

Note: These minutes were approved at the January 14, 2023, Boar of Directors meeting held at the Fort Worth Masonic Temple in Fort Worth. GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

**Board of Directors
Order of the Eastern Star
Regular Meeting Minutes
Grand Chapter Office
8101 Valcasi Drive, Suite 101, Arlington, Texas
November 19, 2022**

Chairman Cindy Echols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone with a Thanksgiving quote.

Board Members present were Chairman Cindy Echols, District Two, Vice Chairman Darrell Albrecht, District Three, Secretary Brenda McDaniel, District Four, Rick Taylor, District One, Tamela Henington, District Two, Beverly Plante, District Three, Bill Henry, District Four, and Oscar Hairell, District Five. Also present were Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary, Greta Spradling, Grand Treasurer and Donna Noe, Recording Secretary.

Others present were Past Grand Matron, Terri Rozzell, Past Grand Patron, Tom Brisko, Cindy Brisko and Tommy Echols.

Those attending by Zoom were Board Member Randy Martin, District Five, Tammy Andricak, and Gerry Sturtz.

Absent: Joe Gilmore, District One, was out of town at granddaughters wedding in Oklahoma.

The Devotional was given by Brenda McDaniel, thanking God for His blessings this Thanksgiving. She closed with a word of prayer.

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

Birthdays were announced for December and January:

Darrell Albrecht	December 1 st
Cheryl Albrecht	December 19 th
Malinda Hairell	December 19 th
Bill Henry	January 23 rd
Wayne Henington	January 27 th
Beverly Plante	January 31 st

Anniversaries were announced for January:

Joe and Kay Gilmore	January 3 rd
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Approval of Minutes - The minutes for the October 15, 2022, Regular Board Meeting held at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Darrell Albrecht, seconded by Tamela Henington. Motion carried.

Ratify E-Mail Votes – November 2, 2022 - the Worthy Grand Patron requested to purchase 1,000 more Ritualistic Achievement pins. November 17, 2022 - requesting the tires on the van be replaced. Oscar Hairell made the motion to ratify the email votes. The motion was seconded by Bill Henry and the vote was adopted.

Correspondence – Board Secretary Brenda McDaniel reported since our last meeting she had mailed 0 Anniversary Cards, 5 Birthday Cards, 2 Get Well Cards, 3 Sympathy Cards, and 1 Thinking of You Card for a total of 11 Cards.
Brenda McDaniel read Thank You Cards from Benita Bassett and Pat Wicker.

Grand Secretary's Report – She has been meeting with the auditors and hopes that they will be able to have the report at the Fort Worth School in January. She is almost finished with the Proceedings for Past Grand Matron, Terri Rozell.

Grand Treasurer's Report – Financials were sent out earlier in the week to the Board members. Our endowments are up to 7,400 now.

Unfinished Business – Randy Martin ordered a new Sound System to be used at our Schools, and it will ship to Darrell Albrecht next week. The cost is about \$850.00. Past Grand Matron, Terri Rozell, and Past Grand Patron, Tom Brisko, gave their final report for the 139th Grand Chapter Session. She presented the Grand Secretary a check for \$29,323, which includes the \$20,000.00 that was advanced to our Past Grand Matron, Terri Rozell. She thought it was a great Grand Chapter and it ran smoothly due to her great Executive Committee. Regrets were given for Yvonne Wunsche, who was unable to attend this meeting.

New Business – None

Committee Reports:

Benevolent Aid: For the month of October, we wrote checks in the amount of \$4,800.00 for Long Term Aid and Temporary Aid for \$500.00, a total of \$5,300.00. For the Month of November, we wrote checks in the amount of \$4,800.00 for Long Term Aid, Temporary Aid for \$500.00, 1 check totaling \$1,500.00 for Emergency Aid, Total \$6,800.00. There are 4 applications pending that need further information. Some discussion on changing the forms, possibly adding the article from the constitution. Randy Martin has set up a new email address for Benevolent Aid, Grandchapterbenevolentaid@austin.rr.com.

Museum & Facilities – Brenda McDaniel reported that Konnie Harrell has been working in the museum.

Titles, Deeds & Properties – Grand Chapter has had an inquiry on some property. We do not sell mineral rights. Rick is looking into this.

Chairman Cindy Echols reported the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have had lots of questions on the 501C (3) at the schools, and Rick Taylor has agreed to work with a representative of the Eastern Star Home Association 501(c)3 Board and Sister Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary to review the leases. Hopefully, we will have answers soon.

WGM's Special Projects – Brenda McDaniel stated that sales are going well for all the items.

TMRC Lady – Beverly Plante reported Barbara Martin is not here because her grandson is getting married this afternoon. Suzanne is very happy and grateful for her birthday gifts. She is showing small signs of decline.

Worthy Grand Matron Remarks – None

Worthy Grand Patron Remarks – None

Miscellaneous:

Chairman Cindy Echols announced our next Board Meeting will be Saturday, January 14, 2023, at the Fort Worth School; Brother Randy Martin will give the Devotional. Hope to have the Bankers and the Auditors there. Chairman Cindy asked several to speak. Gerry Sturtz stated she was doing well and is stable. Tammy Andricak said thank you for letting her listen in. Past Grand Patron, Tom Brisko thanked the Board members for their work. Past Grand Matron, Terri Rozzell thanked the Board members for their hard work and for their time. She wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

District Reports:

- **District One** – Had the Portrait hanging for Brother Henry Martin. Several illnesses and deaths.
- **District Two** – Another petition received, have had several initiations and the new members are coming back to chapter.
- **District Three** – Ruth Chapter meeting at Rio Vista. Several members with the flu and covid. Fraternal Visit at Crescent Chapter on December 20th with dinner at 6pm.
- **District Four** – Just had their first School. Sonny Wise passed away. Jasper will be initiating 7. Brenda McDaniel did a ribbon commercial. Grand Chapter has them and they make great gifts for the new members.
- **District Five** – Randy Martin still having health issues. Some short-term memory loss and unsteady on his feet. All the schools are done and went great. Happy Thanksgiving.

Executive Session Report – Discussed outstanding Benevolent Aid.

Mizpah Benediction was repeated by all.

Meeting was Adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Noe, Recording Secretary