



The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:05 am at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington, TX, by Chairman Tamela Henington. The Chairman welcomed all present and those members attending by Zoom.

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; Donna Noe, District 3; Bill Henry, District 4; Oscar Hairell, District 5; and Karen Wright, District 5.

Members Attending by Zoom: Past Grand Matron Terri Rozell, Maverick Murray, and Tammy Andriack.

Others present for the meeting were: Worthy Grand Matron, Susan Dormady; Worthy Grand Patron, Mark Diekmann; Associate Grand Matron, Glenda Murphy; Associate Grand Patron, Terry Littlepage; Grand Secretary, Ellen Pickrell; Grand Conductress, Glenda Klemm; Associate Grand Conductress, Kathy Paschal; Monette Littlepage, Barbara Martin, Cindy Echols, Donna Hill Pope, Caron Joseph, Pam Dean, Chris Elliott, Diane Flanagan, Ashu Kukreja, Jane Pyle and Janet Travers.

Brenda McDaniel presented a devotional on the 4th of July and being thankful for the benefits of our freedom. A prayer was presented by Brenda McDaniel at the end of the devotional.

Worthy Grand Matron Remarks:

Worthy Grand Matron thanked congratulated Tamela Henington and Joe Gilmore on their upcoming retirement from the Board of Directors.

She thanked the members of the Board of Directors for their service to the membership.

Worthy Grand Patron Remarks:

Worthy Grand Patron thanked the Board of Directors for conducting the Business of Grand Chapter. There are 1,034 people currently registered for the Grand Chapter Session.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

The following August and September Birthdays were recognized: Mary Medford, Kay Gilmore, Glenda Klemm, Tamela Henington, Elinor Humphreys, Lynda Klein, Patrick Travers, Brenda McDaniel, Addie Taylor, Mark Dieckmann and Kathy Pascal.

The following August Anniversaries were recognized: Beverly Plante and Pete, Oscar Hairell and Malinda, Bill Henry and Laurette.

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 May 18, 2024, Regular Board of Directors Meeting at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington, TX were presented.

Joe Gilmore moved that the minutes of the May 18, 2024, Regular Board of Directors Meeting be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Donna Noe and adopted.

Email Vote Ratification:

The next item of business was ratification of the email votes conducted June 2024.

June 3, 2024 – Vote to move the January 18, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors to January 25, 2025, due to the Grand Lodge conflict and move the April 19, 2025, meeting to April 26, 2025 due to Easter weekend.

June 19, 2024 – Vote to approve the changes to the Murphy/Littlepage 2024-2025 budget.

Joe Gilmore moved to ratify the email votes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Brenda McDaniel and adopted.

Correspondence:

Cards sent by the Secretary, Brenda McDaniel, included: 14 Birthday Cards, 7 Anniversary Cards, 3 Get Well Cards, 2 Thinking of You Cards, and 3 Sympathy Cards, for a total of 28 cards.

Susanne Walters send a thank you note to the Board for her new clothes and other items provided by the Board.

Grand Secretary's Report was given by Ellen Pickrell.

- The Education and Estarl Scholarship checks have been mailed.
- Documents for the Grand Chapter Session are being printed.
- Grand Chapter Office is in the process of obtaining a permanent Zoom account.
- The TV in the Board Room has been mounted on the wall.

Grand Treasurer's Report

The Grand Treasurer was not in attendance. The Grand Secretary provided information on the reports sent to the Board.

The Board has been provided with the Financial Reports as requested. The reports included: Grand Chapter Account, Balance Sheet Entries, and the Profit/Loss Report.

Unfinished Business:

- Eastern Star Charitable Foundation Board Lunch:
Brenda McDaniel has written synopsis of the meeting that was published in the July Bulletin.
- Fundraising Ideas for Bulletin
This project has not been completed and will be a project for the incoming Board of Directors.
The Associate Grand Matron was asked for her approval for this project for next year's Board.
The Associate Grand Matron approved the project.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Benevolent Aid: Beverly Plante reported on Benevolent Aid for July 2024.

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

Long Term Aid	\$2,900.00	6 Chapters
Temporary Aid	\$ 0.00	No Chapter
Emergency Aid	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	1 Chapter
A total of	\$3,900.00	

Museum and Facilities: Mary Medford reported on Museum and Facilities.

No new information is available.

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

No new information is available.

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

All projects showed a profit. No additional information is available.

TMRC Lady: Donna Noe yielded the floor to Barbara Martin who reported on our TMRC Lady.

Our TMRC precious lady is doing well. Status of Suzanne Walters health was shared.

Retirement Banquet: Donna Noe, Mary Medford, and Karen Wright reported on the Retirement Banquet.

- Tamela Henington and Joe Gilmore stated their appreciation for the enjoyable Retirement Banquet.
- The preliminary report for the Banquet was given.
- There were 73 people in attendance.
- The amount of \$2,415.00 was received for the banquet. After paying expenses of \$2,285.00 a profit of \$130.00 was realized.
- Donna Noe moved the \$130.00 be split and \$65.00 go to Rainbow Girls and \$65.00 to the Lodge. The motion was seconded by Mary Medford and adopted.
- Total donations to the Rainbow Girls and the Lodge was \$265.00 apiece.

Miscellaneous:

August Meeting: August 8-10 at Grand Chapter Session in Waco.

Board of Directors Guidelines for Grand Line Officers:

- An Ad Hoc committee was appointed at the May Board meeting to develop the guidelines by the Board of Directors for the Grand Line. An explanation was given of the request and the committee is only to develop a list of deadlines needed by the Board of Directors for the Grand Line.
- This project will be carried over to next year's Board.

District Reports:

District 1: Joe Gilmore and Rick Taylor reported on the following happenings:

- Installation of Officers has been completed in Chapters.
- Members Billy Rowell and David Preston passed away.

District 2: Tamela Henington and Mary ~~Bedford~~ Medford reported on the following happenings:

- Installation of Officers has been completed in Chapters.
- Deborah Land of the Executive Committee is having health problems.
- Prayers requested for the Executive Committee for this year's Grand Chapter Session.

District 3: Beverly Plante and Donna Noe reported on the following happenings:

- Installation of Officers has been completed in Chapters.
- Chapters have been having initiations.
- At the District 3 Banquet Donna Noe won a basket.
- Past Grand Patron Jerry Martin attend the District 3 Banquet.
- Member Lou Carmichael passed away.

District 4: Bill Henry and Brenda McDaniel reported on the following happenings:

- Installation of Officers has been completed in Chapters.
- Chapters have been recovering from hurricane Beryl.
- Past Grand Patron Kenneth Gregory has passed away.
- District 4 Banquet had 190 people in attendance despite all of the devastation from the weather.

District 5: Oscar Hairell and Karen Wright reported on the following happenings:

- Installation of Officers has been completed in Chapters.
- District 5 Banquet there was representation by all Sections.
- Past Grand Matron Betty Friend is doing better.

Chairman, Tamela Henington, thanked Board members for attending funerals of members. Also, for the pictures posted on Facebook of the District banquets.

Executive Session Report: The Chairman reported on items discussed in the Executive Session: Renewal of Long Term Aid Applications, Benevolent Aid requests, review of legislation submitted, and Grand Chapter Board Reports.

Tamela Henington and Joe Gilmore provided comments that reflected on their time on the Board.

All the visitors were thanked for attending the meeting. There was no further business to be brought before the Board. The Mizpah Benediction was repeated in unison.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Travers,
Recording Secretary