

SDJD GGC 45 Day Meeting Minutes 7-24-21

Chamberlain, SD Approved as amended 3-12-22

The meeting was called to order by GG Julia Knutson at 10:08am with COVID protocol being followed. A quorum was established with attendance as per attached.

The opening prayer was given by Virginia Kaus, PGG.

It was moved by Sally and seconded by Sarah to table the minutes that were distributed, until after lunch to give all the opportunity to read them.

After introductions GG Julia thanked everyone for coming.

Communications included thank-you's from the 2 scholarship awardees and the reading of the obituary for Jani Lerbach. After memories were shared, it was determined to send a \$25 HIKE donation in Jani's memory. GG Julia reminded everyone to make sure the girls know they can apply for scholarship one time but any year, Freshman – advanced degree.

Reports included a tutorial by Sandy Vanneman about how to use your Bylaws and encouraged everyone, especially Line Officers, to read and study them. Our bylaws are addition or correction/substitution type of bylaws. You must begin with the Supreme version and then look at SD corrections/additions.

Also, Dawn talked about Virtual Grand. She was very disappointed with the participation and response. VGG Glen also said his report and relayed that the girls in Bethels 1 & 38 enjoyed some shared activities, but generally after doing school online for many members, Grand online wasn't a very exciting concept despite a big effort to make it fun. He also said his goal was to visit lodges as well as Bethels when traveling to remind both of "the Heritage". Both Glen and Dawn indicated they would submit their reports in writing. There was a reminder that all reports from Committee Chairman and Line Officers need to be submitted in writing to the Grand Secretary.

Grand Treasurer Sandy presented the final budget and financials through June 30, 2021. Discussion followed to clarify some of the numbers. It was noted the money from the CD's that were cashed in were put into the general fund to offset the fact there was no fundraising done due to COVID etc. Checking balance including cds cashed in was \$20,210.00. Expenditures were \$18,749.82 with balance in checking account \$9,993.04. It was discussed as to whether the remaining C.D.'s should be cashed in even though they have not matured and would incur a penalty. It was reminded that one of the expenses was the one-time payment of \$1000 to each Bethel to help with promotion and fundraising during COVID restrictions with total of \$7000. The Board will discuss further. It was also brought up that the financial members of the corporation as well as bank information needs to be updated. Sandy reminded all those that haven't yet paid their dues that they are due at the Annual Meeting for the GGC year to follow. Dues to be current for the July 2021 – June 2022 year would have been due in April 2021. A motion was made by Glen and seconded by Sally to approve the Treasurer's report.

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Bethel reports:

Bethel 1 is itching to get out. Girls were thrilled with virtual Grand and liked being able to share with Bethel 38. Active girls 10-12.

Bethel 3 was able to get an Installation completed. They did a Picnic in the Park, Circus and their Honored Queen attended Conclave. Active girls 8.

Bethel 10 is struggling, and summer is especially bad. Only 2 girls participated in Grand. Active girls 4 (lost 2 to Covid). Bethel 12 is dark all summer. Active girls 7.

Bethel 21 Are still doing flags for the city on holidays. They are planning a picnic in near future. Need to evaluate their meeting dates and desperately need adults for Council. Active girls 6, 8 on the books.

Bethel 38 thought the virtual Grand was great. Installation was held and new HQ has many activities planned. Active girls 17. Will lose 4 due to majority and moving but have 3 in J2B program to join this fall with at least one other prospect.

Bethel 44 is quiet in summer and is struggling. Participated in virtual Grand with Bethel 12. Active girls 2.5 with 1 J2B to join in fall.

No additional committee reports were presented.

GG Julia reported on her activities so far. Installation was casual in Sioux Falls for those able to attend as well as viewed and participated in via zoom. GBHQ Aliza did a great job at Grand Lodge. Demolay is thriving and attending Conclave was lots of fun. The guys would like to join in some more events with the Bethels in future.

Unfinished business – Membership. It was asked if Bethel 38 had any suggestions for success with membership. Matt explained the Sundae Funday, a day to invite prospects and parents and explain what we do, as well as suggesting the Jobie to Bee program which has proven to work. Also Bethel 38 requires line officers to attend Council meetings so they can be liaison to other Bethel members and requires each girl to have an adult, preferably a parent, also attend to help girls interpret information and follow through with things line officers need to do. This is a good introduction for parents who have not previously been involved in Council.

Supreme has requested a \$5000 deposit for any Bethel holding an overnight event and they would hold for 3 years. If no legal action is brought up, the money would be returned with interest. There was discussion asking if the Shrine could possibly loan us the money to be returned when Supreme returns. General thought was that it is better just to not hold overnights if possible.

Tabled minutes from 10/10/20, 3/6/21 and 5/1/21 were brought forward. Sarah made a motion to add the amended minutes done by Lyn to the original minutes by Tammy for the 10/10/20 meeting. It was seconded. Toni brought up that there was contradictory information in the two sets of minutes and if both are approved it will be unclear as to what was intended. Also anyone can write minutes, they just need to be approved or amended by the body. There was a motion by Sarah to accept the 10/10/20 minutes as written by Lyn, and seconded by Dawn. There was further discussion for understanding the information pertaining to the Annual Reports and clarified re: CAV fees. Tammy's version of the minutes were not approved and will go away. Promotion and Education funds collected from the Bethels would not be returned since they are not a part of the Annual Report, just paid at same time. Motion passed. Motion was given by Sandy and seconded by Kaylene to approve the minutes of 3/6/21 as amended. Motion carried. Sarah made the motion and seconded by Kim to approve the 5/1/21 minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Installation of GGC officers was held to install those officers unable to participate in previous installation. Installed were Sandy Vanneman as Grand Treasurer, Gwen Schwartz as Grand 3rd Messenger and Carla Knutson as Grand 1st Messenger.

New Business - Committee member Aleesha Peele is working on all possible options for the Miss SDJD pageant keeping with COVID restrictions should they be in place when pageant can be held. She is looking at November. The girls have indicated they do want to hold a pageant no matter what. Amendments last year took away a minimum for participation, however the bylaw still requires the pageant to be self-sufficient. There was discussion that if there were only 2 participants and expenses were \$1000, it would be up to the committee and the participants to cover the costs. GGC members spoke up and said if that ever happened, letting the GGC members know would certainly prompt some donations as well. Whenever pageant is scheduled make sure the girls have enough time to study and to complete Ritual Knowledge Test. If we are ever going to change the pageant from Grand to a fall date this would be the time to do so. This has been discussed to allow our Miss to have more time to make appearances and prepare, as many other states do. Concerns were brought up including if held in fall a girl would have 2 Grand Families, how many girls needed to really have a pageant and who is responsible for deciding if the pageant happens each year due to numbers and qualifications. There was further discussion about timing. A reminder to use Parker with planning. Let us know if you need her Guard schedule. Sally brought up that anyone can put their name into Supreme to compete for Miss International, however only the recognized Miss SD would get financial support and be recognized. Aleesha said she believes the pageant could be done in a single day to cut back on costs. Additional suggestions included possibly charging admission to pageant, use Masonic Temples to cut costs, encourage girls to participate for the experience not just the title, Committee can solicit funds. Julia recommended starting to talk to girls about participating now. Val may still have the tub for the Miss Committee.

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A discussion on binders brought up the guys on the line have not received binders. It was also noted they have not made it known that they didn't have. All the information in the binders is also on the website per Toni. Dawn has never received a PGG jewel for either of the 2 times she was GG. Sandy will make up new binders. A reminder we desperately need to do a very successful G Guide fundraiser.

It was agreed that doing an evening social time before GGC meetings goes a long way to building community and trust, and we should try to do so whenever possible.

Our new zoom possibility will enable us to do some educational zoom meetings on a number of topics suggested, such as How to Read your Bylaws, Jobie 2 Be, Budgeting, Membership, just to name a few. We would record a presentation and store in a library on the website so someone could watch at any time.

Sally reminded Julia that the Directory needs to be done as soon as possible. Also all receipts must be turned in within 30 days.

Sunshine/Rain:

Kaylene shared that Kathy is getting her Masters, Sophia is in Brazil and running for Brazil Miss and the Aberdeen area got rain.

Sally lost her aunt due to COVID, as well as her friend Jani.

Glen shared August 24th they will be empty nesters in their new house. Sarah V is also an empty nester with Kye heading off to school in the Hills.

Sarah will be going to school in Sioux Falls and moving there in future.

Larry Johnson wanted everyone to know he misses them.

Lyn shared her Granddaughter sliced her forehead open at daycare and had to go to ER.

Dan Patmore will be Worthy Grand Patron with Karen.

Grand Chaplain Ginny gave us a closing prayer and the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Neiman PGG

Grand Secretary

Attachments