

South Dakota Grand Guardian Council Meeting

November 11, 2023, Via Zoom

Pending Approval

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 9:00am.

The opening prayer was given by Chaplain Laura Brown.

The agenda was approved, and introductions made of all present per attached attendance sheet.

SD GGC rules of procedure were reviewed emphasizing being kind and attempting clear communications.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Treasurers Report found \$7660.49 usable funds in the checking account. The last CD will be up for renewal 1/12/24 in the amount of \$5318.76.

There were no communications.

Reports from the Bethels:

Bethel 1 – They have 2 active members and 4 receiving majority for 2023. They have a Beehive. They are meeting on their own as well as with Bethel 38.

Bethel 3 – 7 active members. Sold popcorn for Gypsy Parade, decorated Masonic Center for Halloween and handed out candy Those participating in the Fearlessly Kind Seminar loved it. They are sending out an invite for bowling to participants. They have a Beehive.

Bethel 10 – 10 members. Planning a Christmas Party. The 6 members that attended the Bash in Sioux Falls had fun! Had a party at Discovery Party.

Bethel 12- 4 members and 1 application for membership. There are plans for a joint Initiation with Bethel 44. Activities include a movie, attending the Pumpkin Patch, meeting with Christmas Party after and served the Masons at the District Meeting.

Bethel 21 is planning to close. 2-3 members are looking at demitting to Pierre.

Bethel 38 – 13 active members with 3 Jobie to Bee. Activities include doing the corn maze, Bash, selling greenery, attending the Parade of Lights, and helping with the Potes Kids Christmas Party.

Bethel 44 – 2 active girls (1 Sr. and 1 member) with 2 applications for membership.

The audit has been completed by Toni Richardson, PGG, with a report being turned in.

Unfinished Business:

Krista will be contacting Supreme to get current feelings on membership numbers and future. Quick total finds 44 girls as members in state for year end. We don't know what current Supreme Team plans for us. The Board of Trustees needs to plan for future financials and investments. Kennedee asked that we stop planning, sit down, and do something. It was agreed we need to know what the current Supreme Team is

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thinking, and not go off past information since membership situation in organization has potentially changed. Glen remembered the current Supreme at the last time of discussion was not wanting to close us.

Promotion chair Laura Brown reported on the Membership incentive Program for the remainder of the year until 4/30/2023. For every new member Initiated, the member bringing her in can throw a pie at Assoc Gr Guardian Matt. If they bring in 5 new members, they can pie any adult!

Fearlessly Kind Seminars have been completed or are planned for 4 cities where Bethels are located. Sturgis, Rapid, Aberdeen and Sioux Falls. Pierre has cancelled their seminar for now. Two more seminars possible for 2024. Attendees are excited and current members are great leaders. The feeling is that there needs to be more information about Jobs Daughters per Jen Blake. It felt like bait and switch. Need to say why they were invited and who we are to both the prospective members and parents. Carla Knutson asked that information be shared on the attendees, and it needs to be given to more than one person at the Bethel.

Proceedings from 2021-22 and 2022-23 are being worked on by Sandy Vanneman. Please turn in reports.

License Plate Organization decals are being worked on. Have contacted the Department of Revenue about the possibility of making use of remaining decals.

New Business:

The Board of Trustees is reporting that Julie Bartekoski has resigned from the Board of Trustees. Krista is currently working to fill the position.

Supreme stopped the COVID 19 protocols as of September 14, 2023. We will continue to monitor the situation with the goal of keeping everyone safe in our GGC.

Annual Reports and dues will be reported at the end of year. Fees to Supreme are going up again this year. Please get in on time to avoid late fees.

Supreme is reporting a new Insurance Program that will take effect January 1, 2024. See Supreme website for details.

The Miss Job Pageant will take place at Grand in 2024. The discussion asked what will happen if only 1-2 girls are interested in competing. Proposed holding regular competition to prepare for Supreme competition. If the girls want the Pageant, make it happen. Maybe a different label like representative? The girls need to be asked what they want.

GGC Fundraising is in process per Carla. She is researching selling something online. Laura Bethel 38 noted the girls are tired of selling. Kaylene noted Bethel 3 makes \$1500 at Circus. Andrea Bethel 10 noted they have King of Hearts Dance for funding. Girls are selling for school too. The Little Ceasar fundraiser isn't good because of the frozen food and needs to be delivered right away. There hasn't been a successful Fundraiser for the GGC in several years. It might be helpful to have a GGC Fundraiser that can also share proceed with the Bethels, so they only have to do 1 Fundraiser instead of 2.

The Supreme Ritual Revision Committee has posted proposed revisions on the Supreme website. Please read and give input. They will be having zoom meetings coming up. There was discussion of proposed revisions at Bash. There were no negative comments.

Monthly SD GGC Townhalls are scheduled for the first Monday of each month (with some exceptions) and are for members as well as adults. Topics to include J2B/Beehives, Finances, Fundraising, Leadership and more! Watch for registration. 11/30 will be another Supreme Townhall covering updated forms, ritual updates, and Annual Reports. You must register to attend. Kaylene reported that Supreme Beekeeper Diane Block has held a couple of meetings in the Beekeeper group that had lots of good information.

There was a motion by Carla and 2nd by Andrea to do a donation of \$25 each in memorial to HIKE for Lillie Palmer, PGG and Delpha Hindman, PSG.

Sunshine and Rain:

Jen Little announced Kia is expecting a little girl.

Bobbie asked for words of encouragement for Bill Carey, battling cancer.

Kaylene noted her Grandson will be a spitfire.

Carla announced her son was promoted to sergeant and doing good. Thanks to all our vets on this Veteran's Day – Jen, Parker, Bobbies sister, and Joan.

Announcements:

Next GGC meeting in person? 1/13-14 in Pierre. Contact Uncle Matt to reserve the building.

Possibly holding Grand Bethel Meeting in March in Rapid/ Watch Basketball Tournament schedule.

Carol White asked if there are any new CAV applicants and any issues applying. Teagan has taken the class again.

The Closing Prayer was given by Chaplain Laura Brown and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn Neiman, PGG

Grand Secretary