

Kansas Oxford House State Association Meeting Minutes 9-11-2021

Called to order at 1:00 pm

Gary read the traditions

Chris read the principles

Roll Call: All Chapters present

2 World Council

1 Alumni West

2 Alumni East

Secretarys Report

Motion to accept minutes as sent out 2nd **MSP**

Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance: \$34,931.71

Income: \$13,295.00

Subtotal: \$48,226.71

Total Expenses: \$1,600.00

Ending Balance: \$46,626.71

Savings: \$14,266.26

Total Available Moneys: \$60,892.97

Motion to fine \$25 for late summary Chapters 5&15. 2nd **MSP**

Motion to fine \$25 no audit Chapters 3,5,15&17. 2nd **MSP**

Motion to fine \$25 for no dues check Chapters 3,5,15&17. 2nd. **MSP**

Motion to accept treasurer's report. 2nd **MSP**

Budget and Finance

(see attachment for final budget and finance report)

Motion to accept Budget and Finance. 2nd **MSP**

IT Report

Working on keeping content and design updates

We can associate emails with oxford house updates

Next meeting \$100 additional fee for Word Press

Motion to reimburse Kathleen Allee \$400. 2nd. **MSP**

Motion to accept IT Report. 2nd **MSP**

Alumni East Report

Alumni Retreat Oct. 22-24 in Council Grove 32 spots available, free food and alumni info.

Topeka starting to work on christmas stuff.

Motion to accept Alumni East. 2nd **MSP**

Alumni West Report

Chapter 16 September 25th Alumni appreciation event flyers to be posted.

Officer training Oct 16th 11-2

Motion to accept Alumni West. 2nd **MSP**

Re-entry Report

Try to get more houses to do re-entry, try reaching out to chapters

New set of re-entry guidelines

Ashley suggests a re-entry fund raiser

Motion to accept re-entry. 2nd **MSP**

World Council Report

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This will be my last World Council report, I am now parliamentarian for World Council and will be passing the torch to Seth moving forward! I will still be around so don't worry I'm not going anywhere!

I could talk about World Council for days with everything we did. We were FINALLY able to get together and have a mini summit before the Convention and it was amazing! With all the work we did to prepare for the Convention we were also able to get a deep dive into each committee and get some solid goals set until our next summit which is usually in the spring. We also passed the following resolution at the Oxford House World Convention – “BE IT RESOLVED: That the World Council shall study and report to the full membership at the next convention which, if any, of the existing 67 resolutions are obsolete, redundant, or not necessary.”

The Council is almost full again after the convention which is refreshing! I really think this is going to be a good year for us.

Seth is still Alumni Committee Chair along with Vice-Chair of World Council, and Marcus has taken over the Convention Committee Chair and will do amazing work with that. The BIGGEST thing we did at the summit was open our regular business meetings to all of you. If you are interested in being a part of a committee, please reach out to Seth, Marcus, or myself and we can get you in contact with the Chair of that committee. If you join their committee and are actively working in that committee, when we have our meeting, you will be able to join our Oxford House World Council business meetings during committee reports. If you are interested, I encourage you to read each committee in the World Council Manual that you got at the convention or it's on the Oxford House Kansas website and reach out to let us know who we can get you in contact with.

Don't forget World Council is YOUR voice so please always reach out to us if your house, chapter, or state can't help.

With love and service,

Stephanie Curry

Motion to accept World Council Report. 2nd. **MSP**

Housing Services East Report

Sat in on Chapter 17 chapter meeting last month new chapter chair elected and is really coming together.

Motion to accept Housing Services East. 2nd **MSP**

Housing Services West Report

State sat in on Chapter 8 meeting helping with replication new chapter chair doing great.

Motion to accept Housing Services West Report. 2nd. **MSP**

FORA Report

As a state:

143 houses 1207 beds 164 beds 13% vacancies

12 houses have not updated in a month

Ashley is our new FORA outreach worker

Online forms need filled out by 15th of the month

Motion to accept FORA. 2nd.**MSP**

Revolving Loan Report

Nothing was done since January with revolving loan

Has a bunch of voided checks that can be sent back

Motion to accept revolving loan report. 2nd. **MSP**

Chapter Summary Reports

Chapter 1

Number of houses: 9

Number of beds: 81

Checking Account Balance: \$2947.21

Savings Account Balance: \$6422.70

Number of Vacancies: 7

Number of Relapses: 4

Dues paid: yes

Contributions to OHI: \$0

Chapter 1 is doing well. We are still working on relocating one of our women's houses. Found the women's house.

Chapter 2

Number of houses: 12

Number of beds: 102

Checking Account balance: \$3145.87

Savings Account balance: \$3995.82

Number of vacancies: 12

Number of relapses: 5

Dues paid: yes

Contributions to OHI: \$870.00

Chapter 2 is doing great. Taking presentations into both treatment facilities in Topeka with Oxford presentations. We are having a little struggle with covid but are helping each other out as much as possible.

Chapter 3

Number of houses: 12

Number of beds: 105

Checking Account balance: \$ 9682.83

Savings Account balance: \$ 3563.88

Number of vacancies: 17

Number of relapses: 9

Dues paid: yes

Contribution to OHI: \$ 0

All the houses doing good. Duncan house is on track as well as Lincoln house. Preparing for the move to Lincoln's new house. We had to go to Gratitude Manor due to a lack of replication. They seem very receptive and we will continue to steer them on the right direction. Everyone seems to be still hitting their AA/NA meetings.

Chapter 4

Number of houses: 9

Number of beds: 72

Checking Account balance: \$ 11433.23

Savings Account balance: \$ 5350.48

Number of vacancies: 5

Number of relapses: 6

Dues paid: yes

Contributions to OHI: \$ 0

- Comments: \$300 to FORA

Audits and books accurate. Sponsored 5 members to world convention. Caught up state debts/fines. Normandy restructure. Kennedy back on track. Opening 2 houses 1. Women and children in October (signing lease) 2. Women's + Reentry -> Seeking furnishings. Working and Unity. Won 2nd Place at paintball tournament! Beginning discussion for by-law committee. Need guidance -> Tradition 5 & 8 propagation vs. education

Chapter 5

Number of houses: 6

Number of beds: 45

Checking Account balance: \$5111.27

Savings Account balance: \$0

Number of vacancies: 9

Number of relapses: 1

Dues paid: unknown

Contributions to OHI: \$ 0

Chapter is doing well. Increased involvement in HSC and Chapter. Chapter unity events are being planned for the next month - Campout/Skating

Chapter 6

Number of houses: 5

Number of beds: 37

Checking Account balance: \$ 6156.93

Savings Account balance: \$ 336.02

Number of vacancies: 6

Number of relapses: 2

Dues paid: yes

Contributions to OHI: \$ 370

Holiday house had to have a restructure for violating one of the 3 charter laws. Then Holiday house had a member threatening another house, so we had our HSC committee come and handle the situation. All the other houses are doing well, everyone's hitting their meetings that they are required to hit. Everyone's putting inservice work and going to our social events and being productive members of society! The restructure is now going well with 3 of our senior members in their replicating and keeping a full house! Chapter 6 strong!!!

Chapter 7

Number of houses: 11
Number of beds: 96
Checking Account balance: \$ 4468.82
Savings Account balance: \$ 13692.31
Number of vacancies: 11
Number of relapses: 6
Dues paid: yes
Contribution to OHI: \$ 0

Doing well, having issues with Beverly but getting better. Lost a member to overdose after he left Bass house.

Chapter 8

Number of houses: 15
Number of beds: 136
Checking Account balance: \$ 12,790.61
Savings Account balance: \$ 5430.55
Number of vacancies: 31
Number of relapses: 6
Dues paid: yes
Contribution to OHI: \$ 0

Lots has happened since the last state meeting. Chapter 8 underwent new leadership. Craig was motioned and voted out at our July meeting with State Reps present. Ty DeBarea was voted in as new Chapter Chair with other new Chapter leaders as well. Our Chapter voted in an Integrity Clause for our Chapter officers. Leo house was struggling, had a member OD and pass away in the house. House was struggling called an EM, evicted two guys with 24 hours to relocate, one remained in Oxford, one didn't. One also moved out without interviewing, which was their president. The EM resulted in a restructuring. A seasoned member from another house was relocated to help the 3 remaining members build back this struggling huse. This member committed to 12 weeks to this house, then will go back to his previous house. Grace Haven has been struggling constantly, lack of seasoned/core members to replicate to these women, struggling to get members to stay. We've gotten some Alumni from other houses to come forward. Plus our men are helping with the positions. We had a guy using at Lakestone,. Called the police due to his paranoia and using. He had a machete in his hand & a hammer in the other and was not being compliant. The remaining members were pulled from the house and handcuffed until the house could be searched. Nobody was found to be in the home. Member was found to have multiple drugs under mastress in room. Member was evicted. Willow Creek had dropped down to 2 members, the new president became overwhelmed and relapsed in the house. 17 bottles were found in her closet. Member was evicted. Alumni and FORA have been back in the house and membership is solid, they did a workshop to train all the girls on all

the positions. Friedberg went to zero members, Chapter voted to bring in up to 4 seasoned members to help replicate and build house back up. House is doing much better and they are learning through experiences. Still working with a landlord to potentially relocate Ash house, since the shooting. Landlord proposed potential of building us a house to accommodate large size, starting to look at vacant lots in town. Its an option at this point. Chapter 8 is trying to build back up, we are pulling together and learning together and asking for help and guidance as needed. Need to start working on permanent charters for Friedberg, Willow Creek soon and need to double check if Timber Creeks permanent charter has been done yet too. Chapter 8 is open to suggestions and feedback, we are all very new in our roles but are willing to do what's needed to build 8 the great back up again. Our women and children houses have been struggling to stay full and keep members. 4 of our 5 women's houses are women and children's houses and not a lot of clean time.

Chapter 9

Number of houses: 8

Number of beds: 74

Checking Account balance: \$ 89.69

Savings Account balance: \$ 5,001.01

Number of vacancies: 7

Number of relapses: 3

Dues paid: yes

Contributions to OHI: \$ 0

Chapter is good overall. Situation at the Alicia Sanson house is very good after Chapter/HSC involvement. Goals: improved unity through social events, which will hopefully increase involvement and interest in chapter positions.

Chapter 10

Number of houses: 6

Number of beds: 48

Checking Account balance: \$ 6,693.57

Savings Account balance: \$ 3,270.98

Number of vacancies: 0

Number of relapses: 3

Dues paid: yes

Contributions to OHI: \$0

We are pleased to report all houses are completely full at this time. We only have had 3 relapses since the last state meeting. No issues were reported by any of the houses. We have two houses that have had a member test positive for covid-19. The houses are following guidelines to prevent spread within these respective houses.

Chapter 11

Number of houses: 7

Number of beds: 63

Checking Account balance: \$ 6494.61

Savings Account balance: \$ 1,002.35

Number of vacancies: 11

Number of relapses: 6

Dues paid: yes

Contributions to OHI: \$ 100.00

Had to restructure the women and children's house. Two did not get accepted back. The most senior members of the house were not replicating to the new members and were not allowing them to hold them accountable w/o intimidation. Put two other seasoned members in there for a month to help out. We had two teams in the state paintball tournament. They had great time! Our chapter has been talking about opening another men's house in Salina as well as Manhattan. Jayhawk house had a member arrested off premises for 1st degree murder. He had signed out for the night.

Chapter 12

Number of houses: 3

Number of beds: 19

Checking Account balance: \$ 891.05 post audit

Savings Account balance: no savings account

Number of vacancies: 2

Number of relapses: 0

Dues paid: yes

Contributions to OHI: \$ 0

Chapter 12 is having a fundraiser on 9-4. Meeting attendance is average. Could get more involvement. We have a couple senior members moving out of one house soon. Normal ebb and flow.

Chapter 13

Number of houses: 10

Number of beds: 101

Checking Account balance: \$ 6328.30

Savings Account balance: \$ 400

Number of vacancies: 11

Number of relapses: 13

Dues paid: yes

Contributions to OHI: \$ 0

Chapter 13 has been okay since last state meeting. We restructured one of our womens houses due to the breaking of democratic process. Since then, they are doing much better. We had housing services after world and shared what we learned. Our chapter has had help from officials and alumni as we had a higher turn out. All houses have taken suggestions. Right now Bret Van Der Wege is acting chapter chair. We will elect an official one at the next Chapter meeting.

Chapter 14

Number of houses: 8

Number of beds: 61

Checking Account balance: \$ 5192.10

Savings Account balance: \$ 2,002.65

Number of vacancies: 5

Number of relapses: 1

Dues paid: yes

Contributions to OHI: \$ 0

People are doing well. We are stressing CDC guidelines due to 2 houses having positive cases of covid and our neighboring chapter having 3 houses with positive cases. Attending zoom meetings has been encouraged and limiting visits to other houses. Chapter 14 is sending 4 people and 1 alumni to the Oxford World Convention in DC. We are also holding a t-shirt contest and planning a bingo tournament.

Chapter 15

Number of houses: 6

Number of beds: 47

Checking Account balance: \$ 0

Savings Account balance: \$ 0

Number of vacancies: 0

Number of relapses: 0

Dues paid: unknown

Contributions to OHI: \$ 0

No summary sent.

Chapter 16

Number of houses: 8

Number of beds: 76

Checking Account balance: \$ 9151.77

Savings Account balance: \$ 0

Number of vacancies: 9

Number of relapses: 8

Dues paid: yes

Contributions to OHI: \$1,000.00

On July 2nd, Chapter 16 placed A. West on a house contract for failing to evict a member who failed a UA. A. West was able to complete that contract without any further incidents. We had housing services and alumni go in and replicate for 6 weeks. The house is doing very well now. Also we had our first United on the Diamond softball game. Where we got beat handedly by law enforcement.

In August, we participated in a state paintball tournament.

On September 25th we will have our first annual alumni appreciation day with guest speakers, Beau Cavender, Jessie Castorena, and Marcus Pitts in Great Bend, KS.

I believe our houses are doing well. We are keeping the houses full and relapses are low.

Chapter 17

Number of houses: 6

Number of beds: 45

Checking Account balance: \$ 6196.10

Savings Account balance: \$ 0

Number of vacancies: 1

Number of relapses: 4

Dues paid: yes

Contributions to OHI: \$ 0 (paid FORA)

We definitely need to work on unity as a chapter, there is not much interaction outside of the meeting. We also should look into opening another womens & children house as open beds are low.

Motion to accept Chapter Summary Reports. 2nd. **MSP**

Motion to break 15 minutes 2nd **MSP** (2:57 pm)

Re- opened at 3:12 pm with moment of silence followed by serenity prayer.

Old Business

Motion to accept old business 2nd **MSP**

New Business

Chapter 18 discussing opening new chapter - discussing Winfield branching off into own chapter. Ty shares proposal about branching houses into a new chapter. Discussed Newton branching into their own chapter.

Discuss OHI contributions w/ Chapters \$50 a month (\$600 a year)

Mtn check for \$1000 to Oxford World Services from State Association 2nd **MSP**

Chris talks about Liberal-Haven house and how it has been struggling. Landlord not wanting it to be an Oxford house anymore. Asking for suggestions and guidance on what to do. All of Chapter 7 houses now do re-entry.

Chris talks about wanting to do a winter formal idea. Asking suggestions/ideas.

Dylan asks for address for voided checks.

Suggests group chat and also suggests one chapter funds it.

State chat is out of control. We aren't using it for business only like its supposed to be used for. Talk of cleaning out the people in the group chat. Check state site to make sure chair is listed correctly.

Seth talks about if we are a FORA/OHI state get rid of the either or and come together as both. Don't hold onto resentments. Let's talk about it and let it go. Bring issues up so we can come together and fix it.

Talk about doing something for recovery month.

Mtn to have in person in Lawrence 2nd Rescinded

Mtn to have November meeting via zoom 2nd **MSP**

Motion to accept new business 2nd **MSP**

Motion to close 2nd **MSP**

Closed at 4:36 pm with the Lords Prayer