

NOTE: These minutes were approved at the February 19, 2022, Board of Directors meeting held in Arlington. GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 15, 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 and left us with a thought for the day.

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; Brenda Mc Daniel, District Four and Randy Martin, District Five.

Others present for the meeting were: Grand Secretary, Ellen Pickrell, and Recording Secretary, Donna Noe, Auditor Gary Isham, and Susan Martin. By Zoom, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Past Grand Matron of Texas, Linda Winn Christensen.

Devotional: The devotional was given by Ray Hargis who spoke to us about “The Yellow Line,” stay in your lane and don’t disregard the center yellow line. As we prayed, Ray asked us to remember past Board member Jean Hobbs who passed away.

House Keeping Rules: Chairman Cindy Echols read them.

Auditor present: Gary Isham spoke on some of the new guidelines we will have to follow. Copies of the audit will be sent to Ellen and then she will send them to everyone.

General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Past Grand Matron of Texas, Linda Winn Christensen, thanked the Board for letting her attend the meeting through Zoom. Linda thanked Gary for his work on our audit. She also thanked everyone for their prayers, calls and cards. She is doing well. Linda then signed off.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: The following February birthdays were recognized:

- Linda Hargis, February 1st
- Joe Gilmore, February 9th
- Donna Noe, February 23rd

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 20, 2021, Regular Board of Directors Session held in Arlington, Texas was presented.

Darrell Albrecht moved that the minutes be approved as corrected, the correction being that the Regular Board meeting was held in Arlington, not Fort Worth, Texas. The motion was seconded by Joe Gilmore. The vote was adopted.

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

- December 5, 2021 - Vote to approve revised Educational Scholarship Form.
- January 6, 2022 - Vote to approve the amendment to the MGM Elegante Hotel contract for Grand Chapter in Beaumont.

Phyllis Wilson moved to ratify the email votes. The motion was seconded by Tamela Henington and the vote was adopted.

Correspondence: None received. Twenty (20) cards were sent this past month.

Grand Secretary's Report: Should have financials Monday or Tuesday, she will email them to everyone when received, look them over and ask questions, she will try to have the final report printed in the March bulletin. She received the TMRC Audit for the ladies for the fiscal year 2021. A copy was passed out to all Board Members. The amount we owe is \$44,294.07. She will need to transfer funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 to cover the ladies through the end of the year.

Darrell Albrecht moved that we transfer \$200,000.00 to pay the ladies' bills. The motion was seconded by Randy Martin and the vote was adopted.

Grand Treasurer's Report: Financials were sent out to all the board members earlier that week. No one had any questions.

Unfinished Business: None

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New Business: Cindy Echols brought up the Bankers visits. They are scheduled for the

May meeting but may not be able to attend. We are to have quarterly visits from them and are considering the possibility of having Zoom meetings with them. Bill Henry would like to sit in on the Board budget process. Easter weekend is the date for our April Board meeting. Everyone was okay with that date.

Committee Reports:

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

For the month of January, we wrote checks in the amount of \$5,450.00 for Long Term Aid and 1 check totaling \$1,500.00 for Emergency Aid and 1 check totaling \$500.00 for Temporary Aid Total \$7,450.00.

Museum and Facilities: Sharon Adams visited the museum at the Grand Chapter Office a couple of weeks ago.

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. There was a line-item addition error on report and Ellen will correct that.

Grand Chapter Vehicle: The Grand Chapter Van now has the electric side rails installed. Thank you to Darrell Albrecht for getting this done. Also, they over-charged us and Darrell got that credited back to us. WGM Terri Rozell thanked the Board for the side rails and Darrell for getting it taken care of. No one knows about the middle sliding door lock - if it is working properly or if it still having issues.

TMRC (Our Precious Ladies):

Tamela reported that the ladies loved their Christmas gifts. Suzanne is having some issues with Social Security; they think the call may have been a scam.

Miscellaneous:

Next Board meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2022, and will be at the Grand Chapter office in Arlington. Chairman Cindy thanked Randy Martin for setting up the Zoom meeting on the computer. Brenda McDaniel has the devotional in February. Grand Lodge is next week in Waco. July 15th is the Board Retirement date. Mark your calendars.

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District Reports:

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

Several ill members. Carol Jackson had surgery. Beans and Jeans in February and the School of Instruction is going on in Longview today.

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

Several initiations have been done. Jan Walker's husband passed away. Several members having surgeries. Deborah Land has remarried and her husband has Covid.

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

Our Schools are all done. Graham Chapter is consolidating with Jacksboro Chapter. Crowley and Alvarado chapters are both having trouble. Tina Stevens fell out of the back of the van and broke 3 bones in her foot. Michael Cote lost 2 brothers to Covid. District 3 banquet will be at the Lee Lockwood Library in Waco. Jerre Miller, PGP Harold Trammel, Jean Hobbs and Earnesteen Porter all passed away.

District 4: Bill Henry reported on the following happenings:

Schools are starting for District 4. Several members have passed away. Amanda Duckworth and Dale Eldridge were in a serious head on collision, Amanda crushed both her feet and Dale broke his back in several places along with other injuries.

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

Jane Hudson, our Grand Electa has cancer of the lining of her right kidney and they are running more tests. PGM Linda Winn Christensen is doing better, still sore and gets really tired, Victor Christensen is doing well. Susan Martin has had neck surgery. Good to have her with us today. Joyce Wadle is still in nursing home, PGM Doris Hester is having mental issues, PGM Betty Friend is doing great, and PGP Rick Skidd is doing well. Covid is running rampant in the district 5 area. Schools will be starting up the end of January.

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