

**Board of Directors  
Order of the Eastern Star  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Grand Chapter Office  
8101 Valcasi Drive, Suite 101, Arlington, Texas  
April 15, 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.

**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. Randy Martin, District Five was absent due to illness.

**Others present:** Also present were Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary, Donna Noe, Recording Secretary, Worthy Grand Patron, James Parker, and Barbara Martin. Worthy Grand Matron, Phyllis Macon and Greta Spradling, Grand Treasurer, attended by Zoom.

**Bankers:** Josh Biering and Kelly Ann Kimbell from JP Morgan.

The Devotional was given by Rick Taylor; he led us with a word of prayer. Then ended with “Bless this day.”

**Bankers:** Passed out Portfolio to all the Board Members. They feel the Market is up. 2022 was a bad year all the way around. Bonds are yielding higher rates now. Portfolio is yielding a profit, so we are right on goal. Questions were asked and answered. Bankers thanked the Board Members for having them and they left at 9:40am.

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

**Birthdays were announced for May:**

Susan Dormady	May 2nd
Tom Murphy	May 2nd
Rosemary S. Berry	May 5th
Bill Crews	May 7th
Cheryl Royal	May 15th
Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr.	May 21st
Joyce Nicklas	May 22nd

**Anniversaries were announced for March:**

Tamela and Wayne Henington	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
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**Remarks By:**

**WGP:** Worthy Grand Patron, James Parker thanked the Board Members for their hard work. Gave us a little information on the Gala to be held later in the evening.

**WGM:** Worthy Grand Matron, Phyllis Macon thanked the Board Members for their hard work. Projects are doing well and she is looking forward to this evening.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the March 18, 2023, Regular Board Meeting held at the Grand Chapter Office boardroom in Arlington were presented. A motion was made by Brenda McDaniel to approve the minutes as corrected, the correction being the spelling of Ethel Dammann's name; it was seconded by Oscar Hairell. Motion carried.

**Ratify E-Mail Votes:** April 3, 2023, to approve the expenses associated with servicing the Grand Chapter van.

April 12, 2023, to lower the prices on the ball caps, hammers, garment bags and dress pins.

Tamela Henington made the motion to ratify the email votes. The motion was seconded by Joe Gilmore and the vote was adopted.

**Correspondence:** Board Secretary Brenda McDaniel reported since our last meeting she had mailed 0 Anniversary Cards, 8 Birthday Cards, 1 Get Well Card, 1 Sympathy Card, 2 Thinking of You cards, and 93 Easter Cards for a total of 108 Cards. She also included Suzanne Walters at TMRC and the spouses of the Past Grands who have passed away. She received a couple of phone calls thanking her for the Easter cards and a thank you note from a Benevolent Aid recipient.

**Grand Secretary's Report:** PGM, Terri Rozzell's proceedings are done and being mailed out. Education Committee to meet next week. Working on the budget. Dues cards have been mailed out. Beverly Plante asked our Grand Secretary if we are making any money on the oil leases? It's in the report that we receive; we are making some money on the oil leases.

**Grand Treasurer's Report:** Financials emailed out earlier. Working on our endowment report. Checks to be mailed out about the first of May. We have 7,331 endowments. She likes working with JP Morgan and feels they are doing well for OES. Darrell Albrecht asked our Grand Treasurer what the funds set aside for staff for Grand Chapter on the financials are. At one time we did pay for one night for staff to work at Grand Chapter, but we don't do that anymore. Funds may have been allocated to the wrong code. Greta and Ellen to check into this and get back to Darrell.

**Unfinished Business** – Worked on legislation. We have 8 amendments we are working on. Chairman Cindy Echols read the changes and passed the sheets around for the Board Members to sign. She will retype and send in the originals to Grand Chapter. Tamela Henington moved to accept the revised amendments and the motion was seconded by Brenda McDaniel, motion carried.

**New Business:**

It was moved by Beverly Plante to lower Rennie's Bone pins to \$5.00. The motion was seconded by Rick Taylor, Motion carried.

The Bankers will be at the July meeting. It was decided to invite them now for quarterly meetings. The next one after July will be October. It was moved by Tamela Henington to invite the Bankers for Quarterly meetings. The motion was seconded by Bill Henry, motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Benevolent Aid:** For the month of April, Long Term Aid, \$4,800. totaling \$4,800.00. Randy Martin being ill, there is no report on the revised applications.

**Museum & Facilities:** There is a lack of space to put items in the museum room. Suggestion was to hang some of the Charters around the office walls.

**Titles, Deeds & Properties:** Rick Taylor said there is nothing to report.

**WGM's Special Projects:** Brenda McDaniel passed out the report on the WGM's items. All items are making a profit.

**TMRC Lady:** Beverly Plante is glad that Barbara Martin is here, Barbara Martin reported she will get Suzanne her Dr. Pepper. She is having some back problems but is getting around good.

**Misc.:** Next meeting is May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington. Oscar Hairell will give the Devotional. Paul Garner, Chairman of the Eastern Star Charitable Foundation Board has been invited to attend. The Scottish Rite Event was to be that evening. Right after our meeting in May, we will have our Budget workshop.

### **District Reports:**

- **District One:** Mary Anne Skrabanek from Dallas #1 passed away. Joyce Gilbert actually broke her pelvis; she is on hospice and surrounded by her family. WM in Wolfe City is in the hospital.
  - **District Two:** Jo Holloway moved to Lubbock, read a couple of petitions. Fran Johnson passed away.
  - **District Three:** Several initiations going on. WM of Castleberry Sherry Bates husband Ed Bates died in a car accident. District Three Banquet will be in Temple, Texas and it will be picnic style. Hamilton Chapter will be demising. Darrell Albrecht is doing better, still having tests done and taking meds.
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- **District Four:** Bill Henry's son George has cancer. Waiting on test results, then Bill will go visit him. 2 Chapters consolidating. Frances Williams received her 50-year pin, her niece PGM, Linda Winn Christensen was able to be there and do a tribute and present her with her pin. Dot Holman had her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, then passed away a few days later.

- **District Five:** Randy Martin is ill, just doesn't have any strength. Elections are going on in all the chapters. PGM, Annette Curry was out and about and doing better. PGM, Betty and Jack Friend have been seen around, looking a little frailer.

**Executive Session Report** – No meeting

**Mizpah Benediction** was repeated by all.

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Noe, Recording Secretary