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**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 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 in Arlington, Texas. Chairman Cindy Echols welcomed all present and recited a quote on "Teamwork."

Board Members present were: Chairman, Cindy Echols, District Two; Vice Chairman, Darrell Albrecht, District Three; Secretary, Brenda McDaniel, District Four; Joe Gilmore, District One; Rick Taylor, District One; Tamela Henington, District Two; Beverly Plante, District Three; Bill Henry, District Four and Oscar Hairell, District Five. Absent was Randy Martin, District Five due to health reasons.

Others present for the meeting were: Grand Secretary Ellen Pickrell, Grand Treasurer Greta Spradling, Recording Secretary Donna Noe and Wanda Parks.

By Zoom, Tammy Andricak. At 9:44 a.m., Worthy Grand Matron Phyllis Macon and Worthy Grand Patron James Parker joined the meeting and opted out at 10:00 a.m.

Devotional: The devotional was given by Vice Chairman Darrell Albrecht who spoke to us about a Father's love. He recited verse John 3:16 and said, "now that's love." Darrell then led us in prayer.

House Keeping Rules: Chairman Cindy Echols read them.

Worthy Grand Matron Remarks: Thanked the Board Members for their work. Their projects are selling well. The Association Board has not met yet, still organizing themselves.

Worthy Grand Patron Remarks: Appreciates the Board Members. He will talk to the Association Board before our next meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone during the school schedule.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: The following September and October birthdays and anniversaries were recognized:

- Tommy Echols, September 11th
- Addie Taylor, September 15th

- Randy Martin, October 13th
- Susan Martin, October 17th
- Laurette Henry, October 29th

Anniversaries

- Darrell and Cheryl Albrecht, October 2nd

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the July 16, 2022, Regular Board of Directors Session held in Arlington, Texas were presented. Darrell Albrecht moved that the minutes be approved as corrected, the correction being Ethel's last name is Damman, not Bowman, the motion was seconded by Bill Henry. The vote was adopted, with Rick Taylor and Oscar Hairell abstaining.

The minutes of the August 10, 2022, Special Session held at Grand Chapter in Beaumont, Texas were presented. Darrell Albrecht moved that the minutes be approved as written, the motion was seconded by Brenda McDaniel. The vote was adopted, with Rick Taylor and Oscar Hairell abstaining.

The minutes of the August 12, 2022, Special Session held at Grand Chapter in Beaumont, Texas were presented. Darrell Albrecht moved that the minutes be approved as written, the motion was seconded by Joe Gilmore. The vote was adopted, with Rick Taylor and Oscar Hairell abstaining.

The minutes of the August 13, 2022, Special Session held at Grand Chapter in Beaumont, Texas were presented. Darrell Albrecht moved that the minutes be approved as written, 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 May meeting.

- September 7, 2022 - Vote to approve the Worthy Grand Matron's request to order more music and angel bears.

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

Correspondence: Secretary Brenda McDaniel read thank you notes from Junior Past Grand Matron Terri Rozell, Junior Past Grand Patron Tom Brisko and Worthy Grand Matron Phyllis Macon for the love gifts given them.

Secretary Brenda McDaniel reported she mailed a total of 38 cards since Grand Chapter: 5 Anniversary cards, 8 Birthday cards, 18 Get Well cards, 2 Thinking of You, and 5 Sympathy cards.

Grand Secretary's Report: Grand Secretary Ellen Pickrell reported our Amazon check for \$239.15 was received, plus our yearly check for License Plates of \$4,401.74. The 990 tax forms are completed for all 244 chapters. She is now starting on the Grand Chapter Proceedings.

Grand Treasurer's Report: Financials were sent out to all the board members earlier in the week. There was discussion regarding why the journal entries were sent out. Grand Treasurer Greta Spradling said she wanted to continue to send the financial entries to keep everyone well informed. Board members said they appreciated her efforts. Darrell Albrecht asked about how much money would be sent to the 501 (c)(3), he was told it would be about \$110,000.00.

Unfinished Business: The side door on the Van needs repair. The Worthy Grand Patron will drop it off after the Dumas School to the Ford dealership in the Metroplex.

New Business: Chairman Cindy Echols passed out Conflict of Interest forms for all to sign. New Board Member Operational Handbooks were made by our Chairman and were passed out to all the members. The handbook includes board members' contact information, committees assigned, plus an explanation of board members' roles and responsibilities. The Board Members thanked our Chairman for a great job making this very informative handbook.

There was discussion on moving the January 14, 2023 Board meeting to the Fort Worth School being held at the Masonic Temple on Henderson Street in Fort Worth. A motion was made by Beverly Plante and seconded by Oscar Hairell to move the January 14, 2023 Board Meeting to the Fort Worth Masonic Temple. The motion was adopted. Our Grand Secretary will put this notice in the Official Bulletin.

Chairman Cindy Echols is trying to confirm the dates with our Bankers on when they will attend our meetings, a couple of the dates we have fall on banker's holidays.

The Abilene School of Instruction has been changed to the weekend of September 23rd and 24th due to the passing of our Past Grand Matron Bess Caldwell.

Committee Reports:

Benevolent Aid: Chairman Cindy Echols reported that Randy Martin, Chairman of Benevolent Aid, had not received any new applications. Total Long Term paid out was \$4,650.00. The Chairman asked for a volunteer to help Randy due to his current health issues. Beverly Plante is a co-helper. Oscar Hairell said that he would also help, being in the same area as Randy. The Chairman thanked Oscar and Beverly for helping.

Museum and Facilities: Board Committee Chairman Brenda McDaniel stated she spoke to Committee General Chairman Konnie Harrell offering her help and support. They both were encouraged to have good communication regarding the needs of this committee and what work needs to be done regarding our OES Museum and Facilities. Sister Konnie said she planned to communicate with her committee soon to start to work.

Titles, Deeds, & Properties: Rick Taylor, Board Committee Chairman, stated he had not had any communication with the new Chairman, but he will make it happen before the next meeting.

Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects: Board Committee Chairman Brenda McDaniel complimented our WGM and WGP on their choices of items for their projects. Sister Brenda said

she spoke with Jackie Lemons, Inventory Control Chairman, and Sister Jackie said all products have been selling well and the membership seems to be pleased. Sister Brenda reminded the Board since Grand Chapter, we have approved to reorder 200 additional Travel Books, plus more music and more Angel Bears for the Wings of Love Committee.

TMRC (Our Precious Ladies): Beverly Plante, Board Committee Chairman, told us Sister Barbara Martin was unable to attend our meeting because of a recent surgery. We have one lady, Suzanne Walters, who we are caring for, and she is doing well. Suzanne lives in the clinic but is able to get around. She attended the District 1 Bingo party last Sunday. Masks are still being required in the clinic at TMRC.

Miscellaneous:

Our next meeting will be October 15, 2022 at the Grand Chapter Office. Joe Gilmore will bring the Devotional. The Bankers will be attending this meeting.

Reminder that Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary, Greta Spradling, Grand Treasurer, and Donna Noe, Recording Secretary will not attend the October 15th meeting due to all being out of town.

District Reports:

District 1: Joe Gilmore and Rick Taylor reported on the following happenings:

TMRC Family Day is October 8th. Greta made a comment about all the women at Grand Chapter that were previous Rainbow Girls. We really need to support our youth. Marty Drescher had a heart attack. She is doing well and received permission from her doctor to travel. Normal sickness and a few deaths.

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

Past Grand Matron Bess Caldwell passed away September 1, 2022, and Shirley Scholl's death was also reported. There were 74 at the Odessa School. They have been making 2 ply, 6" quilted hearts for the NICU moms and babies. Wonderful project.

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

Mary Albert turned 100 years old and now has received her 80-year OES pin. A few initiations. Cleburne Lodge has now sold. Round Rock's Altar cloth is made from the same material that they make space suits from. The Warder from the Round Rock Lodge has a service dog and the service dog has a masonic apron. So cool. Darrell Albrecht had a little heart incident, he said it was dehydration. He is doing much better now. Lynda Benefield had a stroke and is in the Holland Nursing and Rehab center in Weatherford. Jeff Geyer had a 16 ft. pole fall on his head. He has seven staples in his head and having problems with some movement with his right hand and leg. He is in Harris Downtown hospital.

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

Past Grand Patron Jack Guy passed away on August 19, 2022. Hope everyone enjoyed our Grand Chapter being in Beaumont and appreciate all of the hard work from so many to make it such a success. Lost a 60-year and 70-year members; we can never replace those members. New Deputy Grand Matrons are busy and working hard.

District 5: Oscar Hairell reported on the following happenings:

Need to remember our Brother Randy Martin with our prayers. He is having several health issues. Past Grand Matron Doris Hester passed away on August 17, 2022. Normal sickness and a few deaths. A few initiations. Kay Drescher received her 50-year pin. Past Grand Matron Annette Curry is doing much better. Joyce Waddle is rehabbing well. Past Grand Matron Betty and Jack Friend are doing ok, she said.

Executive Session Report: The Chairman reported there was no Executive meeting this morning.

There being no further business, the Mizpah Benediction was repeated in unison. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Noe

Recording Secretary