

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16,2023

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:10am by Chairman Tamela Henington. The Chairman welcomed all present and those members attending by Zoom. A quote by Warren Buffet was shared.

Board Members present: Chairman, Tamela Henington, District 2; Vice Chairman, Joe Gilmore, District 1; Secretary, Brenda McDaniel, District 4; Rick Taylor, District 1; Mary Medford, District 2; Beverly Plante, District 3; Oscar Hairell, District 5; and Karen Wright, District 5.

Attending by Zoom: Bill Henry, District 4; and Grand Treasurer, Greta Spradling; Past Grand Matron, Terri Rozell; Maverick Murray, and Tammy Andricak.

Board Members Absent: Donna Noe, District 3

Others present for the meeting were: Worthy Grand Matron, Susan Dormady; Worthy Grand Patron, Mark Dieckmann; Associate Grand Matron, Glenda Murphy; Grand Secretary, Dr. Ellen Pickrell; Grand Conductress, Glenda Klemm; Past Grand Matron, Carolyn Martin; Diane Flanagan; Heathery Humphrey; Addie Taylor; Gay Jones; Carol Sue Knutson; Bill Dormady; Chris Elliott; Ashu Kukreja; and Janet Travers.

Joe Gilmore presented a devotional on the Gifts from God of Speech and the Power of Words. A prayer was presented by Joe Gilmore at the end of the devotional.

Worthy Grand Matron Remarks:

The Worthy Grand Matron, Susan Dormady, welcomed everyone and thanked the Board for the invitation to the meeting.

Worthy Grand Patron Remarks:

The Worthy Grand Patron, Mark Dieckmann, welcomed everyone. He thanked the Board for the having the meeting at his Homecoming in Houston.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

The following September Birthdays were recognized: Jerry Martin, Addie Taylor, Mark Dieckmann, Nelson Campbell, Carolyn Martin, Ray Hertenberger and Kathy Paschal.

The following October Birthdays were recognized: Alma Lynn Bane, Jimmie Lee McMahan, Jerre Lucas, Ellen Pickrell, George Gwaltney, Terry Littlepage, Jayne Yenger, Laurette Henry and Richard Ochs.

The Chairman presented the following Housekeeping Rules for the meeting:

- Only Board Members speak during discussions.

- If a guest has a question, the guest should present the question to a Board Member so it may be brought before the Board.
- If a virtual guest has a question, the guest should text the question to a Board Member so it may be brought before the Board.
- Make eye contact with members in the room during the Mizpah Benediction.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the July 15, 2023 Regular Board of Directors Meeting in Arlington, Texas were presented.

Joe Gilmore moved that the minutes of the July 15, 2023 Regular Board of Directors Meeting be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Oscar Hairell and adopted.

The minutes of the August 19, 2023 Special Board Meeting at the Grand Chapter Session in Addison, Texas were presented.

Oscar Hairell moved that the minutes of the July 19, 2023 Special Board Meeting be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded by Rick Taylor and adopted.

Email Vote Ratification:

The next item of business was ratification of email votes conducted in July and August.

July 18, 2023 – Vote to approve the revised Amendment to the Amendment #2 as presented.

July 20, 2023 – Vote to approve the Associate Grand Matron's request to order 100 additional Travel Books.

July 21, 2023 - Vote to approve the Associate Grand Matron's request to order a second additional 100 Travel Books.

July 31, 2023 – Vote to approve Rick Taylor to represent the Board of Directors at a meeting with Paul Garner, Eastern Star Charities of Texas, and Carlotta Fairchild Grand Chapter Titles, Deeds and Properties.

August 23, 2023 – Vote to approve the Worthy Grand Matrons request to order 150 additional shawls.

Joe Gilmore moved to ratify the email votes. The motion was seconded by Karen Wright. The vote was conducted by roll call of the Board and adopted.

Correspondence:

Thank you cards were received from Worthy Grand Patron, Mark Dieckmann, and Past Board Chairman, Cindy Echols.

Cards sent by the Secretary, Brenda McDaniel, included: 17 Birthday Cards, 6 Anniversary Card, 1 Get Well Card, and 3 Sympathy Cards.

Board Secretary, Brenda McDaniel, reported cards mailed from August 15, 2023 to August 14, 2023 totaled 502.

Grand Secretary's Report:

The Grand Chapter Office is recovering from the Grand Chapter Session.

The Grand Chapter Trailer is going to be painted, however, there is a problem with the trailer. The problem should be identified and resolved once maintenance is done on the trailer.

Grand Treasurer's Report:

The Board has been provided with the Financial Reports as requested. The reports include: Grand Chapter Account, Balance Sheet Entries and the Profit/Loss Report. Next meeting the Board will be presented a Finance Worksheet.

Unfinished Business:

Board of Directors Retirement Banquet Report was presented by Oscar Hairell. A report was provided to Board Members of budgeted income and expenses. Oscar Hairell moved that the Board of Directors Retirement Banquet Report be adopted. The motion was seconded by Brenda McDaniel and adopted. The vote was conducted by roll call of the Board.

Painting of Grand Chapter Trailer:

The 2022-2023 Board of Directors voted and approved to have the Grand Chapter Trailer painted. No estimates have been received for cost.

New Business:

Conflict of Interest Forms: Chairman, Tamela Henington, presented each Board Member with a copy of the Form. Each member is to fill out a form and give it to the Grand Secretary.

Banker Schedule: The bankers will be presenting at the following Board Meetings - October 21, 2023, February 17, 2024, May 18, 2024, and July 20, 2024.

The November 18th Board Meetings will be held at the Grand Chapter Office. At the conclusion of the Regular Board Meeting, the Board will have an informal Pizza Luncheon with the Eastern Star Charities of Texas.

Budget Concerns:

The Board requests the Associate Grand Matron provide the Board of Directors with a copy of the budget before the Associate Grand Matron has her budget presentation. A column for "Actuals" will be requested to be part of the budget.

Worthy Grand Matron Shaw Orders:

The Worthy Grand Matron is requesting to order an additional 250 shawls. Brenda McDaniel moved to approve the Worthy Grand Matron's request to order 250 more shawls. The motion was seconded by Oscar Hairell and adopted. The vote was conducted by roll call of the Board.

Zoom:

A Zoom Meeting Reminder for the Regular Board Meeting will be placed in the OES Bulletin with Brenda McDaniel as the Point of Contact for information. There are concerns regarding recording who the members are attending by Zoom.

Committee Reports:

Benevolent Aid: Beverly Plante reported on Benevolent Aid for September 2023.

For the month of September, the Grand Chapter issued checks in the amounts of:

Long Term Aid	\$3,900.00	8 Chapters
Temporary Aid	\$2,000.00	2 Chapters
Emergency Aid	\$1,500.00	1 Chapter

A total of \$7,400.00.

An application for Temporary Aid was approved for Winnsboro Chapter #967.

Museum and Facilities: Mary Medford reported on the Museum.

The Worthy Grand Matron has asked for an inventory of what items are not OES related.

Titles, Deeds, & Properties: Rick Taylor reported on the Titles, Deeds and Properties.

There are a few oil wells that have started producing.

Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects: Karen Wright reported on the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects.

Travel and Whose Who Books are showing a profit. The Charms are starting to show a profit.

TMRC Lady: Tamela Henington reported for Donna Noe.

Our TMRC precious lady is doing well. Barbara Martin is the Worthy Grand Matron's appointed liaison to the Board. Currently Barbara Martin is working on a Christmas Wish List.

Miscellaneous:

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be October 21, 2023 at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington, TX. The Bankers will be attending the meeting.

Bill Henry will have the devotional.

The Board of Directors Meeting for January will be held in Floresville, TX.

Associate Grand Conductress, Glenda Klemm, announced the 2026 Grand Chapter Session will be held July 30th through August 1st.

The Worthy Grand Matron announced Mary Ruth White will be receiving an Insurance Check for \$785.00. Once the check is received the Top Hats account can be closed.

Board Minutes Process: The Recording Secretary writes the minutes and sends to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary before the 10-day Code of Laws deadline for review. Once reviewed the Recording Secretary makes any corrections and distributes the minutes to the Board of Directors and Corporate Board 10 days after the Board Meeting. The minutes are approved at the next Board Meeting. Once the minutes are approved the Board Secretary sends the minutes to the Grand Chapter Webmaster to be posted on the Grand Chapter Website.

District Reports:

District 1: Joe Gilmore and Rick Taylor reported on the following happenings:
Chapters have been having initiations. A number of members have reported knee injuries.
District 1 Schools start in October.

District 2: Tamela Henington and Mary Medford reported on the following happenings:
Chapters have been having initiations.

District 3: Beverly Plante reported on the following happenings:
Chapters have been having initiations.
District 3, Section 1 Deputy Grand Matron resigned.

District 4: Brenda McDaniel and Bill Henry reported on the following happenings:
Chapters have been having initiations.
District 4 will have two Schools in late September.

District 5: Oscar Hairell and Karen Wright reported on the following happenings:
Chapters are growing and excited about the brand-new year.
Past Grand Matron Geraldine Dusek passed away.
Update was given on Past Grand Matron Betty Friend and her husband Jack.
Update was given on Randy Martin – past Board member.

Executive Session Report: The Chairman reported on items discussed in the Executive Session: Benevolent Aid, Application for Temporary Aid Approved and E-mail votes ratified.
Board Members will be attending Schools.

There being no further business, the Mizpah Benediction was repeated in unison.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Travers
Recording Secretary