

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2024

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:03am at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington, TX by Chairman Tamela Henington. The Chairman welcomed all present and those members attending by Zoom with a quote on Success by Henry Ford.

Board Members present: Chairman, Tamela Henington, District 2; Vice-Chairman, Joe Gilmore, District 1; Secretary, Brenda McDaniel, District 4; Rick Taylor, District 1; Mary Medford, District 2; Beverly Plante, District 3; Donna Noe, District 3; Bill Henry, District 4; Oscar Hairell, District 5; and Karen Wright, District 5.

Members Attending by Zoom: Caron Joseph, and Maverick Murray.

Others present for the meeting were: Associate Grand Matron, Glenda Murphy; Associate Grand Patron, Terry Littlepage; Secretary, Ellen Pickrell; Grand Treasurer, Greta Spradling; Past Grand Matron, Phyllis Macon; Past Grand Patron, Trey Smith; Past Grand Patron, Tom Murphy; Monette Littlepage, Lesa Smith, Carroll Macon, Chris Elliott, Bruce Dalton, and Janet Travers.

Karen Wright presented a devotional on what Love is and its importance. Scripture reference was 1 John 23:1 – 24.

A prayer was presented by Karen Wright at the end of the devotional.

Worthy Grand Matron Remarks:

Worthy Grand Matron was not in attendance as she was participating in the New Mexico/Texas 2 State Exchange.

Worthy Grand Patron Remarks:

Worthy Grand Patron was not in attendance as was out of state taking care of a family matter.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

The following May Birthday was recognized: Susan Dormady.

The following May Anniversaries were recognized: Tamela and Wayne Henington.

The Chairman presented the following Housekeeping Rules for the meeting:

- Only Board Members speak during discussions.
- If a guest has a question, the guest should present the question to a Board Member so it may be brought before the Board.
- If a virtual guest has a question, the guest should text the question to a Board Member so it may be brought before the Board.
- Make eye contact with members in the room during the Mizpah Benediction.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the March 16, 2024, Regular Board of Directors Meeting at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington, TX were presented.

Joe Gilmore moved that the minutes of the March 16, 2024, Regular Board of Directors Meeting be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded by Brenda McDaniel and adopted.

Email Vote Ratification:

There were no email votes to be ratified.

Correspondence:

Cards sent by the Secretary, Brenda McDaniel, included: 10 Birthday Cards, 7 Get Well Cards, 4 Thinking of You Cards, and 5 Sympathy Cards, for a total of 26 cards.

Thank you card from Beverly Plante for the cards, phone calls, and texts she received.

Secretary Brenda McDaniel expressed her appreciation to Past Grand Matron Phyllis Macon for her emails regarding illnesses and deaths of OES members and their families.

Grand Secretary's Report was given by Ellen Pickrell.

Endowed Membership checks will be mailed this coming week.

The Educational Committee will be having a meeting to review the scholarship applications that have been received.

This year's budget report will also have a column for "Actuals."

Grand Treasurer's Report was given by Greta Spradling.

The Board has been provided with the Financial Reports as requested. The reports included: Grand Chapter Account, Balance Sheet Entries, and the Profit/Loss Report.

Total Accounts/Assets in the amount of \$25,130,146.02.

Board was provided with a monthly funds' comparison for Grand Chapter.

Endowed Membership checks will be mailed this coming week. Last year each Chapter received approximately \$13.00 per endowed member. This year each Chapter will receive approximately \$17.00 per endowed member.

The Board thanked Greta Spradling for setting up and conducting the Zoom meetings.

Unfinished Business:

Legislation:

The Board will be submitting two pieces of legislation. One is for the increase in salary for the Grand Secretary and the other is for the increase in salary for the Grand Treasurer.

Copies were presented at the meeting for Board Member signatures.

Charities Foundation Lunch:

The Charities Foundation luncheon will be held at 11:00am today. Paul Garner will be presenting information in a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Board of Directors, Corporate Board and 4 members of the Charities Foundation Board are allowed to attend the meeting.

No minutes of the meeting will be taken.

This meeting and presentation will give closure to the Board on the 501(c)3 funds.

Malinda Hairell will be picking up pizzas for the luncheon.

New Business:

Grand Chapter Board Reports:

Assignments for Grand Chapter Board Reports are found on page 54 of Board of Directors Operational Handbook.

Reports will be submitted to the Chairman, Tamela Henington by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Deadline for submitted the reports to the Grand Secretary is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

2024-2025 Budget:

Associate Grand Matron Glenda Murphy will present her budget for the 2024-2025 year.

Board members will receive a copy of the budget prior to the Board meeting.

Budget meeting will be held at the conclusion of the Regular Board meeting.

Committee Reports:

Benevolent Aid: Beverly Plante reported on Benevolent Aid for December 2023 and January 2024.

For the month of February, the Grand Chapter issued checks in the amounts of:

Long Term Aid	\$3,400.00	7 Chapters
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Temporary Aid	\$ 300.00	1 Chapter
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Emergency Aid	\$3,000.00	2 Chapters
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A total of \$6,700.00.

Museum and Facilities: Mary Medford reported on Museum and Facilities.

There are a few non-OES items left that were not sold to the membership. These items will be placed on sale on eBay.

Titles, Deeds, & Properties: Rick Taylor reported on the Titles, Deeds and Properties.

Gas and Oil Lease production is providing income of approximately \$5,000.00 per month.

There is no additional information on the Smith County Lawsuit.

Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects: Karen Wright reported on the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects.

All projects are showing a profit. Funding information includes:

Designated funds:	\$12,531.60
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Undesignated funds:	\$ 8,814.27
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General Fund:	\$24,898.27
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TMRC Lady: Donna Noe and Barbara Martin reported on our TMRC Lady.

Our TMRC precious lady is doing well. Barbara Martin has visited her. Status of Suzanne Walters health was shared.

Retirement Banquet: Donna Noe and Mary Medford reported on the Retirement Banquet.

Information on retirement banquet has been published in the Bulletin.

The banquet will be held at Southside Lodge in Ft. Worth on July 19, 2024.  
Tickets are \$35.00, and Mary Medford is collecting the money.

Miscellaneous:

May meeting:

Bankers presentation.

Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron will present the budget for the 2024-2025 Grand Chapter Year.

Budget Workshop to be held at the conclusion of the Regular meeting.

Idea presented in the Executive Session to compile list of fundraising ideas from each District and print the ideas in the Bulletin.

District Reports:

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

Visitation is up in Chapters.

Chapters have been having initiations.

Chapters are preparing for June installations.

District 2: Tamela Henington and Mary Bedford reported on the following happenings:

Schools of Instruction are finished.

A Candidates Forum was held after the final School of Instruction.

Chapters are preparing for June installations.

Tamela Henington thanked everyone for the cards, calls and texts for her mother who had broken her hip.

District 3: Beverly Plante and Donna Noe reported on the following happenings:

Chapters have been having initiations and great programs.

District Deputy Grand Matron has done a wonderful job.

District 3 Banquet will be in Waco.

Several Chapters are struggling.

Granbury Chapter has a fundraiser coming up.

District 4: Bill Henry reported on the following happenings:

Chapters have been having initiations.

Chapters are preparing for June installations.

Number of fundraisers have been held.

Rain has flooded several major highways in the District.

District 5: Oscar Hairell and Karen Wright reported on the following happenings:

Chapters have been having initiations.

Chapters are preparing for June installations.

Number of fundraisers have been held.

Service for Jack Friend, husband of Past Grand Matron, Betty Friend.

Executive Session Report: The Chairman reported on items discussed in the Executive Session: Ratified Benevolent Aid requests, legislation submitted, budget presentation and

workshop coming up.

All the visitors were thanked for attending the meeting.

The luncheon with the Charities Foundation Board will begin at 11:00am.

There was no further business to be brought before the Board.

The Mizpah Benediction was repeated in unison.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48am.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Travers  
Recording Secretary