

Kerrville #24, Alvarado #656, South Fort Worth #835, New Caney #1093, Amarillo #787, Winnie #160, Haltom City #982, Cockrell-Hill-Delta-Flora

#794, Grand Prairie #219 Round Rock #316, Round Rock #316, Conroe #710

Emergency Aid was paid to the following Chapters in October:

Hadassah #188

Temporary Aid: None

The totals for Benevolent Aid in October were:

Long Term Aid \$ 5,450.00

Emergency Aid \$ 1,500.00

Temporary Aid \$ 0.00

Total \$ 6,950.00

Museum and Facilities: Beverly Plante reported on the Museum. She visited the Museum in Waco at Grand Lodge. Display is nice but small. Sharon Adams to come in November to look at what we have at the Grand Chapter Office and possibly add to the display in Waco. PGM Carolyn Martin said they took her pedestals out of display at Grand Lodge and our Grand Secretary added the Signet.

Titles, Deeds, & Properties: Bill Henry reported on the Titles, Deeds and Properties. Bill Henry talked with Rick Taylor. Rick has been working 1003 acres, trying to get leases. He stated no gushers and not even a squirter. Tamela has a gentleman from her district on this committee and would like Rick to talk with him. He may be of some help.

Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects: Beverly Plante reported that the Snoopy dogs are almost gone. Still have Panda Bears. Sales are looking good.

Grand Chapter Vehicle: Bill Henry stated there is a safety issue with the van. The step into the van is about 18"- 24" and very dangerous for the women in their formals and high heels. They need to have a side step rail that is attached to the vehicle, not a step stool that is dangerous if tipped or if it flips over. They make stand-alone side rails or electric drop-down rails for this type of vehicle. After much discussion, it was decided that the standalone rail is not going to work as it comes with holes cut into the metal with a scrap guard on it or non-slip guard. The women's shoes could possibly get stuck in the holes and the rail is not very wide. The electric rails are attached directly to the vehicle, it takes about 4 hours to install them. Darrell said there are locations in the

Houston area or the Fort Worth area to get these installed. The cost is \$1,599 for electric rails, plus less than \$600 to install them. They come with 5-year warranty.

Bill Henry made a motion to purchase the Electric side rails for the van at approximately \$2,100.00. The motion was seconded by Darrell Albrecht. Discussion followed about where to pull the funds from. We will talk with the Worthy Grand Matron, Terri Rozell, Grand Secretary, Ellen Pickrell and Grand Treasurer, Greta Spradling and they will decide where the funds will come from. The motion passed. Darrell will continue to work on this and will get it ordered and then we can decide where to have it installed. The Chairman thanked those that worked on this committee.

TMRC (Our Precious Ladies):

Tamela reported Delores Runningbear passed away. Her visitation and graveside service will be Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 1:30 pm. We are left with 2 ladies. Lois Pate and Suzanne Walters, and they are both doing well at this time.

Miscellaneous:

Next Board meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2021 and will be at the Grand Chapter office in Arlington. The Bankers may be there.

District Reports:

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

Kay Gilmore doing well after surgery. Some sickness but really haven't heard much.

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

Schools starting in November. Not much else to report on.

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

Several 100-year anniversaries, Arlington initiated 7 new members, McLennan initiated 5 new members. AGM's Tea is tomorrow at the Arlington Lodge from 1-3 pm. PGM Cheryl Albrecht had knee replacement surgery and is home doing well. Several members ill and we have had several deaths in our area. Castleberry is having workshops for any member wishing to attend.

District 4: Bill Henry reported on the following happenings:

Bill Henry and Brenda McDaniel have been trying to make all the fraternal visits to represent the Board.

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

First school was held in Floresville. Several deaths in their district. Several chapters are struggling with members and with finances. Lockhart chapter initiated 7 new members.

Bill Henry stated he would like to see us give a standard presentation to the members when we speak at the School of Instructions. The Board's understanding is that the WGM wants us to speak at 1 school in each District. The Chairman will put together an outline as to what we should report and each member can fill it in with their own words.

Executive Session Report: The Chairman reported on items discussed in the Executive Session: Benevolent Aid approved for 2 applicants.

There being no further business, the Mizpah Benediction was repeated in unison. The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Noe
Recording Secretary