

july 22

GGC meeting

Called to order at 12:30 pm. (actually, 12:46)

- quorum established
  - Aberdeen not represented, all others present
- opening prayer by Nancy Gonsor
- approval of agenda: with additions, moved by Andy Freese and seconded by Jessica .  
motion carried
  - (Ginny announced attendance sheet is being passed out and a “directory changed sheet”)
  - adding HIKE under reports
  - under unfinished business: add line handbook and promo booth
  - under new business: add install grand treasurer
- introductions
  - Ginny Kause, GG
  - Herb Cook, AGG,
  - Jen Blake VGG
  - Larry Johnson, VAGG & PGG
  - Valori Maher, GG
  - Katheryn Sannes
  - Dawn Erk
  - Colleen Pratmore
  - Lily Palmer
  - Andy Freese

- Krista Vandersnick
  - Lyn Neiman
  - Denise Halsted-Peel
  - Shawn Peel
  - Carrie Bunkowski
  - Neil Kotas
  - Nancy Gonser
  - Kristine Clark
  - Kim Miles
  - Kenedee Miles
  - Sue Cook
  - Sandy Vanneman
  - Karen Willis
  - Jennifer Little
  - Ann Holtzower
  - Jenni Faulstich, 10
  - Tyler Peoples, 10
  - Jessica Stanek
  - Julie Bartekoske
  - Andrea Fredrickson
  - Mona Kotas
  - Marcia Johnston
  - Jamie Conrad
  - Sally Richardson
- minutes of June 7 meeting

- moved by Jessica Stanek to approve as distributed, seconded by Jamie Conrad.

Motion carried

- communications: "Fake Toni" had none! ;)
- Virginia got email from Grand Bethel Representative of Michigan to South Dakota. She's looking forward to meeting South Dakota Jobies at Supreme
- Reports
  - Bethel Reports
    - 1: Valori: 9 girls active and on the books, 1 in college. They held a cotton candy booth at the Brookings Art Festival and a flamingo fundraiser. It costs \$25 to have flamingos placed, insurance is available for \$30 and people can pay \$25 to place them somewhere else. Their Associate Bethel Guardian asked other Masonic groups to help pay for Supreme and 3 of the 4 girls going are competing. 2 adults, and 1 guest are attending Supreme as well. Arianna may sing at Supreme's talent contest
    - 3: Not here
    - 10: Jessica: Bethel 10 has been busy! They have 15 girls on the books, 14 active and 1 in college. They are fundraising for next year's supreme — car wash, Schwans, wreath and poinsettia sales. They're also planning Pierre Bash and Jobie U. They have 2 bees, and have been camping, held a pancake breakfast, and participated in Oahe Days,
    - 12: Jamie: 10 on the books, 9 active, joan ready for grand lodge, circus in the hills, joan rode elephant and hq of fall, royal reading; rally breakfast;
    - 19: Kim: 9 girls on the books, 5 are active. They've helped with the George Washington and spaghetti dinners, pancake breakfast and jail and bail. They are hoping to send a flier to Hot Springs schools and hold an ice cream social after school starts, maybe with Demoloy. They're doing a rancheros

fundraiser, selling wreaths, hosting a pancake breakfast and bake sale for holidays

- 21: Colleen: 8 girls on the books — 5 active and 3 in college, in June they helped with the Shrine Circus. They are going to sell pocket calendars and hold bake sales. They have 2 signed petitions waiting for initiation.
- 38: Krista: 10 on books 7 active, 1 wanting to come back. They also have 10 bees and 2 signed petitions. They've participated in the circus, and a hike presentation. They also joined Bethel 1 for the Masonic Installation where the girls did the square and compass. They want to get more parents involved.
- 44: Andy: 7 active girls. They've done the circus, chip, chuck a puck, movies under the stars (but it was rained out). Another movie trip is planned in August,
- that's roughly 74 (if 3 has 6 girls) active girls, so GG Virginia talked promotion. We need more members
- Grand Treasurer's Report
  - (sandy passed out the financials)
  - Financial first (sandy read through it)
  - Annual report spreadsheet was next
    - Came out \$5283.95 ahead
    - GG Virginia asked how much we have in promotions, Sandy said it was about \$5000; don't be afraid to spend it for promotions
    - much cheering for "ending in the black"
    - Toni and Sandy will turn over laptops to Jodee Back in August for audit. A report will follow.

- Sally asked “how did we do at grand.” Sandy pointed out that session expense was less than income
- Session Registration
  - Carrie Bunkowski: didn’t have numbers, will get numbers to council later
  - Sandy asked about a credentials report. It was not available.
- Session Chair: No report
- Housing Chair
  - Mona: 53 rooms plus four complementary
  - Report emailed to Carrie and Toni
  - Mona wanted to stress checking into rooms that the hotel requires credit card on check in. That doesn’t mean card will be charged. Mona also stressed looking at the bill when you check out to figure out if there’s a problem;
  - Lyn Neiman: added that she feels the Crossroads bent over backwards. Each Bethel had 1 room ready early and late check out for all the rooms. “amazing job”
- Scholarship
  - Virginia: 3 scholarships, Jakia Cleavland, Alicia Peel and Jenna Johnson — \$500 each. She also asked council members to remind girls to apply
  - Report emailed to Carrie and Toni
  - Sandy: wanted to remind girls to validate if in school if they’ve been awarded, so that the checks can be written (none written out last year)
- Ritual Competition
  - Krista: Report not submitted. She said 7 of 8 Bethels had girls compete. The obligation ceremony in Big Bethel was new, 3 Bethels tried. The committee had some confusion about awards, as they weren’t sure how much to spend on awards or who was supposed to get them.



- Miss Job Pageant
  - Report emailed to Carrie and Toni
- Spirit Ambassadors
  - Anna: not here
- Lilly of the valley, DORP, Amethyst
  - Lilly Palmer: read her report; named the award winners
  - Jamie: told group that Elsie Hix also received Amethyst, but at a later date.
- Necrology
  - Nancy: There were 4 people honored and flowers were given to family or bethel after the ceremony.
  - Colleen: shared about the impression Dennis's flower made on the Green family
- HIKE:
  - Dawn: read report,
  - Supreme wanted each daughter to raise \$32 . In South Dakota, we met that goal. In addition, 6 of 8 betels donated this year; and we held 2 silent auctions. There was no statewide HIKE, but an \$1150 award was given to boy in Sioux Falls
  - She also reminded everyone that Amazon Smile will donate to HIKE
- Grand Lodge
  - Virginia: This was the first Grand Family event. GBHQ Amber and MSDJD Joan did amazing job speaking. Virginia is excited to travel with girls and work with masonic bodies. She encouraged everyone to include masonic bodies in actives during the year. That includes Masons, Eastern Star, Nile, Shriners, Demolay — just make sure everything is appropriately chaperoned;

Grand York Rite ,is in September; Grand Chapter is in October. For Official Visits the Grand Family wants to come to something “we can help you with”

- Valori suggested people book rooms for York Rite now, since it's the same time as the Garth Brooks concerts in Sioux Falls.
- Ways and means:
  - Julie read her report. Sales were good, and she had many items on hand — 27 of the 34 items ordered were sold. Next year she's not placing a blind order. Doc Morgan merchandise will be pre-orders only. She also got rid of a lot of past t-shirts. This years shirt sold out — which as never happened before. The second order not in yet. Pay today and will send it to anyone who orders; income net 1615!
- Unfinished Business
  - CAV in August
    - Valorie doing a class Aug 19 in Sioux Falls; at the masonic center
  - Promotion
    - Booth
      - Jessica showed the booth idea she created. She explained that any promotion money goes to Supreme if the GGC doesn't exist. Therefore, we should use our promotion funds in South Dakota. The Professional booths for each bethel would include: table cloth, backdrop board, banner to hang, banner with stand, television set to play video on a loop. It would be generic to Bethel, but not to SDJD. A committee was formed with Val and Jen. They will have quotes by next GGC. Booths could be used at circus to draw attention. Virginia added that a mannequin or dress form could be added to show off the robe/cape. Julie admitted that she has a bunch of 1/2 mannequins

that hang from a hook (shepherd-style hook); for any Bethels that want one

- Virginia stressed that the idea is to draw attention to the booth and reminded everyone that little girls like crowns. She pointed out Bethel 44's postcards and told everyone to see Jen if they're interested in those. Val talked about the trifold Bethel 1 did. It can be adjusted for each Bethel;. It's in publisher and Jen working to make it editable as a PDF. Nancy praised the trifold saying "it's great!" Lyn asked if HIKE fliers were still available. Dawn said there are only a few left and they need to be updated. Dawn will contact Dave to see if he has the template so we can get more printed.
- Video:
  - Jen explained that we are looking for a video to use now, AND one that features SDJD;
  - Jenni (10) suggested; a "this is job's" theme with girls yelling during different videos similar to the DAK Youth video (Methodist Church Camp)
- Royal Readings — crowns
  - Virginia called Royal Readings the "quickest, easiest, public, promotional activity." Anyone who doesn't know who their local librarian is should contact Virginia. Plastic crowns were bought for promotions. Hand them out during the readings. She also said the public doesn't know what office a girl hold, so let Royal Readings have a queen and two princesses. Let the kids try on crowns. Get parents to sign media releases so we can use photos. Bethel 12 did a Royal Reading already and Bethel\ 10 has one planned. Each bethel will get 50 crowns and more can be ordered cheap at Amazon. Any



Bethels that need help hosting one just ask and the Grand Family will be glad to help — and add more crowns for the kids to try on!

- Line officers handbook:
  - These need to be updated. Virginia asked for volunteers and passed a piece of paper around for a committee. Volunteers included: Mona Kotas; Neil Kotas; Larry Johnson; Toni Richardson; Kathreyn Sannes; Nancy Gonsor; Karen Willis, Sandy Vanneman
- Jen shared directory username and passwords
- New business
  - Installed Sandy as Grand Treasurer
  - Supreme Amendments
    - Karen went through the amendments. Of the 31 bylaws for Supreme; some were housekeeping (change wording to show what we are doing);
    - One amendment of interest is #31. According to Jessica it changes number of girls from 15 to 8 to open a bethel. Virginia read the bylaw amendment and there was good conversation about the amendment and it's chances of passing. Sally says it won't pass, but will be a big talked about amendment; Virginia added that it was submitted by a PAGG in California, so it might have a chance at passing.
    - Amendment number 30 discusses procedures for internet Bethel. Karen said she didn't want to comment until she saw what happened with it at Supreme. Virginia read the reasoning behind the amendment and there was discussion about what that might do for our jurisdiction.
    - A number of other amendments deal with: electronic banking; allowing daughters under 20 to be on committees like HIKE, spirit ambassador, etc; allowing GGC to annex Bethels if in supreme jurisdiction (for example,

allowing Nebraska to annex Bethels in Council bluffs); and changing yokes from 3 inches to 2 inches for robes to lay flatter;

- Sandy: electronic banking; could allow Bethels to register with a credit card, but there will be a fee with credit cards which could increase expenses;
- Supreme Leadership
  - Jessica talked about the Disneyland Leadership event. It's put on by Disney and only specific CAV adults will be there. Other adults will be meeting at the hotel, but everyone has the chance to meet at Disney later. Jenni is going to try to go with her family.
- Bash
  - Bash will be Nov. 18 and 19. It will also incorporate Jobie U. It all be in Pierre at the Girl Scout Cabins and Virginia is hoping to get a Christmas tree at the Capital;. Mona asked if a GGC meeting will be included that weekend and Virginia said she plans on it.
- Lyn: two things:
  - Lyn has a CAV concern. One council member was at Grand Bethel when she found out that she was not certified. The Bethel didn't know and used her as a chaperone. Lyn said the Bethel assumed she was certified and that the person didn't get notification. Virginia explained that people get a note from Carol reminding us to renew, but if someone moves it's their responsibility to let the Grand Guardian and Grand Secretary know. It's also a good idea to make sure that people return the form as soon as possible. Supreme is not lenient on this issue. It's each persons responsibility to fill out their paperwork, make sure their address is correct and keep their CAV current.
  - Supreme fundraising: Lyn says that in the past Larissa was told couldn't do fundraising in public because it took away from GBHQ and MSDJD for

Supreme, but now one bethel is actively fundraising. "Is that okay?" Jessica explained about the Schwans fundraiser: it's all online and has a number for the Bethel AND each individual girl. She explained everything's online now and feels every bethel should have opportunity to fundraise. Dawn spoke saying when Kayla was GBHQ, all money had to be turned in unless for a specific purpose. Sandy reminded everyone that there was a special finance person for that daughter at the time and the money was dolled out that way. Sally added that Bill and Mary Carey were finance people for Jessica when she was GBHQ. Denise added that since the Bethel is going as a group, it's different than when the Peel family went just as a family. She wanted to know if the complaint was that they were fundraising as a group or if it was because Schwans tracks it by girl. Sandy spoke saying it shouldn't matter if it's girl, Bethel, or Grand, as long as there is a way to ensure the money is going to the purpose its mean to go to. Lyn stressed that she wants to make sure everyone has the same opportunities and reminded all to make sure fundraising is labeled appropriately. Lyn added that it was a way to make sure (as Bethels) we are protecting ourselves. Carrie suggested aline saying "that it's a Bethel fundraiser " Jessica explained it's the parents posting the fundraisers on social media.

- Rain and Sunshine
  - Rain
    - Sandy: Oscar Loas son passed away. Rob was at a trap shoot, went to hospital, passed away there. He was 44 years old and had 4 children.
    - Lyn:
      - For those who know Del and Arlyce Kroans from Sioux Falls, Arlyce passed away



- Larissa moved to Kansas City yesterday (July 21). She'll be working from home
  - Virginia: Gladys Pullins' grandson Cody passed away. He was 30 years old
- Sunshine
  - Sandy: has a list
    - Brad: 2 weeks ago he had surgery, which removed a tumor and 5% of his liver. They got all and no cancer. Sandy made sure the surgeon said "got it all"
    - Erin and Travis bought a house in Mesa. There are rooms for each kid — and even grandma quarters
    - Sandy invited everyone to Grand Chapter. October 12 is formal opening and be on the lookout for the official invitations.
  - Jessica: Bethel 10: was going to have Tomlynn serve as guardian, but she's pregnant with triplets! Britnney Willis has agreed to be bethel guard
  - Herb: 1st granddaughter was born on Wednesday, July 19 Bronwyn Yvonne. Sue says "she's perfect"
  - Lilly: new grandnephew, but only 2 pounds13 ounces when born, now weighing in at 3 pounds 9 ounces. He's still in N-ICU
  - Jenni: One girl moved to Highmore, but has now moved to Rapid City (Bethel 44 took that as Sunshine!)
  - Dawn: In 6 days, Kyla will be Dr. Kayla Hall and she already has a job.
  - Kathryn: For the first time in 5 years, her son is not deployed this summer
  - DenisePeel: She and Shawn have been married 25 years this year
- Closing prayer was given by Nancy Gonsor
- announcement:



- Valori asked that one person from each Bethel see her, as she has something from Grand Bethel Honored Queen Amber. Valori will also distribute "Royal Reading crowns after the meeting to each Bethel
- closed at 2:46
  - moved by Dawn and seconded by Krista. Motion carried

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