

Kansas Oxford House State Association Meeting Minutes 11/13/20

Call to order at 1:00 pm

Readings: Principles read

Traditions read

Roll Call : All chapter present except Chapter 17 (Late)

2 Alumni West

1 Alumni East

2 World Council

Secretaries Report

Accepted 09/12/20 minutes as written MSP

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: 38663.56

Income: 8627.00

SubTotal: 47290.56

Expenses: 8849.92

Ending Balance: 38440.64

Saving Balance: 13266.26

Total monies available: 51706.90

Accept Treasurer's Report MSP

Budget And Finance

See Attachment for Budget and Finance SpreadSheet

Accept Budget and Finance Report MSP

IT Report

September's Minutes, Budget, and Loan Report uploaded to the site.

November's Agenda uploaded to the site. November Zoom link posted on the site.

Everything associated with the current company that hosts our site was

in Gene's name so I had to switch it over to my name. I also want to make sure it's alright if the Wordpress account has my name listed.

They are both Oxford House Kansas accounts but I am listed as the primary contact. Hosting fees for September and October are paid.

The domain transfer to Wordpress is in progress. I am not able to afford to pay for the Wordpress domain transfer that was MSP'd at the last meeting out of pocket. The monthly cost for their business plan is \$25. This amount is billed yearly so the total due at this time is \$300 and our amount due after that would be \$310 starting November 2021. I have included a line item on my IT invoice for the Wordpress charges. If the state association is not comfortable with this, feel free to strike that line item out and only reimburse me the IT services and hosting fee reimbursements. Forms are updated but I am debugging and will have them uploaded to the site by 11/30/20.

The IT invoice includes 2 months of IT services reimbursements at \$200 each, 2 months of monthly hosting fee charges at \$32.98, and one year of Wordpress business subscription to be renewed 11/2021, which totals \$300. The total due is \$731.98.

Accept IT Report MSP

Alumni East Report

Children Christmas gifts to be picked up by parents at FORA.

Accept Alumni East Report MSP

Alumni West Report

4 2 K Christmas for kids 4,000 dollar scholarship.

Accept Alumni West Report MSP

Re-Entry Report

4 month time allowed to stay in the house considered for the whole state. Do's and Don't same obligation as members, 30 days, house chore, 2 apps a week, 5 job apps a week, keep in contact with probation and parole. Chapter 1 fined for missing Re-Entry meeting.

Accept Re-Entry Report MSP

World Council Report

Good meeting last Sunday. Summit in April. Commits set goals and etc. Website for committees. New Resolution for Washington DC World Convention. Get By Laws to World Council. Kansas Alumni By-Laws.

Accept World Council Report MSP

FORA Report

Tenant based assistance programs. Help with rent due to Covid will post link. Vacancies Lincoln January of 2019. 15% vacancies and 177 openings Shawnee County 7% Johnson County 11%. Monthly Report form online survey. Opioid conference on Zoom

Accept FORA Report MSP

Housing Services East Report

Tattoo and piercing not allowed in Oxford. You have to have a license and state approved shop. It's a felony.

Accept Housing Services East Report MSP

Housing Services West Report

Robin House bank account compromised. Beverly House positive Covid case. Lincoln house eviction for Drug use. 2 members test positive for coke. Infinity House not womens house children not allowed. It was corrected.

Accept Housing Services West Report MSP

Revolving Loan Fund Report

3,000 dollars increase. 31,668.48 in fund. 2,666.66 in payments.

Accept Revolving Loan Fund Report MSP

Chapter Summary Reports

Chapter : 1

Number of Houses: 9

Number of Beds: 80

Checking Account Balance: 8362.24

Savings Account Balance: 4576.38

Number of Vacancies: 6

Number of Relapses: 3

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 200.00

Working with a few houses to maintain the model. No reports of COVID in the houses as of yet, but there have been a few scares. Encouraging the houses to continue using universal precautions by cleaning surfaces often, taking temps, checking in on our members etc.

Chapter :2

Number of Houses: 10

Number of Beds: 87

Checking Account Balance: 10078.55

Savings Account Balance: 2894.23

Number of Vacancies: 6

Number of Relapses: 12

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 50.00 per month

All three new houses are doing amazing. Bellator is full and healthy again. Shirt and hoodie fundraiser. Low Impact of covid so far. Built a stash of clothing and hygiene stuff for dec 12th holiday family dinner with chapter 14.

Chapter : 3

Number of Houses: 12

Number of Beds: 105

Checking Account Balance: n/a

Savings Account Balance: n/a

Number of Vacancies: 9

Number of Relapses: 4

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 0

Has a couple issues at Lincoln house over the past month. 2 members had tested positive for cocaine and were evicted. They have also had problems keeping members in the house. Other than that it's been pretty quiet for chapter 3

Chapter : 4

Number of Houses: 9

Number of Beds: 72

Checking Account Balance: 7003.78

Savings Account Balance: 4362.34

Number of Vacancies: 14

Number of Relapses: 7

Chapter Dues to State: Yes

Contributions to OHI: 0

Several houses are low in numbers. Layton House has moved to chapter 4 from 15. And have been working with houses that have a lot of new members.

Chapter : 6

Number of Houses: 5

Number of Beds: 38

Checking Account Balance: 4284.87

Savings Account Balance: 2474.97

Number of Vacancies: 12

Number of Relapses: 1

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 160.00

Chapter has begun to receive more applications. We had to restructure and replicate one of our houses with one member due to disruptive behavior. We now have 6 members, 2 of which are seasoned members to help with replication. Liberal house is still struggling, and by next month they will not be able to pay their rent. There are serious thoughts of flipping it into a woman's house. All houses have started to be active in NA and are active in other support groups outside of NA

Chapter : 7

Number of Houses: 11

Number of Beds: 96

Checking Account Balance: 8918.52

Savings Account Balance: 10688.16

Number of Vacancies: 13

Number of Relapses: 8

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 0

Rita has paid \$1,000 of their \$2500 loan. Their checking and savings account is among the highest in the chapter. They seem to be growing but reach out when they need some direction. Louis house was restructured a few days before state last month and was rough for the first month, Since then they have learned positions, and are holding

each other accountable. Pawnee and Beverly house hosted a fundraiser and are donating the proceeds to W.C.C. Chapter has shirts for sale. Beverly also has shirts for sale.

Chapter : 8

Number of Houses: 13

Number of Beds: 121

Checking Account Balance: 3368.21

Savings Account Balance: 2729.69

Number of Vacancies: 20

Number of Relapses: 5

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 0

Grace Haven has applied for their permanent charter. Halo and Tree had 1 member positive for COVID. The houses in quarantine. Robin restructured and doing well.

Timber Creek will be applying for a permanent charter. w/c houses have too many children so chapter is looking to open a new house to fit the need. House will be named Oxford House Friedburg.

Chapter : 9

Number of Houses: 8

Number of Beds: 75

Checking Account Balance: 4402.60

Savings Account Balance: 0

Number of Vacancies: 18

Number of Relapses: 4

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 0

Chapter is doing pretty good. Soon we will be holding elections for chapter officer positions.

Chapter : 10

Number of House:

Number of Beds:

Checking Account Balance:

Savings Account Balance:

Number of Vacancies:

Number of Relapses:

Chapter Dues to State:

Contributions to OHI:

Chapter : 11

Number of Houses: 6036.81

Number of Beds: 1001.92

Checking Account Balance: 21

Savings Account Balance: 5

Number of Vacancies: 21

Number of Relapses: 5

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 50.00

Overall our chapter is doing well. Our restructure houses are doing fantastic and are running without chapter assistance. We closed the parker house in manhattan because the landlord put the house on the market, COVID-19 and severe vacancy issues. As of right now we have 1 house in quarantine. That brings 4 houses that have been affected. So far no houses have needed financial help from chapter.

Chapter : 12

Number of Houses: 3

Number of Beds: 19

Checking Account Balance: 629.36

Savings Account Balance: n/a

Number of Vacancies: 2

Number of Relapses: 1

Chapter Dues to State: n/a

Contributions to OHI: n/a

Chapter 12 is doing well. Our houses are getting interviews. Our houses are getting more length in sobriety. We have had a few members leave the houses for disruptive behaviors and we have been able to jump back with the interviews that we have been getting. We are actually stable. Bills are being paid and beginning to build a surplus.

Chapter : 13

Number of Houses: 10

Number of Beds: 101

Checking Account Balance: 5257.31

Savings Account Balance: 3400.14

Number of Vacancies: 15

Number of Relapses: 9

Chapter Dues to State: Yes

Contributions to OHI: 0

Our chapter has seen active participation in regular and online meetings in our local fellowships. Recently we held an outdoor, drive-in style movie fundraiser that allowed us to fellowship and social distance. Our chapter had our 4th house go on quarantine due to COVID. All but 1 stayed @ oxford thanks to chapter support. 4th 13 has kicked off and we have a lot of willingness to help from the body. Our HSC chair moved out of college grove but remains in her position. Our secretary has done the same. Chapter 13 alumni has been a huge help in our houses and we remain grateful to them. We continue to grow and learn in these crazy times.

Chapter : 14

Number of Houses: 8

Number of Beds: 60

Checking Account Balance: 8185.89

Savings Account Balance: 2001.65

Number of Vacancies: 7

Number of Relapses: 4

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 0

Chapter 14 is doing fair. Meeting attendance is steady. No conflicts, no social events. Holiday family dinner coming up for topeka chapters. High hopes for a successful turn out. COVID has slowed opportunities for fundraising, so hopefully an event will keep us a lively bunch.

Chapter : 15

Number of Houses:

Number of Beds:

Checking Account Balance:

Savings Account Balance:

Number of Vacancies:

Number of Relapses:

Chapter Dues to State:

Contributions to OHI:

Chapter : 16

Number of Houses: 8

Number of Beds: 76

Checking Account Balance: 7980.92

Savings Account Balance: 0

Number of Vacancies: 15

Number of Relapses: 6

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 1000.00

Over the last 2 months it's been pretty mellow for chapter 16. We have had a couple houses needing help addressing proper protocols when it comes to behavior contracts and why they are so important. Our 4tk committee has started back up! We have been meeting every 2 weeks to gather donations. The reps have accomplished getting help to raise money for the children. 4tk now has hoodies, hats, and shirts both have long sleeves and short sleeves for sale. So if any of you are interested please let Beau Cavender know about purchasing. I'm extremely happy to report that our fundraising committee has agreed to donate all the proceeds from the next fundraiser to 4tk. Our chapter has been fortunate enough not to be impacted too bad by the pandemic. We've had a few scares but luckily only one positive case.

Chapter : 17

Number of Houses:

Number of Beds:

Checking Account Balance:

Savings Account Balance:

Number of Vacancies:

Number of Relapses:

Chapter Dues to State:

Contributions to OHI:

Accept Chapter Summary Reports MSP

Old Business

Many Luisiana houses have been affected by the hurricane

Make \$1,000 donation to Oxford House Louisiana MSP (all voting members were in favor)

Many houses are using chat/messenger groups to make, pass and fail motions. It is strongly suggested and discouraged to continue this practice. It can be dangerous and borderline breaking democratic process. It doesn't give room for fair discussion and many times not recorded properly in secretaries notes. Unless its an emergency matter, this is not good practice

Re-entry committee would like to see some money put somewhere to help members of the re-entry program get established. A re-entry bank account is proposed, using the money for supplies, such as apps to be printed. Ash house has started a re-entry loan fund of \$1600. And is currently sitting in their house safe. Discussion about who can approve that money, who distributes the money, and how is it being documented also came up. Budget and finance states that there is \$1,000 allocated for re-entry in the budget. Things can get out of hand if the state has too many accounts. Re-entry chair has the ability to get budget items approved. State can adjust the budget to allocate more money if needed.

Amend budget to increase Re-entry budget to \$2,000 MSP (all voting members in favor)

Give power of Re-entry budget to Re-entry chair (Motion Fails)

If any chapters have any questions about starting a scholarship program, reach out to chapter 8. Funds from printed items, gas ETC. need to be taken from item lines.

Do Elections in November MSF

Doing the elections in november is a violation of the bi-laws. We will be set to do elections in january

OHMAC is set for February 4th-7th in Oklahoma. October 13th next OHMAC zoom planning meeting.

Please encourage those leaving your houses in good standing to become a part of the alumni association. Having them will offer new and fresh ideas. GET THEM INVOLVED Reach out to the alumni associations as well as Seth and Stephanie.

State Dues have been \$4.00 per bed for 10 years. Voluntary raise of dues when Convention was hosted in Kansas City.

Raise dues to \$8.00 a bed (Motion rescinded)

Raise dues to \$5.00 a bed to start in november MSP (Chapter 2 oppose)

Oxford house business cards were 80% off. We got 10,000 cards for \$180.00 plus tax
Reimburse Chuck liston 188.70 for purchasing the business cards MSP (All voting members in favor)

Larissa B nominated for re-entry chair , she accepted the nomination lives at Rita house, working steps, current re-entry chair for her chapter

Accept Larissa B as State Re-entry Chair MSP

DJ Mecum to step in as HS east chair

New oxford house video will be coming out before the next state meeting. Keep your eyes out on the state page and fb pages.

Fine Chapter 15 \$125.00 for not being present, no audit, and dues MSP

Current Balances of chapters are :

1 : + \$80.00

2 : - \$25.00

3 : + \$8.00

4 : Current

6 : Current

7 : Current

8 : + \$31.00

9 : - \$24.00

10 : - \$29.00

11 : = \$72.00

12 : Current

13 : Current

14 : - \$82.00

15 : - \$243.00

16 : - \$25.00

17 : + \$8.00

Our reimbursements :

Kat Allee: \$431.98

Dana M: \$25.35

Tom W: \$21.80

Chris C: \$142.89

Stacy M: \$90.00

Savings: \$200.00

Louisiana: \$1,000.00

Tim B: \$43.00

Chuck L: \$188.70

Will P: \$30.00

Fine Chapters 10, 14, 17 \$25.00 for not having chapter summary reports in to the secretary a week prior to meeting. MSP

Chapter 12 is still in financial crisis. Tim B states that they are \$10,125.00 to be current. There has been discussion in the chapter to close one of the men's houses down. State stands firm on the fact that we are not in the business of closing houses down and there needs to be a logical solution now to help this chapter. There was some confusion as to what the \$8,000, state made as a partial donation and loan, went towards. Tim B says that it went to catch up on most of the rent for all 3 houses, but with a low number of members moving in and interviews that they are still struggling to stay afloat. State wants to see books, and a paper trail. Tim B has invited everyone and anyone to come to the next chapter meeting, look at the books, offer suggestions, and help where they can. Tim B states that actual debt is \$6100 but does not include upcoming bills due next month. Service positions and chapters need to encourage a donation to the struggling chapter. FORA asks what they can do to help. For a also encourages those available to go to pittsburg and help.

\$10,000.00 donation to chapter 12 w/ some clear accounting (motion rescinded)

Donate \$6,500 to chapter 12 MSP (alumni west, alumni east, 16 oppose)

Accept Old Business MSP

New Business

Alumni Christmas party State Association donate 2,000 dollars. MSP

Social media Motions on messenger Body language minutes not getting reported in secretary's report. Role call, emergency meeting record the vote.

OMAC february of 2022 no added fees planned at this time.

January Elections Via Zoom vital for new membership for state officers. Recruit people to be at meeting.

FORA officers training for chapter officers in february. Think about a date for training.

4TK Kids christmas chapter 16 fundraising struggles State Association donate 2,000 dollars to chapters 8,7,3,13,16. MSP

2,000 dollars between Somerset and Phoenix Revolving loan gave loans. Brad recorded it.

Covid 19 houses come under quarantine protocols positive case single room, no cooking, own bathroom, house membership quarantine, disinfect dailey, employers don't care,

KDHE has form Chuck has posted forms.

Next state association meeting January 19th 2021.

Reimbursements ITT 731.00 MSP

Accept New business MSP

Adjourn MSP

