Grand Guardian Council Meeting

March 6,2021

Roll Call: Jen Blake, Dawn Erk, Julia Knutson, Lyn Neiman, Carla Knutson, Laura Brown, Matt Johnson, Joann Coady, Sally Richardson, Gennifer Randolph, Virginia Kaus, Larry Johnson, Herb Cook, Bob Carrico, Sandy Vannenman, Carol White, Kaylene Sauer, Glen Rice, Krista Vandersnick, Kennedee Miles, Lillie Palmer, Kim Miles, Shawn Peel, Andrea Friedrichsen, Kristine Clark, Bobbie Deuter.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am MST by Grand Guardian Dawn Erk. There were 26 in attendance, and a quorum was established.

There were no introductions or opening prayer.

The agenda was discussed, with the addition of a letter of intent & committees. Glen Rice moved to approve the agenda with the additions, 2nd by Carla Knutson. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 2020 meeting and the tabling of the October 10th minutes were discussed. Glen Rice moved to approve the Feb. 2020 minutes and table the October 10th, 2020 minutes, 2nd by Herb Cook. Discussion followed-Lyn said that there were mistakes on the October minutes and she rewrote the whole thing, since she had the recording of those minutes. Mona’s motion was “No bethel should have to pay any amount to Supreme for the annual report.” Motion carried. Lyn Neiman asked that when the sheet says “see attached” that we please make sure that we have attached those extra items. There have been some in the past that have not included these “see attached” items.

Communications: I have emailed Dawn with the communications I received from Supreme regarding the letter of intent for Supreme Bethel Honored Queen and Pageant information.

Grand Treasurer’s report: Sandy discussed the treasurer’s report-the amounts on the agenda are up to December 31st, 2020 so they are slightly different now. Tammy did send the checks from the Bethels and Sandy deposited them.

Bethel Welfare;

(1) Kristine reported they are having Zoom meetings and have done Valentine’s Day cards as their service project/fun event. They have 8 active girls.

(3) Kaylene reported that they haven’t done a whole lot since Gwen and Gretchen both are recovering from COVID. They have 8-9 active girls and 3 Jobie-2-Bees who are not quite 10 yet.

(10) Sandy reported that the girls are not fond of Zoom meetings. She says it’s time to get together again and hit Zesto’s. 😊

(12) Carla reported their meetings are by Zoom 1 to 2 per month and on the 28th, they are having an in person installation to install the new officers. They have 3 active girls,

(21) Colleen reported via text message she was having trouble with her internet tonight but they have 6 active girls.

(38) Laura reported that their offices are filled and they have 3 jobie to bees. They are having their first in-person event today. They have 13 girls that show up most of the time.

(44) Jen reported they have 4 active girls and held a “Chopped” virtual event and it was hilarious. They are having their first in person meeting Monday night. They are also doing a movie plug at our theatre for Jobs.

HIKE Calendar and Auction updates: per Jen, Bethel #44 is selling “dates” for HIKE- $1 per day and they will wish someone a happy birthday, anniversary, etc. on Facebook and social media. All proceeds go to HIKE. Also the HIKE virtual auctions are still going strong on Facebook and are doing well. Please get Herb to up his $100 bid for the afghan. 😊 Kaylene also reported on their HIKE event-they’ve raised $195 and $20 of it even came from Holland.

Unfinished Business: Krista inquired about the education and promotions portion of the annual report-since the by-laws are suspended, are they required to pay them? Discussion followed about how many bethels paid these and who didn’t. Lyn also discussed the annual report and how educations and promotion is sometimes paid at the time of the annual report but does not have to be paid then. Since the minutes for that meeting are still tabled, we will discuss this further at the May meeting.

GGC Zoom Account: Dawn discussed the Zoom account for GGC. This is for use by anyone, even the bethels can use this account for their meetings, etc. A few bethels have their own Zoom accounts and that’s fine-we are NOT however supposed to use someone’s company’s zoom account. We are allowed to use someone’s personal account. We cannot have an in-person meeting and have someone else join us on Zoom at the same time-it’s either/or. Lyn inquired about the guidelines that Bobbie was going to send out-Bobbie said that she did send these out but for now we are going by Supreme guidelines. The account subscription has been paid for a year and then we will have to renew it.

New Business: Sally inquired if Bob Carrico had given Shawn the collar for the Associate Grand Guardian or books for the Board of Trustees or the pin? Bob said no-he had not gotten together with Shawn yet.

A new media release and virtual platform guidelines will be coming from Supreme soon,

JDI constitution and by-laws are suspended at least until August 8th-Policies and trademarks are still in effect. (All information is available on the JDI Forward on the Supreme website.) AS for the logo, we cannot use the font. Someone has the trademark for the font and it is still in litigation at this point. The logo with the 3 girls is fine.

Supreme session: In Person and Virtual-Voting and All competitions will be virtual and held in July. Information is available on the Supreme website.

Bethel Bubble: Until further notice, we cannot travel-cannot visit another bethel or help them out with meetings, etc. Family members, and adults can meet in person through the end of March so far-hoping for new guidelines in April? Krista began a discussion on getting together just for the sake of getting together. If we are only going to do certain things, then she feels it would not be worth the trip. “It needs to be valuable, purposeful and intentional.” Jen added that the bylaw changes need to out 30-45 days in advance and we are really close. The 2020 ones are still on the website. Sally thinks we need to get together and plan how to help our bethels. We are going downhill fast and we really need to get together. Lyn agreed 100%-“we have meetings but we are being told what’s going on-we have no input. We bring suggestions, we serve on committees, and yet nothing ever happens. What is the point? Communication is a huge thing.” Dawn asked, “Do we want to meet?” Krista suggested the first part of May. Dawn will check with uncle Matt on available dates in Pierre. Julia has been waiting to hear from supreme for visits, etc. for her year-she doesn’t want to waste money if we can’t do anything. We also need to focus more on what we can do to keep the charter-not what happens if it goes to Supreme. It was decided to do competitions for grand this year virtual and to cancel Dawn’s reservations in Rapid City. Then if we can meet by then, maybe do just a day and evening, maybe a fancy dinner so the girls can get dressed up and a one night stay-over, instead of a 4 day event. Doing things virtually is still doing things. Krista said, “We cannot do things as we’ve always done them but we can do something.” A planning meeting was set for Monday, March 15th via Zoom to brainstorm about how to put together all these virtual competitions, etc. She is hoping some girls will join us for their input.

Carla discussed reminding the bethels to get things together for a scrapbook for Joan’s year. Also she said Amelia would still like to put together the binder of songs, poems, favorite books, etc. for the girls. Please send any items to Carla, Ginny Kaus or Amelia.

Sunshine and Rain: Sally reported that her uncle passed away from COVID. Her sunshine was seeing all your faces! It was also reported that (sunshine) Carrie Bunkowske got her son and (rain) her dad Joe Lax PAG passed away. (Sunshine) Ginny’s baby girl Jenelle made an appearance. Dawn is going to see her grandbaby in a few weeks. (Rain) Jen reported that Ben has been diagnosed with Parkinson’s and is in the VA Hospital in Hot Springs. He is now sprung from his quarantine period and has been wandering the VA. Lyn experienced a similar thing and is so thankful Ben has this great facility and all the doctors and staff. (Sunshine) Joann Coady reported on Emily-she is a PHD candidate and will be the first Dr Coady. Baby Evie is growing and doing amazing. And Joann got her 1st COVID shot! Yay Joann! 😊

Joann Coady led us in a closing prayer.

Meeting adjorned at 11:00 MST.

Respectfully submitted;

Tammy Wiese, Grand Secretary