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**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2021
FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:10 a.m. at South Side Masonic Lodge in Fort Worth, Texas. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the members participating by Zoom. It is great to have all attending the Board Meeting.

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 and Randy Martin, District Five.

Others present for the meeting were: Grand Secretary, Dr. Ellen Pickrell and Donna Noe, Recording Secretary, Barbara Martin, and Rick Taylor.

Present Via Zoom were, Board Member, Brenda McDaniel, District Four; Worthy Grand Matron, Terri Rozell; Worthy Grand Patron, Tom Brisko and Associate Grand Matron, Phyllis Macon.

Regrets from PGM, Jimmie Lee McMahan and Greta Spradling, Grand Treasurer.

The devotional "God is at your Window was presented by Cindy Echols. God has seen your whole life and he forgets and forgives. A prayer was presented by Cindy Echols at the end of the devotional.

Worthy Grand Matron/Worthy Grand Patron Update: The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron thanked the Board for allowing them to participate in the Board meeting. They thank the Board for all of the work that they will be doing. They are here to help the Board members, just ask. A big "Thank You" for donating from the relief fund to Louisiana Grand Chapter. Very thankful that they are able to do Zoom meetings while on the road.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: The following October birthdays were recognized: Ellen Pickrell, October 10th, Randy Martin, October 13th, Susan Martin, October 17th, and Laurette Henry, October 29th.

The following October anniversary was recognized: Darrell and Cheryl Albrecht, October 2nd.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 17, 2021, Regular Board of Directors Session held in Fort Worth, Texas was presented.

Darrell Albrecht moved that the minutes of the July 17, 2021, Regular Session be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy Martin and adopted. The vote was conducted by roll call of the Board with Phyllis Wilson, Ray Hargis, Beverly Plante and Brenda McDaniel abstaining.

The minutes of the August 12, 2021, Regular Board of Directors Session held in Waco, Texas were presented.

Tamela Henington moved that the minutes of the August 12, 2021, Regular Session be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy Martin and adopted. The vote was conducted by roll call of the Board with Phyllis Wilson, Joe Gilmore, Ray Hargis, Beverly Plante and Brenda McDaniel abstaining.

The minutes of the August 14, 2021, Regular Board of Directors Session held in Waco, Texas were presented.

Darrell Albrecht moved that the minutes of the August 14, 2021, Regular Session be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy Martin and adopted. The vote was conducted by roll call of the Board with Phyllis Wilson and Joe Gilmore abstaining.

Email Vote Ratification: The next item of business was ratification of email votes conducted on July 24th, August 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2021 was called for by the Chairman of the Board. The email votes were, printing 200 more Travel Books, to change the meeting date and place of the September Board Meeting to Southside Lodge, to change the date and place of the October Board meeting to the Masonic Temple, Fort Worth and invite the JPMorgan Chase Bankers to the meeting, and on the updated contract for the Holiday Inn Hotel in Beaumont, Texas.

Phyllis Wilson moved to ratify the email votes of July 24th, August 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2021. The motion was seconded by Randy Martin and adopted. The vote was conducted by a roll call of the Board with Ray Hargis, Beverly Plante and Brenda McDaniel abstaining.

Continued with ratification of the email votes of September 5th, 7th, 16th and 23rd, 2021. The email votes were for Benevolent Aid donation of \$2500 from the 501(c)(8) to the Grand Chapter of Louisiana for Hurricane aid, to print an additional 100 Who's Who

books, to allow the Worthy Grand Matron to take the Grand Chapter Van to Louisiana for 4-State exchange visit and to Oklahoma for their Grand Chapter and, to invite Janet Travers to a Board Meeting at a time that is convenient to her.

Phyllis Wilson moved to ratify the email votes of September 5th, 7th, 16th and 23rd, 2021. The motion was seconded by Randy Martin and adopted. The vote was conducted by a roll call of the Board.

Correspondence: Twenty-three (23) cards were sent this past month.

Cards sent by the Secretary included: 8 Birthday Cards, 1 Anniversary Card, 7 Get Well Cards, 6 Sympathy cards and 1 Thinking of You Card.

Grand Secretary's Report: Money from License Plates \$5,234.03, yearly. Amazon Smiles \$259.03, quarterly; Monarch Trophy \$1337.50, yearly. Reactivated the Disaster Relief fund and sent a check to Louisiana Grand Chapter, as money comes in for this, we will disperse it. All 990's for all the chapters is complete and has been sent in. Grand Chapter Proceedings have been sent to Jack York to add to our Grand Chapter website. Anyone wishing to read the proceeding from Grand Chapter can go to our Web Site and you can read from 2020 all the way back to 1884. Some Great history and information.

Grand Treasurer's Report: Bill Henry stated that Profit and Loss statements showed a loss, Ellen Pickrell said money was being transferred into accounts this week.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Phyllis Wilson asked if any notice has been sent to Chapters on the Disaster Relief Fund? It is in the Worthy Grand Matrons message in the Bulletin.

2021-2022 Operational Handbooks and Conflict of Interest Statements were handed out to all the Board Members. Handbooks to keep and Conflict Statements to sign and return to Grand Secretary.

Tentative meetings for the bankers to attend are October, February, May and July.

It was discussed to return to the Grand Chapter office for the Board meetings each month unless decided to go elsewhere.

Ray Hargis moved to have all Board meetings at the Grand Chapter Office, unless decided differently by the Board Members. The motion was seconded by Darrell Albrecht and adopted. The vote was conducted by a roll call of the Board.

Committee Reports:

Benevolent Aid: Phyllis Wilson reported on Benevolent Aid for September 2021.

Long Term Aid was paid to the following Chapters in September:

Kerrville #24, Alvarado #656, South Fort Worth #835, New Caney #1093,
Amarillo #787, Winnie #160, Haltom City #982, Cockrell-Hill-Delta-Flora
#794, Grand Prairie #219 Round Rock #316, Round Rock #316, Conroe
#710

Emergency Aid was paid to the following Chapters in September:

Texas City #626

Temporary Aid: None

The totals for Benevolent Aid in September were:

Long Term Aid \$ 5,450.00

Emergency Aid \$ 1,500.00

Temporary Aid \$ 0.00

Total \$ 6,950.00

One Long Term application pending.

Museum and Facilities: Beverly Plante reported on the Museum. No new information is available at this time. Need to work on the museum in Waco.

Titles, Deeds, & Properties: Bill Henry reported on the Titles, Deeds and Properties. Bill Henry introduced Rick Taylor. Rick has been speaking with Lease Operators in Midland, Texas. Trying to get funds for Grand Chapter out of leases. He and the Grand Secretary will start working on the old paper files. Rick Taylor was thanked by the Board Members for his work.

Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects: Beverly Plante reported no information at this time, but as the Schools start up, there will be funds to report on.

TMRC (Our Precious Ladies):

Barbara Martin reported on our Ladies. Lois Pate who is 95, fell in her bathroom. Nothing broken, just bruised. She thanked us for the flowers we sent.

Suzanne Walters birthday is in November and she would like a watch with a stretchy band. She is in the clinic and is doing good. Barbara Martin will work on her gift request.

Our last lady is Delores Runingbear. She is in Arlington Memorial; they have found a large mass in her stomach. She is having several health problems. She is unaware of her surroundings and is having dementia problems. They are running several tests on her. At this point she is not able to stay alone in her room. Hospice may be called in. They will do whatever is necessary to help her. Keep her in your prayers.

Miscellaneous:

Next Board meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2021 and will be at Masonic Temple in Fort Worth, Texas, during the School of Instruction.

The J.P. Morgan Chase Bankers and Janet Travers will be at the October 16, 2021 Meeting.

Associate Grand Matron, Phyllis Macon thanked the Board Members for all their work.

District Reports:

District 1: Joe Gilmore and Ray Hargis reported on the following happenings:
Several members ill with Covid and other illnesses; Beulah Warner passed away. Richard Hudman has throat cancer and having surgery. Ray Hargis will not be at the October meeting as he will be out of town.

District 2: Tamela Henington and Cindy Echols reported on the following happenings:
Several initiations in District Two. Several members ill.

District 3: Darrell Albrecht and Beverly Plante reported on the following happenings:
Several ill with Covid. Several 100 Chapter celebrations. Several initiations. Deputy is making her visits.

District 4: Brenda McDaniel and Bill Henry reported on the following happenings:
Deputy is making her visits. Bill Henry and Brenda McDaniel have been trying to make all of her visits. Carl Chalfant passed away, plus several others and several sick.

District 5: Phyllis Wilson and Randy Martin reported on the following happenings:
PGP Kenneth Gregory using a walker, he's not getting out much. Jean Hobbs is unable to use a phone or get out at all, her health is deteriorating rapidly. Bill Creech passed away, he was 101 years old and a 65-year Mason. Several Chapters having fund raisers as Covid has severely hurt them. Lots ill and lots of initiations going on.

Executive Session Report: The Chairman reported on items discussed in the Executive Session: Benevolent Aid and a long-term application.

Beverly Plante, Brenda McDaniel and Ray Hargis were thanked for the donuts, fruit and drinks.

A small discussion on the Grand Chapter Trailer by Ray Hargis ensued. Wanted to make sure the Arrangements Chairman gets the letter that is in the Board book.

There being no further business, the Mizpah Benediction was repeated in unison. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Noe
Recording Secretary