

SDGGC Annual Meeting 4-30-22

Ramkota Hotel, Pierre, SD

PENDING APPROVAL

The meeting was called to order at 11:00am with the attached list of members in attendance. A quorum of all Bethels was established.

The opening prayer was given by Grand Chaplain Virginia Kaus.

The agenda was approved.

Introductions of all present were made.

Minutes of the previous meeting 3-13-22 were approved as distributed with corrections by Glen.

Communications included a list of paraphernalia that was retrieved from Bethel #13, Belle Fourche. There was a discussion of where history of SDJD should be housed going forward. Our Historian has numerous items, and they should be put somewhere where they can be accessed. A letter of concern was also read from Colleen Patmore, Bethel 21, Winner about recognizing the privacy of the Bethels and not sharing information or concerns with the general membership.

Bethel reports were as follows:

Bethel #1, Sioux Falls – They will be meeting in person next weekend for their first meeting. They have 4 active members, 4 in college, but have some prospects.

Bethel #3, Aberdeen – They are down to 4 members that come. Just finished the Circus. Have 5 prospects plus 3 more to be initiated.

Bethel #10, Pierre – They have 5 active members. The Council has met and have 3 adults pending CAV approval.

Bethel #12, Sturgis – They have 5 active members with 2 with hit and miss attendance. They meet once a month plus a fun activity. They do have a couple of prospects.

Bethel #21, Winner – They held Installation a month ago. They have 4 active members and have 4 to Initiate in the fall. Their Honored Queen is a Senior and wanted to get her in before college.

Bethel #38, Sioux Falls – They have 9-12 members that come regularly. Dues have been paid by 17 members. They are meeting in person. The girls just finished with Circus. Currently have 7 prospects for Jobie to Bee and have a scavenger hunt planned downtown.

Bethel #44, Rapid City – They have 1 active member. They are having meetings in person. In process of planning a 5K Royalty Run 7/30 with and invite to attend the movies.

Grand Treasurer reported no significant changes to the Treasurer's Report since the last meeting, so none presented. All CD's have been cashed when due for renewal and put into the General Fund.

Krista reported on the Text-a-thon Fundraiser. To date \$2397.00 has been raised with more coming. It was a very simple fundraiser with 15% going to the company, and 30% going to each Bethel based on their participation. Profit from company approximately \$2100. With some of those proceeds owed to the Bethels. Comments were that the script provided needed to be tweaked somewhat. It was great to have a fundraiser that would include folks out-of-state too. There were comments from some that people didn't want any donation going to company and wanted to give directly to GGC. Also some concerned about legitimacy of fundraiser (possibly a scam), or not wanting to use a site to pay. In future include Past Grands in the contact list to give them opportunity to contribute also.

Kaylene reported on the Grand Guide Coffee Fundraiser. She didn't have numbers yet since it has just closed, however there were some orders indicated. The link for the order form had some issues. Kaylene will check on those issues. The store is still open and will be there until we close. People will be able to do reorders whenever they want, and we will still get some credit.

Krista made a presentation on a future Fundraising opportunity called "Confidence Camp", a Leadership Summit for young women. This is a program to assist with membership, legitimize our goals to educate and teach leadership skills to our members and other young women in our communities. The program "Girl Got Goals" is a program the Bethels would be able to use to hold a summit in their community and make the program as unique as they want. The mission is to be visible in the community, teach leadership skills and confidence, while promoting membership in our organization. Krista has been in touch with the CEO of the company, and she is familiar with JDI and is willing to work with us to make it our own. It does require someone to be certified in the program at a cost of \$1500 and Krista is willing to be that point person. The material will be our own and she will be able to teach it and share it to others in the state. The idea will be to offer ½ day camps through the Bethels, with materials, workshops and fun provided. Topics that could be included and are already provided in the program include confidence, how to be a leader, how to be a good friend, what to do when confronted with bullies, how to be fearless etc. Sandy made a motion that the GGC should pay for Krista to be certified and transportation costs to get camps set up for any Bethels wanting to have a camp. Toni seconded and the motion passed. Bethels indicating an interest in doing a camp were #38, #10 and possibly #3 and #21.

Grand Bethel was discussed starting with a review of the election changes that will be in place this year. There is only one girl who has submitted the required paperwork to be considered for elections for GBHQ, GBSP and BGJP. The deadline for completing Ritual of Knowledge test has been extended to 5/14. It was asked if Arianna would be able to Pro-tem as Sr. Princess for the current Grand Bethel meetings since she was elected to the office, resigned when chosen MSDJD, and the office is currently open. This would be up to GB Guardian Dawn. The schedule for Grand discussed. Wednesday night there will be a reception for GBHQ Aliza, MSDJD Arianna and Miss Congeniality Mollie at 7:30pm. Parents will provide the cake. There is no dress code if it is Jobie appropriate. Reminder that Motel reservations are due in by May 9th to get the JDI discount. No Bethels have submitted changes to the members drawn to serve the Grand Bethel for this Grand Session, so all officers are expected to be present. Formal opening will have all members in their robes, with formal dress for the Formal Dinner. The question came up as to making reservations for the motel for the Bethels requiring a credit card, which Bethels cannot have. Bethels under Supreme can use a debit card per Supreme, so Bethels under GGC would also be able to use.

The proposed budget for 2022-23 was presented for discussion by Lyn Neiman on behalf of the Finance Committee. It was a balanced budget. After some discussion Sandy made a motion to adopt the same budget as last year. Motion passed.

The Scholarship Committee received one application for Scholarship this year. The Jurisprudence Committee reported they received no Bylaw changes this year.

Sarah read the information from Angela on the HIKE Fundraiser that will run from 5/1-5/31 through Little Caesars. The information has been sent to Guardians and posted on the website.

Krista reported that despite the Pageant being held online, it was a success and the girls seemed to like having it in the Fall instead of at Grand. This also gives our Miss more time to prepare for Supreme.

Grand session was discussed, and Grand Chaplain reminded all to make sure she has the names for Necrology, of all individuals who have passed since the last in person Grand. The mold for the Amethyst pin has been found by the jeweler and we will be able to again make that award as well as the jewelry the GGC has sold in the past. Sally is working with the jeweler to make a silver version to see what it would look like, and to get pricing for solid gold, silver, and gold filled. Dawn will check into the awards from last year to make sure we have them to use this year. It was reported that the new deadline for Spirit Ambassadors to sign up will be May 11.

Unfinished Business:

CAV classes will shortly be available only online through Supreme. Sign up for classes will be done directly on the Supreme website. There will no longer be a need for a state coordinator or trainers. There will be additional education available for Required Reporters, and a refresher course for those already certified. Required Reporters would receive a certificate to turn into Supreme.

To help with communication between the GGC and Bethels Krista proposed using the Band app that Bethel #38 has had a lot of success using. Bethels #12 and #44 have tried and it didn't work for them. It was decided to go ahead and put it in place and those that want to use it can, and those who don't wouldn't have to use it.

Minutes from the Board of Trustees and the GGC will again be available on the website and emailed.

New Business:

Elections were held with 28 voting delegates present, and the following results:

Grand Guardian – Sarah Vanneman Maskovich	Associate Grand Guardian – Tyler Peoples
Vice Grand Guardian – Krista Vandersnick	Vice Assoc Grand Guardian – Matt Johnson
Guide – Kaylene Sauer	Grand Inner Guard – Robert Carrico
Marshal – Karla Knutson	Grand Outer Guard – Todd Knutson
Grand Secretary – Lyn Neiman	Grand Treasurer – Sandy Vanneman
Board of Trustees 3 yrs – Kim Miles	Board of Trustees 1 yr – Jen Blake

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Supreme Session will be held in Port Huron, Michigan, 7/27-30/22. Attending from South Dakota will be Jess, Toni, Sally, Sandy, Sarah, Arianna and Glen.

Miss SD Jobs Daughters Pageant will be held in Pierre in October 2022 in conjunction with Bash, and in Sioux Falls, in 2023.

Future Statewide Events were discussed. It was agreed that we miss a get together like Jobie U for the girls to get together from across the state. A Jobie Bash could be held yearly and moved from place to place and provide education opportunities as well as casual fun. The York Rite has a portable sound system that we might be able to borrow. A JDR Week should be planned to promote the organization sometime during the year. A Grand Bethel Retreat was also discussed as a time for the GGC officers and the Grand Bethel officers to get together, possible even do Secret pals among the officers to help get to know one another better and increase communication. With membership declining many Bethels need help with Initiation and it was suggested maybe a team of experienced members could travel the state and help do Initiations. It was also agreed the GGC needs to meet more than a couple times a year, and the plan is to try next year to meet 4 times. The 45 Day Meeting is scheduled for 7/23 in Pierre at the Masonic Center. The question was asked if there was interest in getting more license plate decals and it was decided to investigate it further.

The HIKE auction will close at 4:45pm. Thanks to all who brought items and who bid.

Sunshine and Rain:

Both scholarship recipients from last year are on the Dean's List. Sarah V. got an Internship in Sioux Falls this summer. The sunshine is that we got rain! Sarah's husband is terminal, and her uncle was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Announcements:

Grand Bethel Honored Queen Aliza has pins to sell for \$5 ea. Paperwork for Secret Pals with the GGC and GB officers can be filled out at Grand. Dawn does have medallions and Ritual Competition medals to use this year. Things for GBHQ scrapbook should be given to Carla Knutson.

The Closing Prayer was given and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Neiman, PGG

Grand Secretary

