

SD JDI GGC Meeting 1-13-24.

Meeting via Zoom

Minutes to be Approved.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established at 10:00am. Attendance attached.

The Opening Prayer was given by Grand Guardian Krista.

The agenda was approved by Jen and seconded.

Introductions included the Executive line and GBHQ.

There was a review of Meeting and Zoom rules as established at the 45 Day meeting.

Minutes of the 11/11/23 meeting were approved.

There were no communications to be read.

The Treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$12842.18. Balance in checking 1/9/24 is \$7611.07. With the CD being cashed and going into checking there are no more CD's. Investment account is \$98,588.55. We are still waiting to understand the fees that will be assessed to pull funds from the Mainstay account to balance the budget. Complete 1/9/24 Financial Report is attached.

It was reminded that all reports were due at the 45 Day meeting for the Proceedings to be completed. This would include if you were the chair of any committee or an officer, for 21-22 Julia's year, or 22-23 Sarah's year. Reports should be submitted to PGG Sandy Vanneman via email.

Supreme will be in Omaha, NE in 2024. Registration will be available online 2/1/24. There has been some interest shown by Bethels in attending. Please register as soon as you can and talk to one another about possible sharing of transportation etc.

Presentation by GG Krista Vandersnick "State of South Dakota Job's Daughters Membership. See attached.

SD GGC Finances and Fundraising were discussed. There will be a meeting coming up in the next few weeks to discuss future budgeting to be realistic in income and expenses.

Grand Guide Carla presented information on her fundraiser through Gertrude Hawkes chocolates. Purchasing can be done online by direct ship, or personal orders turned in and will be all shipped to Carla with delivery to be arranged to get to the individual. 10% of sales by each Bethel will go back to the Bethel with the remainder of profit going to the GGC. Reminder Easter is March 31<sup>st</sup>!!

Grand Guardian Krista Reviewed the options available to us for the future of the GGC in SD.

Break for lunch

There was a time given for Q&A as follows:

1. Why go to a JGC if we need 140 members to go back to a GGC? We need 60+ to maintain GGC. Krista will visit with another JGC to find out their concerns or surprises. There is only 1 JGC and it is in Pennsylvania.
2. Where are we missing adults for committees, etc.? Where is the directory? Any adults on this call willing to volunteer? Several people mentioned they would but hadn't been asked.
3. Past Grands must be ready to say no on committees if you can't commit to the obligation.
4. Is anyone willing to go up the line? Supreme looks at the number of Past Grands recycled as not healthy.
5. We will still need to submit names to Supreme for officers. Fundraisers are necessary. We need to change our investments to make money. OG, IG, Guide and Marshal could be just a 1-year commitment with no commitment to go up the line.
6. In general, the Mainstay account has made \$3000.
7. Within Mainstay investments are designated funds such as Promotion, Scholarship, Supreme Guardian, Miss International and Paraphernalia Insurance Funds.

Since we haven't verified voting credentials, we can't vote officially. However, how would you vote unofficially: (M = GGC member, D = Daughter)

1. (M) Pro JGC need adults/ need committees/ need to grow both Bethels and Councils/ Everyone committed and cares. Need to do what the girls want.
2. (M) Pro JGC Keep Bethels and Jur Bethels so girls stay together not divided. Con Want to fight to keep GGC. Pro JGC needs fewer adults.
3. (M) JGC Bethel Councils would stay the same? Yes.
4. (M) Only 12 girls are estimated to be needed to get the 60 members required for GGC. Need to fight for GGC. 140 total will be impossible.
5. (M) JGC Pro would be keeping the best of both worlds. No more lying about numbers.
6. (M) GGC Pro girls want to keep GGC. Fun activities keep the girls together.
7. (M) How many adults are recycled? How many are new?
8. (M) New majority members are doing CAV and some new parents.
9. (M) Bethel has 1 new member and Mom doing CAV.
10. (M) Have CAV adults but not active.
11. Finance - \$21,599 was Education/Promotion. It was voted on to roll the Supreme fund into General Funds as well as CD funds.
12. (D) GGC good. Can't get 140 girls.
13. (D) Don't give up on GGC. Want to fight to keep GGC.
14. (D) Fight for GGC. JGC would be 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.
15. (D) Fight for GGC.
16. (D) Fight for GGC. Try to get more girls.

Break Out for Girls to discuss with GBHQ Hannah. The girls have questionnaires to fill out in chat. No adults in the group.

The option of doing a different region joining another state was ruled out by the group of adults.

17. (M) Keep GGC, JGC 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.

18. (D) Regional is bad as SD is too big a state and would be a hardship for many areas of the state. Too much travel.
19. (D) not good to do regional
20. (D) Make us known around town.
21. (M) Everyone is talking about membership but realistically we can't get members.
22. (M) A conversation needs to happen about commitment.
23. (M) Been fudging on numbers for too long. Must base numbers on 2023. If JGC at least we can get together and support the girls.
24. (M) When do we need to decide? No specific date. March 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Reports are due at Supreme. The Supreme Guardian has asked for our recommendation/plan as soon as possible.
25. (M) Ready to vote today?
26. (M) Can't we wait to go back to the Bethels to discuss with them?
27. (M) No. We need to vote today to proceed with plans.
28. (M) Has anyone contacted people not responding?
29. (M) Matt and Krista have contacted people.
30. (M) Communication needs to be better. We aren't making personal contacts.
31. (M) Regional is not good. GGC people aren't following through on commitment. We can set up fewer committees/officers and work on getting more parents involved.
32. (D) Need to set up a zoom with the girls.
33. (M) Girls want a GGC, and we need to try. Show we are here to support their needs, Listen and make a real commitment. JGC would be 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. We can keep a connection with other states without being a JGC. Have a backup in place.
34. (M) Conflicted because of planning. Don't want a change dropped on her at last minute. Don't know if we can cut it. How much stuff is on the public SDJD website. I'm still of the mindset of masonic relationship only. Need to change my mindset. Remember sponsorship. Keep talking about Jobs but be careful about who I talk to about it. What to plan for, GGC or JGC?
35. (M) Can put JGC/GGC plans in place parallel for now and make small changes where necessary.
36. (M) Don't want to get dumped on and have last minute decisions.

Survey by girls – 1<sup>st</sup> choice GGC. 2<sup>nd</sup> choice JGC. LOVE JD!!!

Include girls in Long Range Planning. Put together a discussion form to give to all Bethels for discussion points.

We will plan a Strategic Plan for the GGC going forward to present to the Supreme team.

The 2024 Grand Session will be in Sioux Falls June 6-9 with most activities at the Masonic Center. The Call Letter will be coming out soon. There will be a Town Hall on the first Monday in February and will be for girls only to discuss Long Range Planning.

Fearlessly Kind will continue next year according to Kaylene. There is the opportunity for some additional summits over the next few months.

Sunshine and Rain: Audra Tesch will be getting married in October. Congratulations!

Announcements: Next GGC meeting will be 2/10 in person in Sioux Falls as well as zoom.

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The closing prayer was given by GG Krista and the meeting adjourned at 2:06pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Neiman, PGG

Grand Secretary