

**Board of Directors  
Order of the Eastern Star  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Grand Chapter Office  
8101 Valcasi Drive, Suite 101, Arlington, Texas  
March 18, 2023**

Chairman Cindy Echols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington. The Chairman welcomed all present and gave us an Irish Blessing.

**Board Members present:** were Chairman Cindy Echols, District Two, Vice Chairman Darrell Albrecht, District Three, Secretary Brenda McDaniel, District Four, Rick Taylor, District One, Joe Gilmore, District One, Tamela Henington, District Two, Beverly Plante, District Three, Bill Henry, District Four, Oscar Hairell, District Five and Randy Martin, District Five. Also present were Grand Treasurer, Greta Spradling, Donna Noe, Recording Secretary, and Worthy Grand Matron, Phyllis Macon. Grand Secretary, Ellen Pickrell was absent. Worthy Grand Patron, James Parker, Janet Travers and Glenda Klem, Associate Grand Conductress, attended by Zoom.

**Others present:** were Susan Martin.

The Devotional was given by Bill Henry; he spoke on faith. Don't lose faith. With God with us we can do amazing things. Then he closed with a word of prayer.

Chairman Cindy Echols reviewed the Housekeeping Rules for our meeting with everyone.

**Birthdays were announced for March:**

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| Duane "Buddy" Baker | April 2nd  |
| Xanthe Parker       | April 12th |
| Nancy Brown         | April 19th |
| Dan Noe             | April 20th |
| Bitsy Choate        | April 21st |

**Anniversaries were announced for March:**

None

**Remarks**

**WGP:** Worthy Grand Patron James Parker thanked the Board Members for letting him sit in on this meeting and for redoing the Benevolent Aid Applications.

**WGM:** Worthy Grand Matron Phyllis Macon thanked the Board Members for their hard work, also she is working on and getting things ready for Grand Chapter.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the February 18, 2023, Regular Board Meeting held at the Grand Chapter Office boardroom in Arlington were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Oscar Hairell, seconded by Joe Gilmore. Motion carried.

**Ratify E-Mail Votes:** February 27, 2023, to approve the Worthy Grand Matron's request to lower the prices on the Who's Who book to \$5.00.

Tamela Henington made the motion to ratify the email vote. The motion was seconded by Randy Martin and the vote was adopted.

**Correspondence:** Board Secretary Brenda McDaniel reported since our last meeting she had mailed 0 Anniversary Cards, 8 Birthday Cards, 3 Get Well Cards, 0 Sympathy Cards, and 0 Thinking of You Cards for a total of 11 Cards. Received a note from David Flaxston, PGP of Rhode Island, thanking us for the Valentine's card.

**Grand Secretary's Report:** None

**Grand Treasurer's Report:** Financials emailed out earlier. A few questions were asked and answered.

**Unfinished Business** – Randy Martin inventoried the old sound system. It is currently worth \$300.00. He may have a buyer. This will be put into the bulletin and offered to the membership first.

**New Business:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Benevolent Aid:** For the month of March, Long Term Aid, \$4,800.00 and Emergency Aid, \$6,000.00, totaling \$10,800.00. Randy has been working on the new application forms. Temporary and Long-Term aid will be on the same form. The applicant will select which item they want. He will also add where it can be found in the Constitution. He will continue working on them and send them out for further review.

**Museum & Facilities:** Sharon Mosmeyer is helping with the Eastern Star display at Grand Lodge. Several of the men Board Members changed 6 light bulbs at the office.

**Titles, Deeds & Properties:** Rick Taylor is waiting on the Association to get back with us for a meeting date.

**WGM's Special Projects:** Brenda McDaniel passed out the report on the WGM's items and everything is now making a profit.

**TMRC Lady:** Beverly Plante reported Barbara Martin is not feeling well. Suzanne Walters is doing well.

**Misc.:** Next meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington. Rick Taylor will give the Devotional. The Bankers will attend, and Paul Garner, Chairman of the Eastern Star Charitable Foundation Board has been invited to attend. The Scottish Rite Event will be that evening. Right after our meeting today, we will have our Legislation workshop.

**District Reports:**

- **District One:** Schools are going on and well attended. Ruth Lee Johnson passed away. PGM, Joyce Gilbert fell and broke her hip in several places. Prayers needed. John and Kathy Creel need our prayers.

- **District Two:** Corky Swanson passed away. Chairman Cindy said she received a note from the Grand Secretary Ellen, with information on a lady wanting information on joining Eastern Star. They hope to get a new member from that contact.
- **District Three:** 6 Initiations in 3 chapters. Grand Conductress Tea in Lorena tomorrow. Crescent Chapter getting Plural members. Vice Chairman Darrell was in the hospital for a few days. Doing much better now, does have follow up appointments. Mike Hall to have hip replacement surgery.
- **District Four:** Nederland Chapter having some problems. Scottish Rite Hospitals are going through some changes. Having several initiations. Jack and Betty Friend need prayers.
- **District Five:** Couple of Initiations. New Grand Representative Ethel Damiana from Sequin Chapter passed away. Deputy Workshops are going well.

**Executive Session Report** – Discussed Benevolent Aid, new applications and ratified email votes.

**Mizpah Benediction** was repeated by all.

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Noe, Recording Secretary