

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

**Board of Directors  
Order of the Eastern Star  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Grand Chapter Office  
8101 Valcasi Drive, Suite 101, Arlington, Texas  
February 18, 2023**

Chairman Cindy Echols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington. The Chairman welcomed all present and gave us a short thought. This being the Love month, our chairman gave us a thought from Nicholas Sparks on love.

**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, Oscar Hairell, District Five and Randy Martin, District Five. Also present were Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary, and Donna Noe, Recording Secretary. Grand Treasurer, Greta Spradling attended the Mineral Wells school.

**Others present** were GGCC and PGM, Carolyn Martin, Associate Grand Matron, Susan Dormady, Grand Conductress, Glenda Murphy and Mary Medford. Those attending by Zoom were Associate Grand Patron, Mark Dieckman and Katy Cecile.

The Devotional was given by Tamela Henington; she spoke about the power of friendship and how God designed us for friendship. Then she closed with a word of prayer.

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

**Birthdays were announced for March:**

Burley Jones	March 1st
Rick Taylor	March 1st
Billy Clabaugh	March 10th
Joan Miller	March 17th
Dorris Clegg	March 18th
Linda Winn Christensen	March 22nd
Glenda Murphy	March 25th
Sharon Mosmeyer	March 28th
Ray Hertenberger	March 29th
John Creel	March 30th

**Anniversaries were announced for March:**

None

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**Approval of Minutes** - The minutes for the January 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting held at the Fort Worth Masonic Temple were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected, the

correction being the email address is [gcbenevolentaid@austin.rr.com](mailto:gcbenevolentaid@austin.rr.com) by Darrell Albrecht, seconded by Randy Martin. Motion carried.

**Ratify E-Mail Votes** – February 1, 2023 to approve the Worthy Grand Patron's request to lower the prices on the Calendars and Travel Books to half.

Randy Martin made the motion to ratify the email vote. The motion was seconded by Joe Gilmore and the vote was adopted.

**Correspondence** – Board Secretary Brenda McDaniel reported since our last meeting she had mailed 2 Anniversary Cards, 16 Birthday Cards, 6 Get Well Cards, 3 Sympathy Cards, 3 Thinking of You Cards and 87 Valentine Cards for a total of 117 Cards. No cards received.

**Grand Secretary's Report** – Hours were spent going through the assets paper work and the oil and mineral rights assets. The information on what was found was passed out. Several items are no longer available. All files have been bound and cleaned out. PGM Terri Rozzell's proceedings are almost finished, just waiting on photos, then off to the printers.

**Grand Treasurer's Report** –None, financials emailed out earlier.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – Grand Conductress, Glenda Murphy and GGCCM and PGM, Carolyn Martin passed out packets to the Board members, and then presented her information on her Grand Chapter 2024~2025 to be held at Grand Lodge in Waco . Contracts with amendments with the correct dates, need to be signed due to Covid and a check for \$8,500.00 advanced to Grand Lodge. Darrell Albrecht made a motion to approve these contracts and issue a check. The motion was seconded by Bill Henry. Motion carried.

Carolyn also went over the contracts for the Scottish Rite Lee Lockwood Library for the Grand Chapter year 2024~2025.Contracts need to be signed and a check issued for \$5,500.00. Oscar Hairell made a motion to approve the contracts and advance the funds. The motion was seconded by Joe Gilmore. Motion approved. Grand Conductress, Glenda Murphy thanked the board and stated that we will have "sweet time".

Associate Grand Matron, Susan Dormady passed out packets to the Board members on her Purposes and Policy information. The updates show what she and the Associate Grand Patron, Mark Dieckman are planning on selling for their Grand Chapter Year. A motion was made by Tamela Henington to approve their items. The motion was seconded by Darrell Albrecht. The motion was approved. AGM Susan Dormady thanked the Board for their time today and for all the good works they do.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Benevolent Aid:** For the month of February, we wrote checks in the amount of \$4,800.00 for Long Term Aid and \$3,000.00 for Emergency Aid, a total of \$7,800.00.

**Museum & Facilities** – None

**Titles, Deeds & Properties** – Rick Taylor thanked Ellen and her team for the work on the assets items they cleaned up. He went over what Ellen had stated earlier.

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**WGM's Special Projects** – Brenda McDaniel stated the merchandise is selling great with only one item not yet making a profit. She passed out a list to the Board members.

**TMRC Lady** – Beverly Plante reported Barbara Martin has a cold. Beverly Plante visited with Suzanne and she is well. Oscar Hairell was at the TMRC Valentine party hosted by District 5. It was wild he stated. Don't get between the members and their quarters.

**Worthy Grand Matron Remarks** – N/A

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**Misc.** – Next meeting is March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington. Bill Henry will give the Devotional. Legislation Workshop after the Board meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **District Reports:**

- **District One** – David Pearson has a blood infection.
- **District Two** – Lubbock Chapter No. 76 donated 65 bags of 2 hearts each for the NICU Unit at the Covenant Children's Hospital; the Rainbow Girls helped them with the cutting and sewing. Nell Capparis passed away.
- **District Three** – Bill and Alma Lynn Bane had a 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Celebration. DGM, D3S1 Lou Carmichael is feeling much better, but still having respiratory problems. Lou's sister lives in Freeport and has been put on hospice. Loretta Booth fell at Mineral Wells FV last night and broke her arm. Killeen School has been moved to a one-day school on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **District Four** – Chapters are doing well. One consolidation, possible 2 more coming up. Several members have recently had knee replacements. Several initiations were done.
- **District Five** – A few deaths. One chapter had an initiation. Several members with upper respiratory infections. Couple of broken hips. One consolidation. Jack and Betty Friend staying home, afraid of catching anything. It was good to see PGM Annette Curry and GGCCM and PGM Linda Winn Christensen at the Waco School.

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

**Mizpah Benediction** was repeated by all.

Meeting was Adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Noe, Recording Secretary