



GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, OES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

September 21, 2024

ATTENDEES:

In Person: Brenda McDaniel (D4), Chairman; Oscar Hairell (D5), Vice Chairman; Donna Noe (D3), Secretary; Chris Elliott and Rick Taylor (D1); Mary Medford and Roy Parsons (D2); Beverly Plante (D3); Bill Henry (D4); Karen Wright (D5); Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary; Kate Cecil, Recording Secretary.

Remotely via Zoom: Greta Spradling, Grand Treasurer and Ashu Kukreja (D1); Maverick Murray (D4); Gary Drescher, Caron Joseph and Tammy Andricak (D5)

Brenda McDaniel called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM, at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington, TX, and welcomed the new Board members Chris Elliott (D1) and Roy Parsons (D2), Kate Cecil-Recording Secretary, Barbara Martin, and the members dialed into the Zoom call.

Oscar Hairell delivered a Devotional on co-workers.

A message from Glenda R. Murphy, WGM, and Terry E. Littlepage, WGP, who are traveling, was delivered by Brenda McDaniel. Glenda and Terry are excited for the new year and in working together with the Board and all of the membership.

Brenda McDaniel reviewed the Housekeeping Rules with everyone:

- 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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Brenda McDaniel will send Birthday and Anniversary cards on behalf of the Board. The list has been included in your BOD binder and all help is appreciated in obtaining the missing dates. Postage and donations for the Get Well, Thinking of you and Sympathy cards were given to Donna Noe.

Birthday cards will be sent to the Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas and their Spouses, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and our Grand Chapter Office Staff Members.

This month we are recognizing the following birthdays: Jayne Yenger, PGM, Alma Lynn Bane, PGM, Jimmie Lee McMahan, PGM, Jerre S. Lucas, PGM, Betty Hancock, GC Staff, Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary, Terry E. Littlepage, WGP, George Gwaltney, PGP, Susan L. Thomas, PGM of NH, Linda Love, Grand Organist, Elizabeth Bordeaux, PGM of VT, Laurette Henry, BOD Spouse, Richard Ochs, PGP.

Anniversary Cards will be mailed this year to our Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas on behalf of the Board of Directors. Please help us get these anniversary dates. This month we are recognizing the following anniversaries: Cheryl and Darrell Albrecht, Monette and Terry Littlepage, and Chris and Roger Puckett.

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MINUTES:

After reviewing the minutes of **July 20, 2024**, Donna Noe moved to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Oscar Hairell. The motion passed unanimously.

EMAIL VOTES TO RATIFY:

September 9, 2024 – A motion was made by Mary Medford and seconded by Donna Noe to allow our WGM Glenda Murphy to take the OES van out of state to Arkansas for the 4 State Exchange September 27-29, to Oklahoma Grand Chapter October 20-22, and back to the Arkansas Grand Chapter December 4-6, 2024. Mary Medford moved to ratify the motion, seconded by Donna Noe. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A total of 41 greeting cards were sent on behalf of the Board.

BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY	GET WELL	THINKING OF YOUR	SYMPATHY
23	4	8	5	1

Thank you notes were received from Tamela Henington and Terry E. Littlepage, WGP.

REPORT FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY:

- September 3, 2024: the Asset files were reviewed with Trey Smith, PGP and James R. Parker, PGP. Eastern Star Charitable Foundation is reviewing the asset files to ensure that all is in order or closed.
- Monarch Trophy sent a donation from Name Badge sales in the amount of \$2,502.50.
- Parkdale burial plots. Ellen is asking the Board for assistance, – to determine how many plots Grand Chapter owns. Brenda McDaniel asked Oscar Hairell and Rick Taylor to investigate.

REPORT FROM THE GRAND TREASURER:

- The following Financial Reports were reviewed: Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss, Journal entries.
- 7,667 Endowed Memberships were purchased by members at \$500 each and any Texas member is eligible. Payouts occur after a year.
- The Board members are not to share the Financial Reports distributed at the meetings. If a member has questions, please direct them to the Grand Secretary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Please submit fundraising ideas by November 1st. Brenda McDaniel will compile into an informational article for the bulletin to provide ideas for Chapters who are looking for something new to try - maybe another Chapter's success could inspire other Chapter's fundraising efforts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Please submit your Conflict of Interest forms before leaving today.
- JP Morgan will be at the following meetings: October 19, 2024, February 15, 2025, and May 17, 2025.

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- **Housing Contracts:** Oscar Hairell discussed the Quality Inn and Holiday Inn contracts and recommended tabling decisions until everyone has had time to review.
 - Oscar will send contract examples to Chris Elliott and Roy Parsons for reference.
 - Oscar and Mary Medford will review feedback and update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Benevolent Aid:** Beverly Plante reported we have 6 members on Long Term Aid and no members receiving Emergency or Temporary Aid.
- **Facilities and Museum:** Chris Elliott reported that all was well and the Museum items are in the cabinets in the front. Ellen added that we are still selling the unsold Auction items.
- **Titles, Deeds, and Properties:** Rick Taylor discussed information he had previously obtained from Parkdale and gave it to Oscar Hairell.
- **WGM's Special Projects:** Karen Wright distributed a snapshot of the WGM's projects and overall, the projects are in the black.
- **TMRC Lady:** Mary Medford and Barbara Martin reported that Suzanne no longer has final plans due to the Funeral home is no longer in business. She does have a plot in San Saba. Wade Funeral Home will prepare and transport for \$3.75 per mile after the first 50 miles. The casket is separate and can be obtained for \$8k to \$10k. Mary and Barbara will work with Ellen to finalize details and report back to the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Reminders from Bulletin:

- **Online** Publications can be ordered online from our website or at a School of Instruction. **Printed** versions may be ordered from the Grand Secretary's office using the Supply Order Form.
- New Constitutions are available for pre-order: \$15 for printed pages and \$10 for online access. *Members are expected to be knowledgeable of the information in the most current Constitution.*
- Historical Highlight Pages are available for the last three terms and the 2023-24 term is available for pre-order.
- Worthy Grand Matron's 2024-2025 Interpretations are available: \$15 for printed binders and \$10 for online access.
- Please encourage all planning to attend an upcoming School of Instruction and/or Fraternal Visit to register early and mail Banquet Ticket orders to arrive before the deadline. This is very helpful for planning and is greatly appreciated. You can register online for all Schools/Fraternal Visits using the link on our website.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

- District 1:** Chris Elliott and Rick Taylor reported that Chapters in District 1 are growing with new members.
- District 2:** Mary Medford and Roy Parsons reported the Schools of Instruction have wrapped up in District 2. Queen Esther has a new member and is growing!
- District 3:** Beverly Plante and Donna Noe reported the First School of Instruction is in Marble Falls on September 23rd.

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District 4: Brenda McDaniel and Bill Henry reported that the Schools of Instruction begin soon. Socials and new friends, lots of fun in District 4.

District 5: Oscar Hairell and Karen Wright reported that the Schools of Instruction begin in January.

Executive Session Report: The Chairman reported on items discussed in the Executive Session: Benevolent Aid requests, and welcoming new members.

Beverly Plante thanked Brenda McDaniel for a great first meeting.

Brenda McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Cecil

Recording Secretary