

NOTE: These minutes were approved at the July 16, 2022, Board of Directors meeting held in Arlington.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MAY 21, 2022
ARLINGTON, TEXAS**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:03 a.m. We met in the Board Room at the Grand Chapter of Texas Office. The Chairman welcomed all present and gave us a quote from Zig Zeigler.

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; Randy Martin, District Five, and by Zoom Brenda McDaniel, District Four.

Others present for the meeting were: Grand Secretary, Ellen Pickrell, Grand Treasurer, Greta Spradling, Recording Secretary, Donna Noe, Barbara Martin, Associate Grand Matron, Phyllis Macon, Carrol Macon and Susan Martin. By zoom, Worthy Grand Matron, Terri Rozell and Worthy Grand Patron, Tom Brisko.

Devotional: The devotional was given by Randy Martin who spoke to us about Faith, Hope and Love. These are so important and will last forever. Randy then led us in prayer.

Worthy Grand Matron remarks: She remarked how great it is to see all the Board Members around the table and meeting face to face. A huge thank you to you all.

Worthy Grand Patron remarks: We are on the final lap and have enjoyed it all. He was looking through some of the old preceding's and noticed the trouble they said they were having with the membership declining and their funds declining. He couldn't remember the year, but the membership was at about 71,000. They stated that, "we will continue to move on." Adversity is all around us, in the past, now and in the future.

House Keeping Rules: Chairman Cindy Echols read them.

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

- Pete Spurgeon, July 28th

Anniversaries

- Randy and Susan Martin, June 14th
- Cindy and Tommy Echols, July 9th
- Donna and Dan Noe, July 16th

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

Phyllis Wilson moved that the minutes be approved as written, the motion was seconded by Ray Hargis. The vote was adopted with 7 approvals and 2 abstaining.

The minutes of the April 16, 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 Phyllis Wilson. The vote was adopted with 8 approvals and 1 abstaining.

The minutes of the May 18, 2022, Special Board of Directors Session with the Bankers via Zoom was read by Chairman Cindy Echols.

Randy Martin moved that the minutes be approved as corrected, the corrections being, add Five after “Randy Martin, District” and after “...just asked...” it should read “...just ask....” The motion was seconded by Darrell Albrecht. The vote was adopted with 8 approval and 1 abstaining.

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

- May 6, 2022 - Vote to approve the Hampton Inn agreement for our Grand Chapter Session in Beaumont.

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

Correspondence: None received. Ten (10) cards were sent this past month. Three birthday, three sympathy, three get well and one thinking of you.

Grand Secretary's Report: Annual reports have started coming in. There are 27 Education Scholarship applications. We need to pull \$17,000.00 out of the 501(c)8 fund if we want to be able to give 27 \$1,000.00 scholarships. Darrell Albrecht made a motion to transfer \$17,000.00 out of the 501(c)8 fund to cover the scholarships. The motion was seconded by Bill Henry. The motion was adopted.

Grand Treasurer's Report: Financials were sent out to all the board members earlier in the week. Randy had a question on the P&L. Our Grand Treasurer will send to all board members a more detailed report. The reason for so many checks written was for all the endowed memberships to the chapters.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

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

For the month of May, we wrote checks in the amount of \$5,450.00 for Long Term Aid and 1 check totaling \$1,500.00 for Emergency Aid, Total \$6,950.00. No applications pending. Darrell Albrecht asked Phyllis Wilson if we need to increase our budget for Benevolent Aid. Phyllis Wilson will try and get a report to all before our Budget Zoom meeting.

Museum and Facilities: Still looking for Mary Ruth's sheath of wheat. Beverly Plante showed a picture of the item. Beverly Plante said Sharon Adams has pedestals. Some of our items were put in boxes at Grand Lodge, they are now looking for our boxes.

Titles, Deeds, & Properties: No Update.

Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects: Trying to pull all items in to try and get an accurate report. Worthy Grand Matron having her District Deputy Grand Matrons assist her in this. Randy Martin had a question on the report. Grand Secretary will check the report and get back to the board members.

TMRC (Our Precious Ladies):

Tamela Henington turned the floor over to Barbara Martin. Lois Pate is still in the hospital and not doing well. Her daughters have been with her. Suzanne is knitting, going to bingo and visiting with all. She is doing great.

Retirement Banquet: All is going well, notice is in the bulletin. Plan on about 80 people. Who's smiling now? Phyllis and Ray.

Miscellaneous:

Budget meeting will be via zoom on My 24th at 7:00pm. Retirement Banquet will be July 15, 2022 and our next Executive and Regular Board meeting will be July 16, 2022 at the Grand Chapter office in Arlington. The Bankers will be there. Bill Henry will give our devotional.

Worthy Grand Matron remarks: The Worthy Grand Matron stated there is a crack in the windshield. She is going to take it to be fixed. She also said that we may need to redo our Scholarship applications and Benevolent aid applications and make them a little stricter.

District Reports:

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

Past Most Worthy Grand Patron Henry Martin passed away. His service will be Monday morning. Keep Opal in your prayers. Ray Hargis is to have his sixth Great Grand in six months.

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

Good to see Past Grand Matron Bess Caldwell at the District 2 Banquet and Mr. X banquet. The four-line officers behind Tamela Henington will be brand new Worthy Matrons. Cindy Echols has a new great grandson. Mark Dieckman is our new Mr. X.

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

District Three luncheon was very nice. \$1220 was raised for the Worthy Grand Matrons Fight the Fight Charity. Lesa Smith to have knee replacement surgery June 23, 2022. No one knows where Ruth Chapter is meeting. Installations are starting up. Lorena Chapter is sponsoring a new Rainbow Assembly. The instituting will be June 11, 2022 at 10:00am. After lunch will be the installation. They have 12 girls being installed into the Assembly. Alma and Bill Bane are glad to be back in Texas and home. Annette Curry was also at the Mr. X banquet, she had hip replacement surgery on May 17th. She is doing well.

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

District banquet is tonight. Worthy Grand Matron had a great bus trip. Grand Assembly will hold its 99th Session in Waco at the end of June. Mary Ruth White is having some health issues, but is so excited for her son in law, Mark.

District 5: Phyllis Wilson reported on the following happenings:

Jane Hudson, our Grand Electa has moved in with Phyllis Wilson, please keep both ladies in your prayers. Past Grand Patron Kenneth Gregory is staying with his daughter Karen, he has been put on hospice. Karen Gregory has been diagnosed with melanoma on her face. Surgery was extensive. Past Grand Matron Doris Hester needs our prayers. Past Grand Matron Jerre Lucas is having some respiratory issues and needs our prayers. Possible consolidation of Kenedy Chapter. District 5 banquet was very nice and well attended. Randy Martin's new normal is resting more often. He is dealing with weakness issues. Past Grand Patron Jerry Trees is having vision problems. Susan Martin having some swallowing issues.

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

There being no further business, the Mizpah Benediction was repeated in unison. The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Noe
Recording Secretary