

Kansas State Association Minutes
03/9/19

- Meeting opened @ 1:05pm
- Read Traditions and principles
- Roll Call: Chapter's 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,10,11,13,14,15 1 Alumni and 1 World Council were present. Chapter 9 was not present.
- Minutes approved as read **MSP**

Treasurer's Report

Starting balance: \$28,884.17

Income: \$9,843.00

Sub total: \$38,727.17

Expenses: \$15,240.93

Ending Balance: \$23,505.71(audited balance)

Savings \$11,860.23

- Received letter from the bank stating that our savings account is dormant. Need to transfer money to savings to get out of dormant status.
- Motion for a reoccurring bi monthly transfer of \$200.00 from checking to savings. **MSP**
- Motion to accept treasurer's report **MSP**

Budget and Finance

- Spent \$58,642.07 of the \$56,300.Budget
- Motion to table Budget and finance report **MSP**

IT

- Made a lot of progress.
- Updated lists from FORA and OHI.
- Updated forms are on the website.
- Will be focusing on making the website easier to navigate.
- Looking into linking Jackson's google drive with all houses forms to website.
- Will update emails for newly elected chapter and state chairs.
- Still hasn't received events for website. Asked that all events be sent to IT to put on page.
- Will be working on making a manual for next IT chair.
- Will add FORA link to website.
- Motion for IT monthly budget of \$200.00 to go to Kat Allee **MSP**
- Motion for \$880.40 reimbursement for Kat Allee **MSP**
- Motion to accept IT report **MSP**

Alumni East

- Motion to table Alumni East **MSP**

Alumni West

- Workshop went well with 30 in attendance. Expected more to attend.
- 2 houses opened in Hays.
- Discussed FORA not giving support for Hays area. Discussed the need for more staff at FORA for additional support in Kansas.
- Discussed more replication in chapter positions. Helping new officers with their positions.
- Discussed possibly making it mandatory for chapter officers to go to training.
- Motion to accept alumni west **MSP**

Re entry East

- 78 applications from November-February.
- Re-entry presentation at Topeka Correctional Facility on March 23,2019.
- Topeka building up re-entry fund.
- Houses are showing interest in becoming re-entry but aren't wanting to accept members off of just their application. They are wanting physical interviews.
- Created Re-entry chair position in chapter 14. Elected Tiffany Carlise.
- In the planning stages of some fundraising for re-entry in Topeka.
- No communication from Re-entry west chair. So been sending applications to Eddie and he has been a big help in getting them out to the houses. Also been reported that Mark has been rude to counselors.
- Did a presentation with FORA for the government planning committee at Valeo in Topeka. Went great, did a lot of networking and received some donations for Re-entry.
- All houses are doing great with communication.
- Big shout out to Warren house for rolling them in.
- Motion to accept Re entry east. **MSP**

Re entry west

- Communication not well at all.
- Mark has stepped down due to not having the time to allocate to this position of service.
- Discussed our standpoint on prisons sending us sex offender applications. We will still receive them as to not discriminate against any applicants.
- Everything is to "Loosie Goosie"
- Motion to accept Re-entry west **MSP**

World Council

- There will be a newsletter for everyone at the next state meeting explaining in more detail what we did at the summit and show everyone what kind of work we do as a council. Stay tuned for that!
- We did a lot of work the week we were at the summit and here are a few things I'd like for people to keep in mind, we as a council purely run off donations. We would greatly appreciate it if we could see some more donations to the world council. We are not funded by OHI or any other non-profit organization.

The main thing I wanted people to be aware of are the resolutions that are going to be presented at the 2019 World Convention.

- Be it resolved, In accordance with tradition 6. In order to deter and prevent theft, all Oxford House entities with bank accounts provide monthly audits to regular business meetings.
- Be it Resolved, it is encouraged to do trainings specifically for financial security and audits at least twice per year.
- Be it Resolved, in accordance with oxford house principles of democracy, that houses schedule business meetings to reasonably accommodate all members.
- Be it Resolved, any Oxford House in operation and in good standing for at least 3 years prior to the 2019 World Convention should be issued a permanent charter.

These other resolutions are not going to be presented at the convention but are important enough to be aware of.

- Be it Resolved, at least two properly completed audits should be attached to each house permanent charter application and chapter and association recognition form.
- Be it Resolved, that it is strongly discouraged to use electronic voting at all levels to ensure transparency and proper recording by the secretary.
- Be it Resolved, in accordance with our first tradition, no person should be denied an interview based on their participation in MAR/MAT program.
- Motion to accept world council. **MSP**

Fora Report

- Held Board meeting last week.
- Held a meeting in January to encourage more members to be added to the board.
- Plan on opening new office in Salina. Will be looking to hire someone from the Salina area to run the office.
- Motion to accept Fora Report **MSP**

Housing services East

- Been working on replication within the chapters.
- Progressive dinners have been a huge success.
- Aber Health is now going to be handling UA's that need to be tracked.
- Wyandotte probation called about houses not answering calls or returning messages.
- Darnell is doing great and reported that their last re-entry was made a full member.

- Motion to accept Housing services East **MSP**

Housing services west

- Communication has been great in the west.
- However communication in some houses has not been as good. Needed to address a few issues in houses.
- Discussed using proper channels when dealing with an issue.
- Discussed driver's licenses in oxford house. Suggested asking new members if their DL is valid during interview. As well as the status of tags, registration, and insurance.
- Enforce members abiding all laws and not driving without a valid DL.
- Discussed having burden of proof before action is taking for those not having a valid DL and still driving.
- Motion to accept Housing services west **MSP**

Revolving loan fund

- **Previous Total**-\$13,002.82
- **Donations**- \$2,150.00
- **Subtotal**- \$15,152.82
- **Loan Payments**- \$4,430.69
- **Loan Given Out**- -\$4,000.00
- **Total**- \$15,583.51

Loans Currently Out (After payments how much each house still owe to date)

- Infinity: \$366.54
- Alpha Kainos: \$1,079.95
- Metanoia: \$1,540.00
- College Grove: \$523.33
- Bella Vita: \$2,500.00
- Kratos: \$3,400.00
- Amaryliss West: \$3,800.00

Total Raised to Date- \$53,490.23

Total Donations to Date- \$25,170.00

Loan Payments to Date- \$28,320.23

- Motion to accept revolving loan report **MSP**

Chapter summary report

- **Chapter 1-**

Houses: 7 Beds: 124

Checking: \$4093.56

Savings: \$1845.00

Vacancies: 5

Relapses: 11

Dues Paid: Yes

Contribution to OHI: \$200.00

- Darnell is doing good, still participating in house meetings. Santa Fe taken off contract yet chapter is still present. 1 loan out to Darnell. Fund raising committee and new house committee. New officers and new officer training. Reiterated that house members should follow bylaws. Breaking law while at the house.

- **Chapter 2-**

Houses: 7 Beds: 62

Checking: \$6908.07

Savings: \$999.62

Vacancies: 8

Relapses: 5

Dues Paid: Yes

Contribution to OHI: \$100.00

- Held holiday dinner. Opened Oxford house Sky. Lighthouse is off contract. Sitting in on Willow Park house meetings and looking into financial issues. Held dance for fundraising and made roughly \$500.00 after expenses.

- **Chapter 3-**

Houses: 12 Beds: 104

Checking: \$5489.29

Savings: \$1705.44

Vacancies: 15

Relapses: 4

Dues Paid: Yes

Contribution to OHI: No

- Barnes not at chapter. Low attendance at oxford functions and fundraisers. Metanoia back on track. Alumni moved in for month and a half to replicate. Issues with Kinkaid house and landlord regarding repair payments.

- **Chapter 4-**

Houses: 7 Beds: 57

Checking: \$2293.07

Savings: \$2060.02

Vacancies: 8

Relapses: not reported

Dues Paid: Yes

Contribution to OHI: not reported

- Chapter split. We kept Blackfoot, Cooper, Gallery, Normandy, Peyton, Sunvale, and White. Treasurer made huge mistakes on savings account of approximately \$3000.00 so when the chapter split, Chapter 15 received over \$1500.00 too much. White house is on chapter house contract for not being democratic and not being self supporting.

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• **Chapter 6-**

Houses: 3 Beds: 24

Checking: \$1963.32

Savings: \$00.00

Vacancies: 1

Relapses: 10

Dues Paid: Yes

Contribution to OHI: not reported

- Its doing good., had some problems on figuring out the time limit on taking UA's. Need to get new officers trained Their has been discussion on finding a house for women and children. Need help with fundraiser ideas.

• **Chapter 7-**

Houses: 11 Beds: 94

Checking: \$5491.92

Savings: \$2593.87

Vacancies: 14

Relapses: 11

Dues Paid: Yes

Contribution to OHI: \$00.00

- Pawnee- One of the members found another member in their room on the floor, used the Narcan and performed CPR till EMT arrived- OVERDOSE!!!!!!!!!! (Grateful house had Narcan). Couch Rules....Re-entry Rules... House Rules...
- Our chapter is adjusting to the new housing services. I have had to keep reminding them to reach out to the new housing services reps. Beverly is remodeling and adding rooms. Had a bit of misunderstanding on the rooms being built in the garage. Entry door in room is now where no one can enter or go out off. Also asked for help from other houses die to being down to three members. They now have 6 members and doing better. Blue Sage house- Eddie and I went there due to a call stating a member was driving on a suspended license and that the president knew. Had a emergency meeting. We verified his license was suspended. Soon to be ex wife causing problems. Pawnee- Has started a scholarship in Nathan Wrens name. He passed away February 3rd. Nathan family members are also donating money to this. They had a fight night for the scholarship as well last Saturday, had a good turn out. Rita- Doing good but about to lose 2 seasoned members. So they have reached out for help. Also had a member that was suspicious about having a valid drivers license. Ami Yonts has a website to see if it was valid. It was not. She was evicted.

• **Chapter 8-**

Houses: 12 Beds: 110

Checking: \$1232.78

Savings: \$276.50

Vacancies: J- 16 F-16

Relapses: J-7 F-16

Dues Paid: Yes

Contribution to OHI: \$200.00

- Ash- re-entry program. Bekemeyer- had 3 relapses. Grace Haven- working in staying full. Kalo- Looking at a new house. Lakestone- finally full and going well. Leo- house is dealing with property manager. Orme- full and working with re-entry. Park Place- full and growing well. Richmond- one relapse with OVERDOSE!! He survived as CPR was given until ambulance arrived. Robin- full and everyone is fully involved. Tree dealing with property management and things could get difficult. Chapter 8 is doing well. Settling into new positions. May have some challenges ahead but we are ready to handle it together.

• **Chapter 9- NOT PRESENT**

Houses: Beds:

Checking:

Savings:

Vacancies:

Relapses:

Dues Paid:

Contribution to OHI:

• **Chapter 10-**

Houses: 11 Beds: 86

Checking: \$11,238.65

Savings: \$3270.23

Vacancies: 6

Relapses: 6

Dues Paid: Yes

Contribution to OHI: not reported

- Brightwater's is having issues with storage unit and getting rid of all the stuff in it. We donated \$1000.00 to Blackfoot in Chapter 4. The village house having issue with girls bringing drugs on property. Amends were made. Moat of our chapter issues with village house and girls using. Village house called the police and refused chapter into their house.
- Had an officer training workshop that no one showed up to. We elected new officials for chapter who have all resigned already except Jeff(housing services) and Crystal(secretary).Donated \$2000.00 to Kassie Winkler's family after the fire. Winkler family is oxford alumni and involved in recovery. Donated \$1000.00 to catholic charities and \$1000.00 to church of the resurrection due to loss of funding. Razo talked about chapters donating \$100.00 a month to start a fund through FOR A for people in oxford. Each house has 2 members going to detox each month to spread the word.

Talked about opening a ne women and children's house. If that happens then might discuss splitting.

- **Chapter 11-**

Houses: 8 Beds: 60

Checking: \$8959.83

Savings: \$1034.00

Vacancies: 4

Relapses: 4

Dues Paid: Yes

Contribution to OHI: \$960.00

- Halina house had issues with a member failing 18 panel for an ingredient in Botu Air Duster and members medication however further investigating determined relapse member was evicted that nigh. Housing services and Chapter Chair met with house. Consistant issues weith Shaker and Jayhawk. Shaker coming to resolve. Chapter will be paying Jayhawk visit tomorrow night. Fundraising finally in effect. Lots of new members.

- **Chapter 13-**

Houses: 15 Beds: 116

Checking: \$5113.25

Savings: \$00.00

Vacancies: 22

Relapses: 18

Dues Paid: Yes

Contribution to OHI: \$500.00

- Accepted a new house into our chapter. Fort Hays oxford house (11 man) in Hays KS. It opened on March 1st. This gives us 15 in the chapter and we have motioned to split the chapter May 1st. Chapter 13 has motioned to split the chapter May 1st. Chapter 13 will have 9 houses in Hutch and Chapter 15 will have 6 houses (3 in Hays and 3 in Great Bend). We have three houses not paying dues at this time. Had a spaghetti feed fundraiser in Great Bend on the 2nd which made a lil over \$2800.00. Chapter 1 has an alumni association prom event on March 23rd. Amaryliss West opened on January 15th in Hays KS.

- **Chapter 14-**

Houses: 7 Beds: 53

Checking: \$5401.80

Savings: \$2000.00

Vacancies: 4

Relapses: 8

Dues Paid: Yes

Contribution to OHI: \$00.00

- New chapter since split from Chapter 2. Held elections and added loan officer and re-

entry chairs to chapter positions. Had Sadie Hawkins dance and made \$859 profit which we split with Chapter 2. Planning Bingo fundraiser in April. Donated \$150.00 to re-entry fund. Went and served the homeless at the Topeka Rescue Mission to help give back to our community. Raised our bed dues to \$15.00 to help build our bank account up after chapter split. Looking for a new womens house. Have willingness to help open house and the need is there. (ahead on dues \$368.00)

- **Chapter 15-**

Houses: 7 Beds: 54

Checking: \$9110.00

Savings: \$00.00

Vacancies: 7

Relapses: 2

Dues Paid: Yes

Contribution to OHI: \$00.00

- Chapter is doing pretty good for the most part. Have one house on financial contract for bouncing checks to chapter and Walmart. They did not take their deposit to the bank for an entire month. Chapter is newly formed. Really happy with everyone's participation so far.

Old Business

- Rod Phillips- Nothing we can do as state to hold him accountable.
- Motioned to accept old business **MSP**

New Business

- Houses refusing chapter officers in houses. Be careful of advise that you give. Discussed chapter 10 issue with this. Stick to our model and principles.
- When approaching houses to help we should go in with the mindset of being helpful not punishing. Follow our course of diplomacy. Watch how we communicate with houses we are trying to help.
- Present manual when going in houses to show how its our responsibility to help our houses grow. And stress that's the reason chapter or state is there.
- Gender identification and house to deal with this in houses. Each house is autonomous if your house is comfortable with someone who identifies as the same sex of your house and wants to interview you are well within the model to do so and accept. Be considerate of everyone's rights.
- Olivia shared power point presentation for State Convention being held in Topeka.
- Motion to have 2019 state convention in Topeka on July 12th- July 14th. **MSP**
- A lot of landlords in Wichita have been reaching out interested in renting to Oxford. Good for Chapter's 8 and 3.

- Motion to donate \$100.00 to First Southern Baptist Church for hosting state meeting **MSP**
- Motion for \$500.00 for travel and expenses for Stephanie Curry to attend Louisiana State Convection **MSP**
- Motion to donate \$500.00 to world council **MSP**
- Motion to eliminate re-entry co-chair positions **MSP**
- Motion for \$4000.00 from state revolving loan fund for Oxford House Fort Hays **MSP**
- Motion for \$7591.00 left over from world convention to be transferred for this years state convention **MSP**
- Chapter 10 did not do an audit. Motion to fine Chapter 10 \$25.00 **MSP**
- Motion to fine Chapter 9 \$50.00 for no audits/dues and not being present for State Meeting **MSP**
- Motion for \$1500.00 to WCC for golf tournament **MSP**
- Motion to take Brent Penman off state associations bank account **MSP**
- Motion to put Olivia Penman as check signer on state association bank account **MSP**
- Motion to put Stephanie Curry as check signer on state association bank account **MSP**

Motion for Reimbursements

Kat Alee	\$880.40
Ashley Young	\$20.00
Chapter 13(food)	\$200.00
Hope Central	\$18.95
Jeff G	\$17.00

Colton L	\$20.00
Kyle S	\$15.00
Linda R	\$19.08
Quentin G	\$30.00
Cory C	\$17.35
Stephanie Curry	\$59.10

- Motion for reimbursements **MSP**

Elections

- **Chair-** Seth D. Nominated **MSP**
 - **Co-Chair-** Olivia P. Nominated **MSP**
 - **Secretary-** Nathan T. Nominated **MSP**
 - **Treasurer-** Quentin G. and Tim B. Nominated. Quentin G. **MSP**
 - **Budget and Finance-** Tim B. Nominated **MSP**
 - **IT-** Kat A. Nominated **MSP**
 - **Re-Entry East-** Corey C. **MSP**
 - **Re-Entry West-**Eddie H. and Tony S. Declined Nomination. Joseph E. **MSP**
 - **Housing Services East-** Ashley H. Nominated **MSP**
 - **Housing Services East Co-Chair-** Linda R. and Kyle S. Nominated Kyle S. **MSP**
 - **Housing Services West-** Roberta A. declined nomination. John D and Tony S. Nominated Tony S. **MSP**
 - **Housing Services West Co-Chair-** John D. Nominated **MSP**
 - **Revolving Loan Fund-** Brad C. Nominated **MSP**
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- Motion for next state meeting on May 9th, 2019 in Kansas City **MSP**
 - Motion to accept new business **MSP**
 - Motion to adjourn at 6:22pm **MSP**