

NOTE: These minutes were approved as corrected at the February 18, 2023, Board of Directors meeting held in the Grand Chapter Office.

**Board of Directors
Order of the Eastern Star
Regular Meeting Minutes
Masonic Temple
Fort Worth, Texas
January 14, 2023**

Chairman Cindy Echols called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. We met in the basement of the Fort Worth Masonic Temple. The Chairman welcomed all present and gave us a short thought.

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

Others present were Past Grand Patron, Tom Brisko, Past Grand Matron, Jimmie Lee McMahan, Jane Pyle, Janet Travers, Addie Taylor, Associate Grand Patron, Mark Dieckman, Susan Martin, Ashu Kukreja, Past Grand Matron, Carolyn Martin, Phyllis Wilson, and Past Grand Matron, Jerre Lucas.

Auditor Gary Isham.

Bankers Josh Biering and Lyndon Westerberg.

The Devotional was given by Randy Martin; he spoke about the power of prayer. Specific prayers are as a body of followers, and he closed with a word of prayer.

Bankers Report: Financials reports were passed out to the Board members. They feel things are getting better. Josh said he felt that inflation is on its way down and behind us. Our accounts are looking better. Lyndon and Josh went over graphs, charts and market earnings and answered all questions presented. Lyndon thanked the Grand Chapter of Texas for using their services and for having them at our meeting. He liked our devotional and felt all his meetings need to start with one. Bankers left at this time.

Auditors Report: Gary reported that our books are in good order. Jobs are being correctly preformed. Audit went very smoothly. Jane Pyle stood up and thanked Gary for his hard work. He said it was pleasure to work with Jane, Ellen and the Grand Chapter Office. They made his work easier. A motion was made by Tamela Henington to approve the Auditors Report as presented. Bill Henry seconded the motion. Motion carried. Gary Isham left at this time.

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

Birthdays were announced for February:

Joe Gilmore	February 9th
Oscar Hairell	February 20th
Donna Noe	February 23rd

Anniversaries were announced for February:

Alma Lynn PGM and Bill Bane	February 3 rd (50 Years)
John, PGP and Kathy Creel	February 19th

Approval of Minutes - The minutes for the November 19, 2022, Regular Board Meeting held at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected, the correction being the email address is gcbenevolentaid@austionrr.com by Darrell Albrecht, seconded by Rick Taylor. Motion carried.

Ratify E-Mail Votes – December 15, 2022, to approve the revised contracts for Grand Lodge and Lee Lockwood Library for the 141st Grand Chapter Session.

January 4, 2023, Worthy Grand Matron's request to take the van to Mississippi for their Grand Chapter, April 16-18, 2023.

Brenda McDaniel made the motion to ratify the email votes. The motion was seconded by Randy Martin and the vote was adopted.

Correspondence – Board Secretary Brenda McDaniel reported since our last meeting she had mailed 1 Anniversary Cards, 8 Birthday Cards, 5 Get Well Cards, 6 Sympathy Cards, and 2 Thinking of You Card for a total of 22 Cards.

Grand Secretary's Report – Audit is done. The office has been very busy. We received the TMRC Audit. Previous amounts that have been paid to TMRC are as follow; PGM Linda Winn Christensen's year, \$7,667.11, PGM Terri Rozzell's year, \$44,294.07 and WGM Phyllis year \$3,268.38.

Grand Treasurer's Report –Grand Treasurer Greta thanked Jane Pyle for working with the Auditors. Financials were sent out earlier in the week to the Board members.

Unfinished Business – New sound system is being used, and it is so much better than the old one. A few minor problems to be worked out: they are having problems with hearing aids, need a cart to transport it in, and need a hand mike. Grand Secretary Ellen has a tote that will work to carry it in and Associate Grand Patron, Mark Dieckman, thinks he has a hand mike they can use. Randy Martin reported that he thinks he has a buyer for the old system. He will keep us updated.

New Business –

Committee Reports:

Benevolent Aid: For the month of December, we wrote checks in the amount of \$4,800.00 for Long Term Aid, \$3,000.00 for Emergency Aid and for Temporary Aid, \$500.00, a total of \$8,300.00. For the Month of January, we wrote checks in the amount of \$4,800.00 for Long-Term Aid, totaling \$4,800.00. Randy Martin is working on revisions to the Long-Term, Emergency, and Temporary Aid applications And he hopes to have them ready for review at our next meeting.

Museum & Facilities – None

Titles, Deeds & Properties – Rick thanked Ellen and Jane for tracking down the land man. They had a 5-hour meeting that went well. They are still working on it and hope to report more at our next meeting.

WGM's Special Projects – Brenda McDaniel stated that sales are going well for all the items as they are winding down the schools. - only 2 items are in the negative.

TMRC Lady – Beverly Plante reported Barbara Martin had surgery and is doing well. She also visited with Suzanne, and she is well.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron stopped by.

Worthy Grand Matron Remarks – Appreciates the Board very much. Projects are doing well. Stated that the membership appreciated the Board members and she thanked the Board members for all their hard work.

Worthy Grand Patron Remarks – Ditto the Worthy Grand Matron. PGP Paul Garner to speak after lunch on the 501C(3) and 501C(8). You are members, ask questions if you have any. Worthy Grand Patron hopes all will stay and listen.

District Reports:

- **District One** – DGM,D1S3 husband passed away. Schools start in March.
- **District Two** – Lost Keith Mikeworth. Tamela's husband Wayne had emergency eye surgery. Cindy's chapter recently initiated a new member.
- **District Three** – Has had a few initiations and have lost several members. Wanda Hall passed away. AGM Susan Dormady's tea is tomorrow from 2 to 4 pm at Southside Lodge. D3S1 Lou Carmichael is out of the hospital. Grand Lodge is next week.
- **District Four** – Schools are done.
- **District Five** – Randy Martin is better. Good to see him here. Schools are done.

Executive Session Report – Discussed outstanding Benevolent Aid and ratified email votes.

Mizpah Benediction was repeated by all.

Meeting was Adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Noe, Recording Secretary