

KOSHA

Meeting called to order at 1:09pm July 8th 2023

Principles and Traditions read by Preston and Chris

Roll call all present

Motion to accept agenda **MSP**

Motion to accept minutes as posted **MSP**

Treasurers Report

Last report was off \$1,588.26 and has been corrected

Beginning balance: \$44,820.92

Income: \$14,940

Expenditures: \$6,786.04

Ending balance: \$52,974.88

Savings: \$16,088.26

Total monies: \$69,063.14

Budget and Finance

\$6,786.04 spent last meeting

Savings accounted for \$1140.00 of that

\$2086.04 in reimbursements

\$400.00 paid to Ty D for IT

0% remains for conventions

0% remains for WCC

0% remains for out of state donations

Misc. Line items:

\$1000.00 Seth Dewey campaign WC

\$3000.00 to EA WC chair

I.T Report

July 2023 IT Report:

Not as much to report this meeting as the site hasn't needed as many updates. I'm still working to improve the resources on the site and continue to make it a resource for the state. I've begun building the Alumni Association page, currently I have template on the page for the Wichita Alumni Association of the information that I am looking for, I will continue building this page as I get further information from the other Alumni Associations.

The Re-Entry Program page continues to be updated as the Re-Entry Chair forwards me updates on houses that have become Re-Entry or stopped re-entry at this time.

The 2023 State Convention page has been updated to include the guest OHI presenters and will continue to update as information becomes available from the committee.

The website received 3,979 views in May & June 2023, which is up 947 views from the previous two months and up 974 views from this same timeframe in 2022.

As always, if you see anything you would like to have added to the site or see any errors, please reach out to me so I can get those corrected. If a Chapter Chair or State Officer steps down, please notify me and I'll get their information removed / updated on the site.

Alumni East

Alumni East is hosting the OH float trip July 21st the deadline to register is July 15th contact Franklin Lawson via Facebook

August 27th at 1pm is the golf tournament contact Matt Glavin for information on sponsorship and registration

Alumni West

ICT Alumni Association met at our regularly scheduled time on Sat July 1st. We discussed the condition of several houses and the available options for moving them. Our housing committee is looking at properties and talking to investors and landlords.

Prom is coming up on Saturday July 29th at 7pm at Evidence Church. Alumni has taken over planning from Oxford Houses Kincaid and Palidin. Cost is \$5per person or \$8/couple, or free for your house with the donation of a raffle prize. We are also still busy planning the State Convention, which is being held in Wichita, Sept 29th-Oct. 1st. Registration is currently open and will continue through September 1st. Get

with your chapter chair to get registered.

On June 13th there was an emergency alumni meeting to discuss the behavior of a member. A motion passed to remove Trex Williams from the Alumni Association for behavior contrary to the values and principles of Oxford House Alumni.

Re-entry

We had a total of 74 apps 29 for May and 45 for June. A total of 43 accepted, 15 for May with an acceptance percentage rate of 52% and 28 for June with an acceptance percentage rate of 62%. A combined percentage of 57%.

Reentry Assistance Program (R.A.P) Guidelines

- 1 reentry member
- 2 obtain a job and started working
- 3 house discussion about membership
- 4 house willing to show grace on EES until first paycheck

World council

Greetings Kansas family,

I'm so grateful to be able to serve with you all. The last OHI Board of Directors meeting was held on April 28th. Oxford House is continually expanding at a rapid rate, there are around 3900 Oxford Houses nationwide. There are potential contracts for expansion in other states as well that OHI is busy working to secure. The convention committee is busy making sure that we are going to have another amazing Convention.

Outside of the board of directors meeting I was able to attend the Oklahoma and Arizona State conventions and it's amazing to see the growth of our organization all over. The World Council will have a table set up in the vendor section at Convention so please come see us. Kansas has always showed strong at Conventions so when we do again this year let's not just show up strong but show up on fire, ready learn, have fun, and bring the fire back home with us.

Thank you for letting me serve with you all.

FORA Report

A new form was made and e-mailed to houses to handle police and HOA dealing with OD or death

FORA is asking houses to have approval from Jackson Longan in any media relations

Friendly reminder to update vacancy info on oxfordvacancies.org and complete monthly reports on time

Doing these things helps FORA receive funding to help houses and open new houses

If your house changes its phone number please also report this to FORA ASAP

Housing Services East

Phone calls and group chats made for resolutions; most issues resolved without expulsion

KC noticed a lack of leadership representation at chapter

With 2 houses chapter stepped in and stepped up!

Replication has not been great but is being worked on

Housing Services West

When a person leaves an oxford house the remainder of their EES needs to be returned to them and not withheld. There is really no reason for that aside from personalities getting in the way of doing the right thing. A person will feel far less inclined to return to oxford living if they feel like they were stolen from and that's not what oxford is about. We practice honesty and integrity, so let's make sure we are doing the right thing.

With that being said if you owe an oxford house money you need to do your part and pay off that debt. If you have people in your house that owe another house money, it's your part to give a gentle reminder that they need to be paying. I went to a house recently that was owed close to \$3000 by people that were still in oxford, that's not okay

If you have members falling behind on their EES I'd recommend placing them on a contract after two weeks and not just letting that go that's bad practice and just outright lazy. Seasoned members should never fall behind that's old behavior, and we need to be leading by example.

Recently I went to a house that told me they have to strategically pay their bills. I took a look at their comptroller book and not many people were behind on their EES, a few but not many. I asked them how much their EES was and was told \$110...okay time to up your EES. With 9 people if you up your EES to \$125 that extra \$15 brings you in \$470 a month. We shouldn't have to play chess with our bills. That house was also owed a fair amount of money by people that have left and went to other oxford houses, we need to take accountability of our actions and debts.

The 12 steps are not sexually transmitted but we need to be working them. We are in oxford to focus on ourselves and recover from the damage we have done to our lives. If your putting yourself between someone and their recovery that's obviously not a good thing. If you really

care about someone, be their support not their hinderance or distraction. I've seen to many relapses due to new members getting involved with each other and it going bad. What's even worse is when I see a seasoned member getting involved whit a new member, that seems almost predatorial knowing how vulnerable a new member can often often times be. That's toxic behavior and we need to not practice that.

Contracts are put in place as a form of correction, they should not be used as a threat. It's inappropriate to discuss motions to put someone on a contract outside of a meeting. That's case building, if you think you have something that could be ER meeting material ask someone but don't build a case. That's toxic we're here in oxford to be a family not clique up and tear each other down like so many of us did on the street.

We need to build unity with each other within our chapters, and within our houses. For example Tharros house makes a point to celebrate everyone's birthday, celebrate hollidays together, and celebrate clean dates with each other. We support each other and show love. We went to worlds of fun recently we stayed on the 22nd floor of a really nice hotel in KC, we went swimming, and walked around the power and light district together. We even paid for a member of another house to go with us, and it was awesome.

A bunch of houses from chapter 11 celebrated the 3rd and 4th of July together lit fireworks and had a cookout. It was amazing, and we loved it.

Let's not forget to do our FORA reports quarterly, let's continue to do them monthly. Let's not have gaps in the info let's not make sacrifices for the convenience.

Housing services chairs need to regularly communicate with co-chairs visa versa. Housing services need to work together as a committee. We are the first line of defense and purveyors of information, if we're not effectively communicating, we are not effectively helping.

I got the chance to visit Alpha-Kanos, College Grove, Hastings, Naim, Heilendes Brodir, and Mitera recently and sat in on a couple meetings. Thank you Marty Wicken for being my tour guide you have been a very effective unofficial state co-chair.

Revolving Loan

Beginning \$48,600

\$6,500.00 loan to chapter 8

Ending \$44,083.64

Chapter summary reports

Chapter 1

Houses: 10 Beds: 90

Checking: \$3079.52 Savings \$3980.54

Vacancies: 11 Relapses: 4

State dues paid? Yes

OHI contribution: \$200.00

We had 2 good fundraisers recently a BBQ comp and scavenger hunt. T-shirts for sale and are sending 8 people to world. Hoping to set 1 more fundraiser before world. We have been working with OH Noah (Ottawa) and will be taking them on from chapter 15. Looking to open another house before the year ends.

Chapter 2

Houses: 9 Beds: 72

Checking: ??? Savings???

Vacancies:??? Relapses:???

State dues paid? Yes

OHI contribution: \$200.00

Chapter 3

Houses: 11 Beds: 97

Checking: \$11,786.71 Savings: \$3,588.28

Vacancies: 5 Relapses: 9

State dues paid? Yes

OHI contribution: \$0

MAY AND JUNE 2023
CHAPTER 3

CHAPTER 3 HAS BEEN DOING ALOT BETTER THE LAST FEW MONTHS. WE HAVE HAD A PROBLEM WITH ONE HOUSE GETTING OXFORD VACANCIES UPDATED AND GETTING THEIR FORA REPORT COMPLETED ON TIME. THE SAME HOUSE HAS ALSO RACKED UP OVER 200\$ IN FINES OVER THE LAST 3 MONTHS DUE TO MISSING THE WORLD AND CHAPTER MEETINGS. SO CHAPTER 3 HOUSING SERVICES AND MYSELF HAVE SINCE BEEN TO THEIR HOUSE MEETING. UAd THE HOUSE (EVERYONE PASSED) AND WE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERNS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF EACH HOUSE UPDATING OXFORDVACANCIES.COM ON A WEEKLY BASIS. SO CHAPTER 3 NOW HAS NOW IMPLIMENTED A 25\$ FINE PER WEEK FOR NOT UPDATING THE WEBSITE. WE HAVE ALSO A PROBLEM WITH A CPL HOUSES NOT PAYING ALL OF THEIR CHAPTER DUES. SO WE IMPLIMENTED ANOTHER 25\$ FINE FOR NOT BRINGING YOUR CHAPTER DUES TO A ZERO BALANCE EACH MONTH.

I HAVE BEEN ADDRESSING THE PRINCLES OVER PERSONALITIES PROBLEM THAT I HAVE BEEN NOTICING THRU OUT THE CHAPTER.

WE ALSO ADDRESSED THE MISHAP THAT HAPPENED AT THE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AND THE PERSON HAS BEEN HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS ACTIONS ON A HOUSE LEVEL AND ALSO AT THE CHAPTER LEVEL. DO TO THE FACT HE WAS A CHAPTER OFFICER. HE HAS SINCE WRITTEN AN APOLOGY LETTER TO CHAPTER 4 AND TO ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, AND OXFORD AS A WHOLE.

Chapter 4

Not received

Chapter 5

Houses: 8 Beds: 65

Checking: \$12'001.21 Savings: \$1,690.00

Vacancies: 3 Relapses: 3

State dues paid? Yes

OHI contribution: \$30.00

We are getting more people that want to be involved from our chapter. The WC house that was flipped is finally getting on track. We had a unity event in May we are having another unity event bingo at the lobe July 21st

Chapter 6

Houses: 6 Beds: 45

Checking: \$13,337.66 Savings: \$1,328.74

Vacancies: 2 Relapses: 7

State dues paid? Yes

OHI contribution: \$0

Chapter 6 is growing! As of June 1st we opened the doors to another mens house and it filled with a quickness. We are currently moving forward on another house that will be a womens or women with childrens house with our eyes on yet another possible house after that. A lot of good replication going on with our chapter leadership educating the new comers and leading by example how to be a strong member and how to build a strong recovery. We recently had a free BBQ open to the public and it was a great success thanks to our members getting involved and getting Pepsi and National Beef to sponsor with drinks and hamburgers, we raised over \$1500 in donations and raffle ticket sales and were able to educate people about oxford houses cause and let them see how it is working in our lives. We also had some difficulties with our womens with childrens house not following the OHI guidelines and allowing members with teenagers to reside there. Our chapter leadership went over and sat down and explained the danger of that situation and the importance of following the OHI guidelines. Both teenagers and parents made exit plans and the house will hold them to them. The teenage male is going to stay with a grand parent until the mother finds alternative housing.

Chapter 7

Houses: 12 Beds: 98

Checking: \$8010.80 Savings: \$10,745.17

Vacancies: 13 Relapses: 8

State dues paid? Yes

OHI contribution \$0

One of our womens houses is relocating in Wichita. Sandy Green for guitarist for good organization donated 12 guitars to chapter 7 and handed them all out 7/1/23

Our last chapter meeting there was a motion to cover airline tickets for chapter positions and 1 member from each house MSP!

Chapter 8

of houses 8

of beds 68

Checking - \$5198.01

Savings- \$3227.17

of vacancies 8

of relapses 4

Dues paid Yes

OHI contribution \$0

Chapter 8 is doing well. Hopefully we a positive example for others! Always pushing for fundraisers and chapter unity.

Friedberg is also doing great! The house is now up to capacity with some part-time kids living there also. A big thank you to Nathan Voss for his help and guidance and replication with the house.

We are looking to rehome a couple of houses because the houses currently in use are not in the best shape, and its hard to get the current landlords to help with improvements.

Chapter 9

Houses: 9 Beds: 85

Checking: \$8513.14 Savings: \$7076.91

Vacancies: 9 Relapses: 4

State dues paid? Yes

OHI contribution: \$0

Working on a fundraiser that should bring a lot of friends and family together . We still have shits for sale at \$25 a piece. Working on setting up the Kanza house, looking for any and all donations to get it ready. Expanding outreach to rehabs and recovery centers.

Chapter 10

Not received

Chapter 11

Houses: 11 Beds: 93

Checking: \$4265.83 Savings: \$1897.00

Vacancies: 14 Relapses: 27

State dues paid? Yes

OHI contribution: \$100.00

Our chapter is doing pretty well we restructured House Shocker recently. House zotikos is growing with the assistance of chapter officers and their members stepping up. Our men with childrens house still doesn't have any full time children, but we are hopeful. It seems like there has been a higher turnover rate within our houses. House Charis is putting on a fundraiser and raffling tickets for a \$500 tattoo session July 29th there was a lot of unity throughout or houses on July 4th we still have to have an election for chapter officers at every chapter meeting. We unfortunatilly lost our secretary and re-entry co-chair within the last couple of weeks. 5 members of chapter 11 are going to world and we are grateful for the opportunity.

Chapter 12

Houses: 7 Beds: 34

Checking: \$3429.99 Savings: \$100.00

Vacancies: 4 Relapses: 3

State dues paid? Yes

OHI contribution: \$0

Our chapter is doing well. We are having Fundraisers unity events and keeping our members more often than not. Just like any other chapter we have or occasional disruptive behavior expulsion, but other than that its business as usual. I'm happy to say we are growing. People are growing to the point they can move out on their own and succeed. It's amazing to see all my brothers and sisters get together to have a good time without the use of drugs and alcohol. We are proof that we do recover! Thank you for your time.

Chapter 13

Houses: 13 Beds: 134

Checking: \$4271.86 Savings: \$7001.96

Vacancies: 7 Relapses: 11

State dues paid? Yes

OHI Contribution: \$0

Chapter 14

Houses: 10 Beds: 70

Vacancies: 3 Relapses: 7

State dues paid? Yes

Checking: \$4746.16 Savings: \$0

OHI contribution: \$400

Chapter 14 is doing amazingly well. Bellatrix which means “warrior women” in latin, is our newest women’s house and they are doing exceptionally well. The unity and comradery that those ladies have in that home is awesome. on the note of new houses we are looking diligently for new men's and women's houses to open due to the desperate need for beds in our community. The willingness to serve and the attendance at our chapter meetings for the last couple of months have been really strong. I am very proud of chapter 14 and Oxford House Topeka as a whole. We have been replicating the importance of accepting people who are recovering with medical assistance. Which is one of the reasons I would like to have a workshop soon. I did have a date set but we got tied up with fundraisers and restructuring of a few of our houses. I believe it is more about education rather than these houses not wanting to people using medical assistance to recover.

Chapter 15

Number of houses: 6

Number of beds: 46

Checking: 1515.88

Savings: 0

Vacancies: 4

Relapses: 4

Chapter dues paid: Yes

Contributed to OHI: 0

We are doing really well as a chapter and the houses are doing fairly well individually also. We had a house back out of our chapter recently to join chapter 1. Our chapters focus is on creating a fund raiser by the end of the year to get our balances up.

Chapter 16

Houses: 4 Beds: 39

Checking: \$3568.40 Savings: \$100.00

Vacancies: 2 Relapses: 5

State dues paid? Yes

OHI Contribution: \$0

Over all chapter 16 is doing very well. Our struggling girl’s house has become a full thriving house. There are only 2 vacancies in the whole chapter. We are sending 15 people to WORLD and hopefully our whole chapter to state. Other than that things are good.

Chapter 17

Houses: 6 Beds: 47

Checking: \$4474.03 Savings: \$0

Vacancies: 5 Relapses: 7

State dues paid? Yes

OHI Contribution: \$0

Chapter 17 has recently had some changes in the number of houses and beds, due to the departure of Cloverleaf house. Cloverleaf sought out membership in chapter 10 and followed Protocol to leave chapter 17 without trouble. They MSP'd the motion to leave in a house meeting which I attended. They attended a chapter 10 meeting to ask to join, they were voted in to the chapter. They came to our chapter meeting to present their reasoning, share what they had done up to that point, and ask chapter 17 for permission to depart. Chapter 17 voted and MSPd their departure with no ongoing conflict. This was the result of a continuously growing divide between chapter 17 and Cloverleaf house, in which both sides were at fault. Both parties feel while this is unfortunate, it is best for everyone. Chapter 17 hopes to learn from the mistakes we made and not make those same mistakes in the future. Aside from that the remaining 5 houses are a united group, active within the houses and within chapter and eager to move forward in a positive direction. Some of the things we are doing include actively planning and working towards or BBQ July 29th at Antioch park in overland park ks

We will have food and outdoor lawn games, there will be raffle prizes donated by the houses fellowship and speakers including Marlin Gust who has agreed to speak in support of our efforts that day. We are discussing starting a chapter fundraising committee to focus on future fundraising efforts. We are in a positive discussion about opening a savings account for the chapter. We have had people start to ask re-entry questions and show signs of possible interest of what that looks like. Our re-entry chair Shea Shipman has been great about trying to educate our chapter and work with the houses. And lastly and most importantly chapter 17 is opening a new women's house it was MSPd Wednesday night at our chapter meeting, and we are looking forward to moving forward as quickly as possible with the help of DJ Mecum and FORA chapter has asked Dakota to play a key role in opening that house and she has eagerly accepted that opportunity.

Chapter 18

Houses: 9 Beds: 86

Checking: \$8142.84 Checking: \$3001.63

Vacancies: 3 Relapses: 6

State dues paid? Yes

OHI Contribution: \$0

Chapter 18 is doing great. We are in the works of opening a house in Ark city. The chapter found and approved a 10-man house. The last Chapter meeting voted and set the rent. Landlord is doing repairs to the house prior to us moving in. The chapter has willingness from current members from Timber

Creek and Willow Creek to open the house when it is ready. The next step is approving the lease. The chapter has already voted and approved the name of the house as Salvation Creek.

Members from Justus and Tyler Rd held the 1st annual Survivor World fundraiser. This was a huge success. Fundraiser raised \$7,000 dollars that when to WCC. Approx. 100 people showed up along with volunteers and sponsors. Everyone had a great time and looking forward to next year.

The state softball tournament was a blast. Chapter 18 is already looking forward to next year and rematches with chapters 13 and 19. Multiple members played in the Golf tournament as well.

We are also sad to report that we did have a member of the Halo house relapse last week and earlier this week we received a report that he overdosed and passed away. He was found dead in a hotel room. After his relapse, multiple members reached out to try to get him to go to inpatient. The member was in the house for 10 months. Multiple members are attending his funeral in Garden City this Monday and there will be a celebration of life in Wichita later this month.

Chapter 19

Houses: 8 Beds: 63

Checking: \$1944.35 Savings: \$1495.35

Vacancies: 4 Relapses: 3

State dues paid? Yes

OHI Contribution: \$0

We have been relatively busy in our chapter the last couple of months. For unity events we participated in the spring bling event on Memorial weekend and sponsored a team with players from all 3 Topeka chapters and others from our recovery community. All our players were very proud to be able to win the tournament and several expressed they have never been a part of a championship team their entire lives. For a fundraiser we have put in a design to Dynamic Discs for disk golf disc to sell locally and statewide and possibly take to the world convention. Many people have expressed interest in shirts with the design on them so we will probably also be having shirts made soon. The discs should be available in the next couple of weeks and I will post them on state chat and facebook page. We have had a few mishaps in our houses lately. We loaned one of the female houses \$1800 to have their house treated for bed bugs. They had to do the treatment twice but I think the situation is under control now, a couple weeks ago we had an emergency chapter meeting at Abba house. There were reports of them not expelling members who test positive on a drug test. I talked with Marcus Pitts and Marlin Gust to get

their input and see what our options were since nobody in our has been part of a restructure. We got their side of the story they said they were letting him stay until he could get into detox some where and expressed they didn't know they had to expell them immideatly. I gave our house presidents two options: one was a resturcture and the other and the other was to put the whole house on behavior contract. Our house presidtents voted unanimously to put them on contract for 60 days. Since they are supossed to be a men with children's house and they had not been going with the men with children's rules one of the stipulations were that they had to abide by new member rules and read the manual and pass a test on it

Chapter 20

Houses: 3 Beds: 28

Checking: \$4977.81 Savings: \$0

Vacancies: 3 Relapses: 2

State dues paid? Yes

OHI Contribution: \$0

Our chapter is doing well, we have had issues with personalities over principles but not more than any other chapter. We currently have 10 people planning to attend the world convention at the end of august, including our chapter chair, treasurer, and chapter secretary. We are still in the planning phase of our softball fundraiser with the sheriff's department here in Hays, as well as other chapters that still want to play more softball before the summer is over.

Motion for 15 minute break MSP 2:59pm-3:16pm

World convention

Registratioin

Marcus Pitts will post the link and e-mail for registration

Once registered delegates are to forward confirmation e-mail to the provided e-mail address.

The women's conference is an additional \$35

The golf tournament is an additional \$125

It would be preferred for the chapter chair to handle the registration for all members

There are no refunds for people who back out fill those spots, have a contingency plan.

Let Steph Filmore know ASAP who is replacing who

DO NOT register a new person Steph made a separate e-mail just for this

State leadership will register on their own, it will not be done for them by KOSHA

KOSHA capped the motioned check for \$20,000.00 it was written for \$17,154.40

Text or leave a voicemail for Steph at (785) 817-5954

We ask that chapter chairs post in state chat the amount of people registered and amount paid

When doing the registration at the method of payment select other then offline.

Vendor table

Motion for \$100.00 to Ty for vendor table MSP no opposition

Motion for \$100.00 to OHI for vendor table MSP no opposition

Delegate T-Shirts

Motion to cap shirts at \$2500.00 MSP no opposition

Motion to cover cost of shipping with \$500.00 cap MSP no opposition

Ty will be doing the schedule for the vendor table

DO NOT leave your merch at the table unattended

Chapter chairs send an email with subject line names of members in hotel. Include chapter number, first and last name as it appears on ID/DL

Its recommended you bring \$500.00-\$1000.00 in cash DC is expensive

Inform your bank of your travel plans

Bring power bank for your devices

Pack less shirts than you think you will need as there will be plenty for sale

State convention

State convention is in Wichita this year at the Drury inn

Dates: Sept. 29th,30th and Oct 1st

Chapter chairs please use the tiny URL provided to register members

Write 1 check for hotel and 1 check to ICT alumni for registration

Attach a sheet with names of people going in rooms with check

Pricing: 4 man room \$122.00 a night \$293.26 for 2 nights

6 man suites were \$144.00 a night and have been reserved already

Deadline for registration is September 1st

Marcus Pitts has encouraged houses to motion to buy a raffle item

There will be MAT/MAR presentations and Narcan training

Reimbursements

During the break there was a phone call Chapter 18s WC house Grace Haven had caught fire

It was an electrical fire with no injuries most were not home at the time

Motion to write a \$1500.00 check to Chapter 18 for Grace Haven MSP no opposition

Motion to pay Gaylord National Harbor \$39,979.52 MSP no opposition

Motion to write a check capped at \$150,00.00 to OHI MSP no opposition

Total reimbursements at KOSHA \$2001.81

Motion to accept new business MSP no opposition

Motion to adjourn at 4:22pm MSP

Next state meeting in Pittsburg September 9th at 1:00pm