

NOTE: These minutes were approved at the January 15, 2022, Board of Directors meeting held in Arlington.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
November 20, 2021
FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:01 a.m. We met in the Board Room at the Grand Chapter of Texas Office. The Chairman welcomed all present and left us with a thought for the day.

Board Members present were: Chairman, Cindy Echols, District Two; Vice Chairman, Darrell Albrecht, District Three; Board Secretary, Phyllis Wilson, District Five (Via Zoom), Joe Gilmore, District One; Ray Hargis, District One; Tamela Henington, District Two; Beverly Plante, District Three; Bill Henry, District Four; Brenda Mc Daniel, District Four; and Randy Martin, District Five.

Others present for the meeting, Grand Secretary, Ellen Pickrell, Grand Treasurer, Greta Spradling, Recording Secretary, Donna Noe, PGM, Jimmie Lee McMahan, Susan Martin and Tommy Echols. Bankers from J.P. Morgan Chase present were: Lyndon Westerberg, Joshua Biering and Graham Wyatt, WGM Terri Rozell, WGP Tom Brisko, and PGM Carolyn Martin, also attended the meeting via Zoom.

The devotional was given by Beverly Plante who read a short story about how prison ministry was started and a quote by J.R.R. Tolkien on how the world is in peril. A prayer was presented by Beverly Plante at the end of the devotional.

Worthy Grand Matron/Worthy Grand Patron Greetings: The Worthy Grand Patron stated the schools have been great. They are seeing a lot of participation. The Worthy Grand Matron stated the school was going well in Midland. She thanked the board for their work and wished all a “Blessed Thanksgiving.”

Past Grand Matron/Past Grand Patron Greetings: PGM Carolyn Martin gave a hello greeting; she was glad the board is well. She thanked the bankers for being here.

PGM, Jimmie Lee McMahan thanked the bankers for being here and was glad to see all here.

House Keeping Rules: Chairman Cindy Echols read them.

Bankers present: Lyndon Westerberg, Joshua Biering and Graham Wyatt. They spoke to the board regarding the “Inflation.” They went over all accounts and stated we were headed in the right direction. Several questions were asked and answered. Chairman Cindy Echols thanked the bankers for coming and wished them a Happy Thanksgiving.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: The following December and January birthdays were recognized:

December:

- Darrell Albrecht, December 1st
- Cheryl Albrecht, December 19th.

January:

- Bill Henry, January 23rd
- Wayne Henington, January 27th
- Beverly Plante, January 31st.

Anniversaries: Joe and Kay Gilmore, January 3rd.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 16, 2021, Regular Board of Directors Session held in Fort Worth, Texas was presented.

Darrell Albrecht moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Randy Martin. The vote was approved. Brenda McDaniel abstained.

Email Vote Ratification: The next item of business was ratification of email vote for additional Flocking Kits to be purchased.

Randy Martin moved to ratify this email vote for the Flocking Kits and the motion was seconded by Joe Gilmore. The vote was approved.

Correspondence: Four (04) cards were sent this past month.

A thank you note from the Worthy Grand Matron, Terri Rozell, was read, thanking us for the love gift.

Grand Secretary's Report: Ellen is processing PGM Linda's proceedings and balancing the final numbers. She is waiting on approval from PGM Linda. She also announced that she deposits the funds from the schools as soon as they are turned in.

Grand Treasurer's Report: Financials were sent out to all the board members earlier that week. No one had any questions. Bill Henry was happy to see no negative lines.

Unfinished Business: It was confirmed that the Grand Secretary had the change for the January meeting put in the bulletin.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Benevolent Aid: Report was presented by Darrell Albrecht.

For the month of October, we wrote checks in the amount of \$5,450.00 for Long Term Aid and 2 checks totaling \$1,000.00 for Emergency Aid. Total \$ 6,450.00. No checks were written for Temporary Aid.

Museum and Facilities: Beverly Plante reported that Sharon Adams hopes to visit the museum at the Grand Chapter Office in a couple of weeks.

Titles, Deeds, & Properties: Bill Henry was encouraged by the Bankers talk. He stated that Rick Taylor is hard at work.

Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects: Beverly Plante reported that the sales were good. No money has been received in the Grand Chapter Office for the Flocking Kits. The Snoopy Dogs and Legacy and Flamingo pins are all sold out. The candy sales are going well.

Grand Chapter Vehicle: The Grand Chapter Van is having issues with the sliding door. Bill said he could find no problem with the sliding door. WGP, Tom stated it was a latch problem, not a sliding problem. It was decided that it needed to go to a Ford dealership to be checked. Darrell recommended that the WGP take the van to Five Star Ford, a personal as well as a commercial dealer, when the group comes back through Fort Worth. The running boards' delivery date has been delayed; they are now due in December. On a happy note, they have a promo going on and we will get them installed for \$350.00 now.

TMRC (Our Precious Ladies):

Tamela said that both our ladies, Lois and Suzanne, are doing well. Lois's eyesight is deteriorating and she prefers to stay in her room. Suzanne loves the watch and clothes she received for her birthday; she also loves her new hearing aids. Tamela read a thank you note from Suzanne and stated that Barbara is looking for Christmas ideas for both ladies.

Miscellaneous:

Next Board meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2022, and will be at the Grand Chapter office in Arlington. Chairman, Cindy thanked Darrell and Randy for setting up the Zoom meeting on the computer. Ray Hargis has the devotional in January.

District Report:

District 1: Joe Gilmore and Ray Hargis reported on the following happenings:

Richard Hudman passed away. A few other members are ill. Kay Gilmore is doing well after surgery, Joe thanked all for their prayers. Congratulations to K. Arthur Drescher and the other members of Texas on their General Grand Chapter appointments.

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

The schools are finishing up in District Two and they've had large turnouts. A couple of initiations are coming up. Please remember Tamela's mom, Pat Wicker, who will be having hip replacement surgery in Fort Worth the first of December.

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

DDGM Tina Stevens is doing a great job at her schools. There are a couple of chapters that may be consolidating. Several initiations are coming up. Cheryl Albrecht is slowly getting around after knee replacement; Darrell thanked all for the calls, cards and prayers. There will be a celebration in Stephenville for Bill and Alma Lynn Bane on January 6, 2022. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

District 4: Bill Henry reported on the following happenings:

Membership is up. Jim Rippy and several others have passed away.

District 5: Phyllis Wilson and Randy Martin reported on the following happenings:

Phyllis Wilson has been ill, good to have her on Zoom with us. Plans are in the making for the district 5 schools. Please keep our Junior PGM, Linda, in your prayers. Several members have been ill. PGM Doris Hester is not doing well. PGP George Gwaltney's health has been up and down. PGP Rick Skidd and PGP Kenneth Gregory are both doing well.

Executive Session Report: The Chairman reported on items discussed in the Executive Session: Benevolent Aid approved for two applicants.

There being no further business, the Mizpah Benediction was repeated in unison. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Noe
Recording Secretary