

Kansas Oxford House State Association Meeting Minutes 9-12-20

Call to order at 1:04 pm

Readings: Principles read by Paul

Traditions read by Doug

Roll Call : All chapter present except Chapter 15

2 Alumni West

1 Alumni East

2 World Council

Secretaries Report

Accepted 07/11/20 minutes as written MSP

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance : 38,663.56

Income : 8,320.00

SubTotal : 46,983.56

Expenses : 8,649.92

Ending Balance : 38,333.64

Savings Balance : 12,266.64

Total Monies available : 51,599.90

All chapter dues, audits, statements, have been received by treasurer except for chapter 15

Accept Treasurer's Report MSP

Budget And Finance Report

We have spent 23,360.57 so far this year. We are only at 49.81% of budget for the year. We have gone over budget on chapter donations by \$1,000.

Please see attachment for Budget and finance spreadsheet.

Accept Budget and Finance Report MSP

IT Report

A request to update house forms has been received and will be completed by next state meeting. Please send links to your chapter facebook pages to the IT Officer.

Purchase Yearly subscription of WordPress for \$300.00 MSP

\$431.98 to Kathleen Allee for 2 months of IT services and 2 months of website hosting fee MSP

Accept IT Report MSP

Alumni East Report

There is not much going on with the alumni. We have 7 active alumni helping with the area chapters. We have decided to cancel the Annual Golf Tournament and hopefully reschedule it for the spring of 2021. The alumni have coffee cups for sale \$10.00, We also have limited size shirts for sale \$10.00 each. The alumni would like to keep the donation from the state association for the Golf Tournament. We will use it towards the Golf Tournament hopefully in the spring.

Allow Alumni East to keep the \$1,000 donation for the Golf Tournament MSP

Accept Alumni East Report MSP

Alumni West Report

Alumni west, too, has not had much going on. We met last Saturday on Zoom. We have made 2 donations of \$2,000 to the new member fund for those needing help getting into houses. A \$250.00 donation was also made. At the next meeting we will talk about making more donations. We normally have 10 active members.

Accept Alumni West Report MSP

Re-Entry Report

We received 40 apps. 9 have been accepted. 2 were not accepted.

This is a rise from last month. A small one but still moving up.

At our last reentry meeting, chapters 2,3,10,14,15, and 17 did not attend.

Also in our last Re-entry meeting we decided democratically to meet in person on the same day as the State meeting. We also discussed the system of operations for re-entry. And replicated to the new members holding reentry chair positions within their chapter.

I believe with this new re-entry meeting that we are having bi-monthly we are going to grow extremely strong in this area here in Kansas.

Chapters 2, 10, 14, and 17 all did not have chairs in place to attend the meeting and now understand that it is the chapter officers duty to make sure that they have someone standing in place. Going forward they will be held accountable.

Motion to fine chapters 3 and 15 \$25.00 for not attending Re-entry meeting MSP

Discussion to have the Re-entry committee to fine those chapters not present and will report to state those fined.

Accept Re-entry report MSP

World Council Report

World Council has been meeting every other month to do a check in. The summit has been cancelled this year due to the pandemic All world council terms have been extended another year because the convention has been cancelled. We will have a booth and a break out

session at OHMAC. The board of directors have been working on contracts with new states and extending contracts with other states. As of last meeting, there is a low number of COVID-19 cases in the state and the World Council is impressed with the way Kansas has handled universal precautions within houses. The November meeting will include new resolution submissions. If your chapter, houses, or you have any ideas on resolutions please reach out to Seth or Stephanie. The Alumni Committee, part of the World Council, will be working with new alumni associations in Kansas. Recruitment and wants to be apart of an association should reach out to Seth. Interest in being a part of any committee should also reach out.

Accept World Council Report MSP

F.O.R.A Report

Thank you everyone for doing so much better on updating vacancies. Kansas has 140 houses, 1182 beds and currently has 189 vacancies. 16% beds vacant around the state. Smaller areas are having a tough time filling beds. Lincoln and Gratitude Manor have not updated since 2019. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE UPDATE, UPDATE, UPDATE !!!!! 2020 census ends 10-31-20, please get everyone in your house counted. FORA has hosted 2 narcan training via zoom and only 24 houses attended combined. Possibly another training will be scheduled, hopefully it will be a Saturday. Giving Tuesday is coming up. Consider making a donation to FORA. Help FORA, Help you.

Accept FORA Report MSP

Housing Services East

Few chapters on this side of the state are working with some houses on restructuring. Lawrence is in need a severe officer/house training. We need to continue to show them love to bring them to back to the state association. Chapter 2 is killing it on opening houses.

Accept Housing Services East MSP

Housing Services West

Winfield is still struggling, the chapter will introduce re-entry to try and fill the house. We have a plan with chapter 7, on restructuring Lewis house. The house had a guy use fake pee and allowed him to stay. He was UA'd again and failed. Grace Haven is doing alot better. The 16 y/o child brought her significant other to the house to stay the night, house meeting was stopped and addressed. House gave the member a time frame to make her transition out. More disruption involving the child and the house evicted the member. It is paramount to stick to the model. Veering off that opens the opportunity to disastrous situations. Since then, the house has come together and is doing better. Kinnaid house was UA'd. The chapter housing services chair has been covering for other members. One member had joked about failing a UA, that joke got out to other houses in the area. GOSSIP spread at which time the chapter came in and UA'd the house again.

Accept Housing Services East MSP

Revolving Loan Fund Report

We have a current balance of \$31,668.48. Deposits of 5246.62 which is a corrected amount with the bank and 6,033.33 from the last meeting. All houses are current on loan payments with Kratos and Amaryllis paying their loan back. Hensonback paid \$2,000 on their loan leaving them with \$500 balance and should be commended. We currently have 7 loans out at this time. All houses from 13 and 16 have made donations to the revolving loan fund and chapter 6 continues to donate as well. When next meeting rolls around we will have handled over \$100,000 in donations and paybacks. Things are going well on the revolving loan side of things.

See attachment for spreadsheet

Accept Revolving Loan Fund Report MSP

Motion to break MSP

Recalled to order at 3:24 pm

Chapter Summary Reports

Chapter 1

Number of Houses: 9

Number of Beds: 80

Checking Account Balance: 7386.12

Savings Account Balance: 4467.00

Number of Vacancies: 10

Number of Relapses: 9

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 200.00

Overall we are doing well. We as a chapter are working with Bryant Oxford house due to all season members moving out. Due to COVID-19 we have not been able to do presentations. We were however able to do a progressive dinner for clients at the local treatment center.

Chapter 2

Number of Houses: 9

Number of Beds: 79

Checking Account Balance: 10,649.95

Savings Account Balance: 2594.23

Number of Vacancies: 7

Number of Relapses: 8

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 50.00 per month

Forte Perfectus was opened as a woman's and childrens house. Ordered new shorts for fundraising. Went to worlds of fun as a group. 97 people attended from both chapters here in topeka. Libertas was quarantined. Everyone is ok. Meetings have been opened, closed, and have now been re-opened.

Chapter 3

Number of Houses: 12

Number of Beds: 105

Checking Account Balance: 7573.38

Savings Account Balance: 1696.48

Number of Vacancies:9

Number of Relapses: 1

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 0

Had an issue at Kincaid where 2 women tested positive for Kratom. HS called an emergency meeting along with chapter co-chair and tested all members which all were negative, Chapter believes it was false positive tests. All other houses are doing well. Meeting attendance is good, still no presentations are able to be done.

Chapter 4

Number of Houses: 8

Number of Beds: 65

Checking Account Balance: 8178.44

Savings Account Balance: 4162.34

Number of Vacancies:16

Number of Relapses: 7

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 0

We are doing good. Gallery Oxford house was getting really low in numbers for a few months. A couple seasoned members moved in from other houses to help get them back on track. A few other houses are going to lose seasoned members, so other chapter houses are sitting in on those houses that need guidance and replication

Chapter 6

Number of Houses: 5

Number of Beds: 38

Checking Account Balance: 3919.87

Savings Account Balance: 2474.97

Number of Vacancies: 18

Number of Relapses: 5

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 160.00

Chapter is struggling due to pandemic and lack of applications. One house has 1 member and 1 house that has 3 members. Meeting attendance is fair considering.

Chapter 7

Number of Houses: 11

Number of Beds: 96

Checking Account Balance: 6644.58

Savings Account Balance: 10688.16

Number of Vacancies: 14

Number of Relapses: 13

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 0

Replication at Beverly has finished after restructuring in May. The Man Ban has finished as of the 1st week in August. Rita will start paying back loan in October. Chapter has been replicating for about 60 days. House is almost full and bank account is on the rise. Dunsworth had a fun filled fellowship BBQ and was a great turnout. Beverly will have a chili cook out in November.

Chapter 8

Number of Houses: 13

Number of Beds: 121

Checking Account Balance: 10352.97

Savings Account Balance: 2179.44

Number of Vacancies: 30

Number of Relapses: 7

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 0

Robin is starting a re-entry Loan program. Grace Haven is working on getting permanent charter. TimberCreek is struggling financially due to vacancies. They are receiving donations and working hard to fill vacancies

Chapter 9

Number of Houses: 8

Number of Beds: 74

Checking Account Balance: 4209.94

Savings Account Balance: 0

Number of Vacancies: 10

Number of Relapses: 4

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 0

New members that have taken chapter positions are settling in for the past 2 months. A house has changed locations successfully. We are moving forward with opening a new house soon, besides that, all houses seem to be stable and upholding tradition

Chapter 10

Number of Houses: 6

Number of Beds: 47

Checking Account Balance: 4364.31

Savings Account Balance: 3270.71

Number of Vacancies: 7

Number of Relapses: 2

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: individual house donations

Chapter has worked with slater house to reestablish oxford principles and replication as well as recovery. Re-discussed that kratom and K2 are not allowed in any oxford house. Discussed different outreach for mental health. Discussed the importance of service work and participating. Gillette house is definitely coming together , all newer members but showing willingness.

Chapter 11

Number of Houses: 9

Number of Beds: 70

Checking Account Balance: 4526.28

Savings Account Balance: 1000.34

Number of Vacancies: 22

Number of Relapses: 10

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 50.00

Some struggles. Restructuring of 1 house (Halina). All new members in that house but we are getting them on track. Couple of houses needed help with the treasurers books. 1 mens house needed help with "Alpha" male issues. Talked about vacancy issues and everyone is trying to do their part in getting houses filled. Chapter chair relapsed, and chapter co chair stepped up and took the position. Progress not perfection !

Chapter 12

Number of Houses: 3

Number of Beds: 20

Checking Account Balance: 229.02

Savings Account Balance: 0

Number of Vacancies: 5

Number of Relapses: 2

Chapter Dues to State: n/a

Contributions to OHI: 0

We will host a fish fry in october. All are welcome. Bring family. We will have fun and games and whatever else we can attend to. Our number one concern is still finances, we hope to have this reconciled soon as we are getting more interviews, the size of the house's don't help either since losing one person can have an impact on the economy of the house. The idea of a lateral move for the 2 men's houses have been tossed around as a possible solution. Both houses are on the opposite side of town where meetings, outpatient, as well as everything else. Getting larger houses mean more people. I hope to get with landlords to begin putting this in discussion.

Chapter 13

Number of Houses: 10

Number of Beds: 101

Checking Account Balance: 4699.20

Savings Account Balance: 2700.00

Number of Vacancies: 3
Number of Relapses: 28
Chapter Dues to State: yes
Contributions to OHI: 0

We have seen active participation in our recovery communities. We restructured College Grove due to a broken democratic process, not following the model and a lot of disruptive behavior. All those evicted found other houses to move into and the house is doing a lot better. We also had to restructure Webster house due to allowing a member that had relapsed to stay. HSC will be over there for the next 6 weeks as we found virtually no Oxford house replication had been given since the restructuring of the house. We have had an influx of new leadership and is a breath of fresh air to see so many with fire for Oxford house.

Chapter 14

Number of Houses: 8
Number of Beds: 60
Checking Account Balance: 7286.46
Savings Account Balance: 2001.40
Number of Vacancies: 3
Number of Relapses: 0
Chapter Dues to State: yes
Contributions to OHI: 0

We are happy to announce a new mens house (Providence Manor) in our chapter. They have been open for 2 months. So we will not be paying bed dues for them yet. We have new officers in position. Social events are slim due to COVID-19 restrictions. No conflicts among the chapter and meeting attendance is fair.

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:
Not Submitted

Chapter 16

Number of Houses: 8
Number of Beds: 76
Checking Account Balance: 9141.92
Savings Account Balance: 0
Number of Vacancies: 21

Number of Relapses: 15

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: 1000.000

Over the last two months our chapter has done really well at making sure our houses stand on principles and when there is an issue our core members are quick to help find solutions. We decided that at this coming up chapter meeting we are going to discuss starting back up our 4TK committee and putting together an Awards BBQ. Our Chapter 16 fundraiser committee has already started throwing together events. Their first one was this last weekend (Cornhole tournament) and I'm glad to report that it was a success! One of our mens houses were down for 2 weeks due to one of their members testing positive for Covid-19. Luckily no one else in the house was affected by this, and Polaris took all the appropriate precautions to keep the rest of their members and everyone else outside the home safe. The chapter committee decided to write a check for the damages Serenity Way's trampoline caused to their neighbors car's during the last big storm, as we want to keep our integrity intact and stay in good standing with our neighborhoods. Chapter 16 is holding strong and doing well at this time!

Chapter 17

Number of Houses: 7

Number of Beds: 48

Checking Account Balance: 12711.70

Savings Account Balance: 0

Number of Vacancies: 7

Number of Relapses: 2

Chapter Dues to State: yes

Contributions to OHI: done by individual houses

Doing Well ! We have made a donation to the victims of Laura of \$2,000. We have talked about being outreach dependent. All is well

Accept Chapter Summary Reports MSP

Old Business

Once presentations are opened up we might want to think about having Oxford House "Business Cards" available to leave behind. One side should have vacancies web address, FORA web address and state association web address. On the other side it should have a place for the house name, number and contact name. Each chapter will be provided these cards by the state association. Chuck to bring pricing and samples to the next state meeting, and a decision can be made at that time.

Dan Hahn has stated that we only have Oxford Houses and not re-entry houses. We should make sure to call these houses offender friendly houses. Brought up in the reentry chat, a woman with children's house motioned to be a re-entry house in Great Bend. It can be a legal nightmare if the house continues to be as such. Every house has the autonomy to do what it wants to do BUT it is suggested to a face to face interview when it comes to women/men's with

children and accepting as a “member”. The chapter accepted the house as an “offender friendly house” (serenity way) and was done democratically. There is no difference in interview styles when it comes to women with children and any other type of house. The chapter will continue to check in with the house to make sure the safety of the house and children remain in lue of the change.

Woman’s/Men’s with children houses DO NOT have overnight guests of the opposite sex and must follow those guidelines for the protection of the children that live there. This includes showering together, having sex, etc. Please remember that the protection of the children is paramount.

Update on Chapter 12 (Pittsburg) : we are doing interviews and have accepted 5 total. We are doing phone interviews as well. In desperate need of refrigerators. Together we are making a turn around.

Elections:

Housing services east.

Amanda L (chapter 4) nominated and accepted the nomination. Amanda is the current chapter chair, has lived in a house for a year and a half. Knows the manual and is willing to be available. Motion to accept Amanda L as Housing services east chair MSP

Re-entry Co Chair

Stacy M nominated and accepted the nomination. Stacy was accepted into a house out of prison and shares passion for the re-entry program. He is willing to work with the current chair to help get people placed
Motion to accept Stacy M as the Re-entry co-chair MSP

Reimbursements : approve reimbursements MSP

Tom Wanko	\$13.18 FUEL
Kat Allee	\$415.98 WEBSITE
Stacy Minor	\$30.00 FUEL
KOH Savings	\$200.00
Chapter 11	\$300.00 Food reimbursements
Chapter 11	\$91.38 Food reimbursements
First Southern Baptist	\$100.00 donation
Kansas City to host next state meeting	MSP
Next state meeting September 12th @ 1pm	

Golf Tournament August 15th 7am at hidden lakes golf course. \$280.00 per team.

Fine Chapter 10 \$50.00 not present for state meeting. MSP

\$25.00 fine for any late dues/audits/loan payments received MSP

Dues/audits/loan payments need to be turned in day of or mailed in prior to next state meeting or \$25 fine imposed MSP

New Business

Many Louisiana 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 apart 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

Reimbursements/Bills ETC

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 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)*

*Next State meeting to be hosted in Hutchison MSP
Accept New business MSP*

Adjourned @513 pm MSP

Signed : Christopher Razo - kansas oxford house state association Secretary 9/12/2020