

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
February 19, 2022
ARLINGTON, TEXAS**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Board Room at the Grand Chapter of Texas Office. In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Secretary welcomed all present and thanked them for being here.

Board Members present were: 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; Randy Martin, District Five, and by zoom Tamela Henington, District Two. Others present for the meeting were: Grand Secretary, Ellen Pickrell, and Grand Treasurer, Greta Spradling, Recording Secretary.

Chairman, Cindy Echols, District Two, and Vice Chairman, Darrell Albrecht, District Three, were absent due to family and/or personal health issues.

Devotional: The devotional was given by Brenda McDaniel and focused on love and the value of friendship. She then led us in prayer.

Housekeeping Rules: Secretary Phyllis Wilson reviewed our housekeeping rules with everyone.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: There were no March birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 15, 2022, Regular Board of Directors Session held in Arlington, Texas was presented.

Randy Martin moved that the minutes be approved as written, the motion was seconded by Joe Gilmer. The vote was adopted with a unanimous vote.

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

- January 19, 2022 - Vote to approve the 2021 OES Financial Statements.

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

Correspondence: Phyllis Wilson reported that she mailed 17 cards – 2 Valentines, 4 Birthday, 3 Get Well, 5 Sympathy, and 3 Thinking of you.

Grand Secretary's Report: Ellen noted they were working on Linda Winn-Christiansen's proceedings; working with the Worthy Grand Matron on her Special Projects; and that the Texas Workforce Commission said their audit was 100% okay.

Ellen also brought the emblems back to the Grand Chapter office from the museum at Grand Lodge.

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.

Unfinished Business: Everyone was reminded that we would be having a Zoom meeting with our bankers at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18th.

New Business: Randy Martin mentioned there will be a Legislative session at the April Board meeting.

Committee Reports:

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

For the month of February, we wrote twelve checks totaling \$5,450.00 for Long Term Aid and one check for \$1,500.00 for Emergency Aid, for a total of \$6,950.00.

Museum and Facilities: Beverly Plante expressed her appreciation to the gardener, who had removed the dead plants and trimmed the remaining plants around our office. We are still looking for our emblems, including Past Grand Matron Mary Ruth White's sheaf, which were removed from the Museum in Waco. The sheaf had been a special gift from her daughter.

Titles, Deeds, & Properties: There was a letter received wanting to buy some of our mineral rights otherwise there is nothing new to report.

Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects: Beverly Plante reported that everything is selling well except for the raincoats and first aid kits. The Worthy Grand Matron has asked for a price reduction on those two items.

TMRC (Our Precious Ladies):

Tamela Henington reported that Sister Barbara Martin had taken balloons to our ladies, and they both are doing well.

Miscellaneous:

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2022, at the Grand Chapter office in Arlington. It will also be set up for a zoom meeting. Joe Gilmore will present the devotional, and the bankers will be attending the meeting to update us on our investments.

District Reports:

Board members updated everyone on the OES activities and/or sickness and distress in their respective districts.

Executive Session Report: The Secretary reported on the items discussed in the Executive Session: two emails approving Benevolent Aid applications were ratified.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Echols, Chairman
Board of Directors, District 2

Phyllis Wilson, Secretary
Board of Directors, District 5