# OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL, INC.

of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.
Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith – Diocesan
Suffragan Bishop Joe R. Williams, Sr. – Council Chairman

# MINUTES - EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: The Oklahoma State Council Executive Board Meeting was called to order by Diocesan Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith at 10:27 a.m. The meeting was held at Emmanuel Tabernacle, 9700 N Western Avenue, OKC 73114; Diocesan Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith, Host Pastor.

Suffragan Bishop Delbert Johnson sang "Down Through the Years".

<u>SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS</u>: Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith; Bishop Emeritus Little and Mom Little and pray for all of us in totality and this entire Council; District Elder Johnny Magness health issues; Suffragan Bishop and First Lady Moore and our schools; Pastor Howard Manous; District Elder Jerry Williams and First Lady Rhonda Williams as they travel over the highways to their son's graduation; praying for the upcoming surgeries of Suffragan Bishop Chuck Little and District Elder Robert Finley; Suffragan Bishop Nelson McMillan that the Lord will bless them to pay their church off by the end of the year; and the neighbor who had the land across the street gave us the property and we plan to break ground and build a brand new facility on the property next summer, continue to pray for us; prayers for District Elder Kevin Henderson.

**PRAYER**: District Elder Kevin Henderson (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice) led the prayer.

**SCRIPTURE READING BY**: Suffragan Bishop Antonio Moore (1st Vice), read the scripture from Psalm 133.

Psalm 133 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! (Verse 1)

"It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; (Verse 2)

"As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore." (Verse 3)

## **ROLL CALL (ELDER PRINCETON JOHNSON, COUNCIL SECRETARY)**:

Diocesan Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith – Present
Bishop Emeritus Vanuel C. Little, Sr. – Present
Council Chairman, Suffragan Bishop Joe R. Williams, Sr. – Present
1st Vice Chairman, Suffragan Bishop Antonio L. Moore – Present
2nd Vice Chairman, District Elder Kevin Henderson - Present

Secretary, Elder Princeton Johnson – Present Assistant Secretary, Sister Linda R. Lee – Present Treasurer, Evangelist Gayle F. Johnson – Present Assistant Treasurer, District Elder Robert Finley – Present

#### Lay Directors:

First Lady Terry Readen – Absent First Lady Rhonda Williams - Present Dr. Jessie M. Lazenby – Present First Lady Veda McMillan – Present Pastor Howard Walker - Present

#### **Suffragan Bishops**:

Suffragan Bishop Joseph D. Readen – Present Suffragan Bishop Sherman P. Tyler, Sr. – Absent Suffragan Bishop Art Ladd, Sr. – Absent Suffragan Bishop Delbert E. Johnson, Sr. – Present Suffragan Bishop Donald O. Tyler, Sr. - Absent Suffragan Bishop Vanuel Charles Little, Jr. – Present Suffragan Bishop Nelson McMillan – Present

#### **District Elders:**

District Elder Julius Williams – Present District Elder Jerry Williams – Present District Elder Johnny Magness – Present

#### **Pastors Present:**

Pastor Krizzo Meadows, Christ Temple Community Church

**INTRODUCTION OF DIOCESAN BISHOP**: Suffragan Bishop Joe Williams, Council Chairman, introduced the Diocesan Bishop. Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith stated that it is "Protocol" for everyone to stand for the Diocesan Bishop.

PAW Executive Board Meeting will be March 19-24, 2018 will be in Nassau, Bahamas at the Grand Hyatt.

We held our March 2018 Annual Faith Walk dealing with "Spiritual Awareness". We are asking everyone to participate in the faith walk next year. Thank the Lord for Suffragan Bishop Chuck for allowing me to have that date.

Letter dated April 4, 2018 from the Diocesan Bishop's desk. Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith emphasized that in order to maintain your position it is imperative for you to return phone calls, attend meetings, and telephone conferences in a timely manner. I expect a telephone call if you are unable to be present. A copy of the letter is attached for the Official Minute Book.

Letter dated March 28, 2018 from the Presiding Bishop Charles H. Ellis, III (a copy of the letter is attached for the Official Minute Book). At the Executive Board Spring Meeting in

Nassau, Bahamas, the Board voted to recommend the following individuals to serve this great organization in the upcoming four-year term:

Presiding Bishop – Theodore Brooks

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Presiding Bishop – Mark Tolbert

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Presiding Bishop – Michael Hannah
General Secretary – Craig High
General Treasurer – Maxie Dobson
Assistant General Secretary – Ann Storey-Pratt
Assistant General Treasurer – Leon Parker

Please be mindful that the position of "Lay Director" has been eliminated going forward.

The above-named individuals will appear as **PAW Executive board recommendations** on the ballot at our 2018 Summer Convention.

We also have individuals from Oklahoma that are running for various offices. At our June meeting we will let you know who the names are. I did let Suffragan Bishop Chuck know that I would be supporting him if he ran for a National office.

READING OF THE MINUTES OCTOBER 18, 2018; EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2018' AND TELECONFERENCE MINUTES DECEMBER 4, 2018; (ELDER PRINCETON JOHNSON – SECRETARY): The minutes were emailed to the OSC Executive Board and 20 copies on hand to distribute.

Suffragan Bishop Delbert Johnson: New email address is <a href="Deljohnson016@gmail.com">Deljohnson016@gmail.com</a>. The OSC Secretary and Assistant Secretary will add the change to the distribution list.

Motion was made by Suffragan Bishop Nelson McMillan and second by District Elder Johnny Magness that all of the three minutes be approved as emailed to the OSC Executive Board. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – (EVANGELIST GAYLE JOHNSON – TREASURER): The Treasurer's Report dated February 28, 2018 was read by District Elder Robert Finley, Assistant Treasurer.

Adams Kingdom	4,965.19
Christian Education	857.07
Church Extension	776.60
Health Professional	787.35
MD&T Wives	715.04
Men's Ministry	1,830.67
Missionary	2,296.60
Oklahoma State Council	3,189.61
Disaster Relief Fund	350.00
Ushers	4,632.05
Young People	3,875.95
Aenon	765.00
Assessments	2,685.00

TOTAL CASH FOR OSC

\$30,401.13

OKC Bank Statement \$21,888.43 + Tulsa \$7,917.70 + Deposit \$595.00 = \$30,401.13

Motion made by Council Chairman Williams and second by First Lady Williams that we receive the Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith - We have gone from a negative to a positive.

# OSC PAW ASSESSMENT REPORT (SUFFRAGAN BISHOPO NELSON McMILLAN): A copy of the 2017 Assessment Report and 2018 April Assessment Report is attached

for the Official Minute Book and copies were distributed to the Board. Please get with Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith if you owe for 2017.

Motion made by Council Chairman Williams and second by Suffragan Bishop Moore to receive the Assessment Report. Motion Carried.

OSC LAY DIRECTORS (SUFFRAGAN BISHOP NELSON McMILLAN – EXECUTIVE BISHOP ASSISTANT): In compliance with the National body, the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World has done away with "Lay Director" that serve on the Executive Board. This has made it necessary for the Oklahoma State Council to address the use of "Lay Directors" on our Executive Board.

Our Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith has requested that we adopt a new progressive way forward in Oklahoma that will allow "Pastors" to be represented on the Executive Board as well as bring expert advisors to serve. I recommend that the following amendments to the constitution be considered. A copy of the recommendations from Suffragan Bishop Nelson McMillan is attached for the Official Minute Book.

Recommendation was made by Suffragan Bishop McMillan that the OSC Executive Board end the use of "Lay Directors" in the Oklahoma State Council. Recommend that five (5) "Senior Pastors" (not Assistant Pastors) be elected to serve as Directors on the OSC Executive Board. We further recommend that three (3) Directors be appointed (may be non-pastors) to serve as advisors to the Executive Board. The term for these directors will run concurrent with our OSC Council Officers and they may be appointed two-consecutive terms.

The recommendations are being submitted to the Constitution Committee (Suffragan Bishop Vanuel C. Little, Jr, Chairman; District Elder Jerry Williams, Member; and First Lady Terry Readen, Member) to discuss the guidelines and the responsibilities of the "Pastors".

OSC OFFICE (DIOCESAN BISHOP JEFFERY D. GOLDSMITH): Our OSC Headquarters is located at 1015 NW 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100A. We will have a sign on the marquee. You will be able to come to the OSC Office during normal church business hours. Designated OSC Staff will have a key to the OSC Office.

We want to have a local place where all of our records, documents, and flash drives are stored. The next Diocesan Bishop after me must have an office for the OSC. Sister Carol Goldsmith will contact the OSC President or Director if you have mail at the OSC Office.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith requested that the OSC Council pay \$100.00 per month for the upkeep of the OSC Office.

The question was raised by Sis. Lee if the OSC has a budget? Suffragan Bishop McMillan stated that the OSC does have a projected budget. First Lady Rhonda Williams worked on the OSC Budget.

First Lady Williams stated that auxiliary guidelines were given to the Presidents and Directors of each auxiliary during the "2018 Leadership Summit".

Suffragan Bishop Chuck asked if the Budget and Finance Committee had a part in what First Lady Williams is doing. Sis. Lee stated that as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee she did not receive a copy of the "Auxiliary Guidelines". First Lady Williams stated that she would make sure that the Budget and Finance Committee members receive a copy.

**OSC CALENDAR**: A copy of the OSC 2018 Calendar was distributed to the Board and a copy is attached for the Official Minute Book. The 2018 OSC Calendar is color-coded (National Event – Purple; State Event – Red; Church Anniversaries and Pastoral Appreciations – Blue; Established Annual Events (5+ Years) – Green; and All Other Events – Black).

**60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (DIOCESAN BISHOP JEFFERY D. GOLDSMITH)**: This will be our 60<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. One of the ways to bring finances into the OSC is by the History and Souvenir Book. All the proceeds will be going to the OSC. The books will be \$60.00 each and we want everyone (every church and auxiliary) to purchase an ad.

We will have our first District Elder. We are planning on doing a video of outstanding pioneer women that have paved the way for us.

We would like to have a "Gala Celebration and Awards". The celebration would cost \$60.00. We would like to do it in the June Council but might be too much of a hardship. We would may have to do it in the October Council. We want to honor the men who have paved the way for us (Bishop Emeritus Vanuel C. Little, Sr.; Suffragan Bishop Art Ladd, Sr.; Suffragan Bishop Sherman P. Tyler, Sr.; Suffragan Bishop Luke Church; and Suffragan Bishop Charles W. Meadows (gone but not forgotten). We must recognize those who have paved the way for us. The proceeds from the "Gala" would go to the OSC.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith - Suffragan Bishop McMillan wanted to know what we can we do as a Board to relax since we have been working so hard? We could go on the "River Ride" which holds about 32 people and we can go out and relax and go on the ride. Tuesday of the June Council we could go out and relax as a Board. We need to fellowship more. I will look into whether the boats will be available.

**LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2018 (DIOCESAN BISHOP JEFFERY D. GOLDSMITH)**: It is imperative that everyone who did not make the "2018 Leadership Summit" go through the leadership. The next Summit will be the same one for those who did not attend the original Summit. The Summit Training will be held at the June Council for two hours.

If anybody have any questions about me and what I'm doing, please call me to the side and just ask me. No Executive Board member should be in a position to check the Diocesan Bishop openly. We are just setting the record straight as to what we do going forth.

PASTORS' PACKET (DIOCESAN BISHOP JEFFERY D. GOLDSMITH): We have individuals coming in but we will not require anything from them until we get them a "Pastor's Packet". Suffragan Bishop McMillan is working on the Pastor's Covenant and Code of Ethics. We will not go "Social Media" on one another. If anybody has any recommendations for the packet, please let us know.

Suffragan Bishop McMillan - The Diocesan Bishop wants all leadership to attend the two-hour session that he will be teaching at the June Council.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith - We still need to take out time to understand the leadership that we are under to make sure that we are on the same page.

If you attend the Transformation of Leadership Course, we need a copy of your certificate.

Bishop Emeritus Little - When are those certificates available? Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith stated he would get back with Bishop Little on that information.

Suffragan Bishop McMillan - I spoke to Bishop Sanders and the next course for the Bishop's course is December. Transformation of Leadership course will be put out the first day of the convention. You must get approval from the Diocesan Bishop to take that course.

Council Chairman Williams - "In Making A Bishop", you must get the application first and then the Diocesan Bishop will sign it. Suffragan Bishop McMillan stated that you can download that application from online.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith - I don't mind supporting anybody, but I expect for the individual to be supporting the OSC.

Bishop Emeritus Little - I asked the question because I have someone in mind and he is sitting right over there. I'm just being straight and up front. Don't shut doors on anyone. Ask the Lord to help all of us to do it like God tells us to do it. Practice doing what is right; follow your leader; obey them that have the rule over you.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith - I've already signed for Suffragan Bishop Chuck to go through "The Making of a Bishop". I nominated him on the floor, but he did not get the nomination from the International Executive Board. All I ask of him and anyone else in Oklahoma to support me openly and to work with the program by being here, supporting, to bring churches out, and to bring your people out. That is all I ask, because I'm going

to do what I possibly can do. I'm supporting him and I expect everyone to support me. This is what I'm saying to the Board. I'm not holding back on no one. If I see someone that have "favor" on them, I will not be the one to stop them but will do everything that I can to help them. I do demand that you support me and try to make me look good. If a person does not make you look good and bring you down they are diminishing any influence that you might have.

Bishop Emeritus Little - That's my ministry. If a person does not get it then, your time is coming. I made him (Suffragan Bishop Chuck) a Suffragan Bishop. Many of you supported my decision and many of you did not, but the Lord supported me.

Suffragan Bishop Chuck - The Diocesan Bishop has my support. We preach Council at our church so much so that we list the Council activities in our bulletins and the Council events are announced every Sunday. You have my support. Even though you are not my father you have the honor of my father because you are in the position that he was once in.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith - I appreciate that. I spoke up because Bishop Little stated that sometime people be holding you back and I wanted the Executive Board to know that I'm not the one holding anybody back. I'm not that kind of person and with the help of God I never will be. I want the best people possible to be working on the National level because that will help us. What will help us more is that the best people are working on the local level as well. My assignment is Oklahoma. When the churches grow, we grow.

That gentleman that put that "Email Blast" on me did not do any good. The PAW has sent him two (2) certified letters and he has not answered. I said that this guy needs to be checked. Because of his position, they thought that he would not be doing anything like this, but now it's out in the open. If people believe it, that could damage the influence that I have in the room among certain men. We need to support one another.

Suffragan Bishop Johnson - You have my full support, my family, and my church. The best I can do is instruct them and let them know where I stand in my position. Try to let them understand that we follow leadership whether we agree or not. God did not call us to agree but to obey. Your methods are different and we are in a period of adjustment. Pray for our Council that the Lord blesses us to be unified.

Bishop Emeritus Little - From day one, you have my support. I'm not a changer when the Lord is in it. We have not had any argumentation. You still have my support.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Credential's Department (District Elder Jerry Williams) – I sent out an email to all the Pastors and churches to send me a current copy of all your ministers and their credentials to compare with the list that I have. Need their current addresses. I want to make sure we have everything right and correct. We have individuals who still have not received their licenses and credentials.

Secretary Johnson – I've called the National Office on numerous occasions and sent emails but no response.

Suffragan Bishop McMillan - I have a brother that has not received his license since June 2017 and is inquiring what is taking so long. We need your help in getting his license as quickly as possible. At some point, we need to get our Diocesan Bishop involved in this matter. We need to fix the problem. Hopefully, we can get this resolved.

Council Chairman Williams - They want the OSC Council Secretary to contact them. If the name is not on the list, that could be the problem. We will get this matter worked out. We need to let the leadership handle this matter. Our leaders will go back and handle the matter.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith - Make sure that you follow through until we get the issue resolved. We want to make it a priority so we can get the individual his license. We will get this matter resolved immediately.

District Elder Jerry Williams - If any changes are being made and sent in, I need the updated list that the National has.

Pastor Walker - I can make myself available to create a spreadsheet for every church to do their license. Need each Pastor to let me know who is in charge of their license at their church.

Budget and Finance (District Elder Johnny Magness, Chairperson) Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith stated that the Budget and Finance has already been discussed.

Constitutional Committee (Suffragan Bishop Vanuel C. Little, Jr., Chairperson) – No report, nothing was submitted to the Constitutional Committee.

### Registration Committee (Suffragan Bishop Joseph Readen, Chairperson)

- 1) Due to the vacancy of Sister Jazmin McConnell, the Registration Committee request that the vacancy be filled by Sister Armentha West, Christ Temple Community Church, Oklahoma City; and Brother John Walker, The Christ Apostolic Church (PAW), Oklahoma City. Both of the applicants have received the endorsement of their respective pastors. Motion Carried.
- 2) Request that each person be compensated with a stipend of \$150.00 per council for their dedicated time and registration services.
- 3) In an effort to avoid the late fees, request that the On-Site Registration Fee for General Registration be \$25.00; Seniors 65+ \$20.00; Teens \$12.00; and PAW Kids 12 & Under \$7.00; 4 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion Failed.

Suffragan Bishop Chuck - Recommend we receive the report and adopt it in sections.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith - We are a non-profit organization and we give honorariums or stipends. We need to do something special for Sis. Jazmin McConnell for her years of service.

As pastor of one of the individuals, Pastor Krizzo Meadows stated whatever the Board decides to do is fine.

Suffragan Bishop Chuck (Parliamentarian) stated that two people serving as "Registrars" will require a constitutional change.

District Elder Magness - Recommend that we leave the amount vacant so that we want have to continue to make constitutional changes.

Motion by Suffragan Bishop Chuck and second by Pastor Walker that Sister Armentha West and Bro John Walker be given a \$150.00 stipend per council ratified and retroactive and effective in the June Council per constitutional change; and to be evaluated every 3 years. Motion Carried.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith - We have personal information that is for Council use only.

Sister Lee received clarification and confirmation that each church would continue to complete their Church Report Form and turn it in on the first day of the Council with their check.

Motion was made by Suffragan Bishop McMillan and second by Council Chairman Williams that Pastor Krizzo Meadows be allowed to address the Board. Motion Carried.

## OSC History & Souvenir Committee (Pastor Krizzo Meadows, Chairperson)

Pastor Meadows thanked everyone for their support, and he continued to asked each person to support with their ad as well as each auxiliary to turn in their history. We are extending the deadline to April 20<sup>th</sup>. We asked every pastor to sell seven (7) pages. Please ask the people that you do business with to buy an ad. A copy of the Advertisement Report is attached for the Official Minute Book.

## Program Committee (Suffragan Bishop Antonio Moore, Chairperson)

We have the program for every auxiliary with the exception of two and should get the other two in this week. Thanks to everyone who turned their programs were timely in turning their programs in.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith – We will look at the scheduling of the OSC and we may critique it in such a way where we will be able to carve out some leadership classes while people are attending the Council. We can utilize that time and may not have to set up another date to come in for some leadership training.

#### **NEW COMMITTEES:**

#### OSC Music Department (Elder Princeton Johnson, Director)

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith stated that he would like Brother Vanuel C. Little, III to be the President of the Music Department; Brother Tyrone Goldsmith, Assistant President. We need to look at allocating some funds for these young men. Recommend the Music Director get a love offering of \$100.00 and the Assistant Music Director get a love offering of \$75.00; each musician receives a love offering of \$50.00 up to six (6) musicians; total budget \$475.00 per Council.

If the President or Vice President decide to play an instrument, they would receive their original stipend plus \$50.00 as a musician.

Suffragan Bishop Chuck – Request to consider changing the title to Music Director and Assistant Music Director; Common Consent.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith - If an Auxiliary would like one of the musicians to play, allocate the funds in your budget during your convention.

Sister Lee - Will the Director of the Music Department receive a \$100.00 love offering?

Suffragan Bishop McMillan - Some auxiliaries do not generate any finances and they would not fall in the category of other auxiliaries that do generate finances that allows the Director to receive a love offering.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith – Unless they had some type of function to generate funds like a "Song Fest", the Director would not receive a love offering.

Secretary Johnson - The Song Fest is still under the Young People's domain. The Director's responsibility is to make sure that the musicians are here and on time and making sure that they are doing what they are supposed to do.

Motion made by Secretary Johnson and second by Suffragan Bishop McMillan that the Music Director get a love offering of \$100.00; Assistant Music Director \$75.00 and each musician receives \$50.00 up to six (6) musicians; total budget of \$475.00 per Council. Motion Carried.

# JUDICIAL COMMITTEE (SUFFRAGAN BISHOP SHERMAN TYLER - CHAIRMAN)

Suffragan Bishop Sherman P. Tyler, Sr., Chairman – Lawton; Suffragan Bishop Delbert Johnson, Sr. – Oklahoma City; Suffragan Bishop Nelson McMillan, Tulsa; and Suffragan Bishop Joseph Readen – Lawton. I would have the final say.

The first item of the Judicial Committee would be to receive Suffragan Bishop Donald Tyler. He is coming back into the Council.

A person should not have to leave an organization because of a divorce. You can remain in the same organization if you are in a good organization and a good church.

I will ask the Judicial Committee to meet and then come to me with their recommendations. June is the day that we all come together.

The Judicial Committee will have to be able to hold confidential information.

First Lady Williams – What happens if you need an alternate? Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith stated that it is a Committee.

There may come a time that a female may be called upon by the Judicial Committee to sit in on a situation. We will have a District Elder. You will be taken off the Judicial Committee if any information gets out.

District Elder Magness – Will you be the only one who present people to the Judicial Board? Diocesan Bishop stated that he will be presenting Judicial matters and things can come to him and he will make a decision if it is an ecclesiastical matter that needs to be handled by the Judicial Committee.

Bishop Emeritus Little - The Scripture says with love and kindness have I drawn thee. I love them and we love them. Go in full of love and prayer. Don't allow anything contrary to what God wants to hold us back from demonstrating love.

<u>HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE</u> – Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith asked District Elder Johnny Magness to serve as Director of the Hospitality Committee.

<u>PRAYER AND ALTAR WORKERS</u> – Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith asked District Elder Robert Finley to serve as Director over the Prayer and Altar Workers.

<u>AENON BIBLE COLLEGE</u> – Need to be structured as an auxiliary. We raise a certain amount of money and give in intervals. The OSC Council would receive 15% of the funds collected.

Council Chairman Williams – I spoke with Dr. Anita McCarther and let her know what she needed to do. She has been ill. I will get with Judge Miller and make sure she gets with Dr. Anita.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith – Have Judge Miller and Dr. Anita to call me. I have an understanding of what the Aenon Bible College needs. They need something on a consistent basis.

I will be talking to District Elder Calvin Mitchell to serve as the Director of the Aenon Bible College. He will be with us at the June Council.

<u>SACRED ARTS LITURGICAL PRAISE DANCERS</u> – Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith asked Evangelist Gayle Johnson to serve as the Director.

<u>AUXILIARY REQUESTS</u>: Copies of each request is attached for the Official Minute Book.

**OSPYPU Auxiliary (Sister Nicole Johnson, President)** – Requesting for the International Pentecostal Young People's Union (IPYPU) Empowerment Conference 2018 be added to the 2017-2018 agenda and budget. The Conference will be held in Long Beach, California. Motion Carried

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith – We have to consider that this would be a second convention that they would be attending and if they have the funds in their auxiliary. The second thing is that we want to make sure that everyone that we send out is doing everything that they are doing within. This is to the Directors of the auxiliaries.

We want to make sure they have a local presence. We want our Young People to be fired up and motivated.

We did not attend last year because it was in London, England.

Secretary Johnson – This is what the Young People's have done for years. This is not anything new; it is the same when the Missionaries and Christian Education go to their regionals. It's all based on if they have the funds.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith – I'm adding this stipulation because I want our Young People to be on fire and motivated. I don't feel good about sending someone there and they are not coming back on fire and motivated. We need to put purpose on what we are doing, and not just because the person is in that position that we automatically do this.

Suffragan Bishop McMillan asked Suffragan Bishop Chuck if he approved the OSPYPU's budget, and he stated "yes". I'm asking that the Young People's Department submit their budgets and program these things in advance in their annual budget. We need to get follow through from the President.

Suffragan Bishop Chuck – Submitting a budget and documentation has always been a requirement. The only way that I wouldn't know that is if someone told me that you have not been receiving the budgets. I did receive an email about a program was not done. That is the first email that I have gotten on this matter. Sister Nichole talked to me about this budget so I'm aware of the request.

Suffragan Bishop McMillan – I'm asking for support and the proper documentation.

Suffragan Bishop Chuck – It is a process. If the President is not submitting the budget and documentation then as the Director, I need to know. It is better to know before time rather than being brought up at a Board meeting. It seems like it's my fault because it did not happen. I was not aware that nothing was done.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith – We are not pointing any fingers at anybody. This is what these meetings are for that we discuss these things.

First Lady Johnson – It would help if First Lady Johnson could send out an email as to who the budgets are to be sent to. Some Auxiliary Presidents did not understand who they were supposed to send everything to. Send out another email to clarify the process.

First Lady Williams – I sent two emails but I will send a third email to the Auxiliary Presidents and Directors as to where to send the budgets. I gave the Young People's Director book to the President. I apologize that it did not get to you.

Suffragan Bishop McMillan – The Missionaries attended a conference and they paid their own way.

Suffragan Bishop Little – The Young People have never paid their own way, and if they do, this will be the first. We've always had money in the Young People's Account and covered our budget. We've always had money in the account, I saw to that and still see to our having money in the Young People's Account.

After much deliberation, Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith called for the motion of the Young People's request.

Motion was made by Sister Lee and it was second by Secretary Johnson that we approve the above request of the OSPYPU. Motion Carried.

Ministers', Deacons', and Trustees Wives and Evangelists (Evangelist Elisabeth Manous, President) – Sister Ilia Johnson will no longer be able to fill the position as Assistant Treasurer. Requesting that Evangelist Wanda Manous fill the position. The appointee has been approved by her pastor. Common Consent.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith – Use some diversity, we don't want everything done out of one church, and we don't want all of the speakers from just one category. We don't want all the officers and speakers to seem self-serving. This is the OSC and we want to get other people and churches involved. Smaller and larger churches need assistance. We need to consider giving a little bit more to a larger church hosting an event.

**NEW CHURCHES**: We will be giving some churches the "Right-Hand of Fellowship". Pastor Cruikshank and her congregation will be coming back. Pastor Edna Johnson is back and was looking at a church in North Tulsa. There is a church available in West Tulsa and Pastor Melvin Cooper is helping her get the church. I heard that it is a nice church and in a good location. She still has the building in Drumright. I spoke with her about something that we can do in Stillwater.

We already have one State Evangelist, Evangelist Ada M. Johnson, and we will be bringing in some other State Evangelist. We are going to do our best to preach out some churches. We no longer have churches in Ardmore, Enid, and Stillwater.

When Bishop Thomas Weeks was in our organization he is the one who started the "Word Explosion". He preached out churches.

We want to be motivated to fill up our churches. We want our Sunday Schools filled. We've got to have that desire to get souls saved.

The Monday before the Council, we need to "Fast and Pray" that souls be saved and added to our churches; that we continue in harmony and unity so people will want to be a part of us.

**ELEVATIONS**: District Elder-Elect Dr. Jessie M. Lazenby will be elevated to District Elder. We will also have some ordinations. Pastor Krizzo Meadows will be ordaining Judge Jacqueline Miller; District Elder Magness has one to be ordained; and we will be taking care of Diocesan Bishop McMillan's preacher.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Suffragan Bishop Readen thanked everyone for helping Greater Faith Apostolic Church to celebrate 25 years and sending their donations via Givelify. Thank our Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith for bringing the Word. We are renovating our fellowship hall and the sanctuary. Thank Pastor Howard Walker and First Lady Walker for sending me my

favorite hat (Vietnam Hat – All Gave Some and Some Gave All). Thank our former Diocesan Bishop Vanuel C. Little, Sr. for preaching 24 of the 25 years for us.

District Elder Williams (Christian Education Director) passed out flyers for the **Region IV ICEA Convention to be held September 6-8, 2018**. Also attached is the pre-registration form (Pre-Registration \$8.00 and On-Site Registration \$10.00). We are looking for 100% support in our registration. A copy of the flyer and registration form is attached for the Official Minute Book.

District Elder Magness thanked everyone for your physical and financial support (those who supported via Givelify) of Mount Calvary Miracle Temple's Appreciation Service. Thank God for my Diocesan Bishop and First Lady Goldsmith surprising us. This is our second Appreciation Service that we have had in 17 years.

I would like to offer my apologies to my Diocesan Bishop. The last time we met in the Summit Meeting, my demeanor was not the right demeanor (while I think my questions were valid, the way that I approached it was not the correct way).

Council Chairman Williams invited everybody to our 23<sup>rd</sup> Pastoral Anniversary April 12-13, 2018. Our Theme, "Moving Forward with a Good Attitude". If you're not doing anything, come on by and if you cannot, please send your offering via "Givelify" or send your checks or money orders. I do have flyers, feel free to pick up one.

Keep me in your prayers tonight as I bring the message.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith - Thanked everyone for getting the flyers out early. Oklahoma needs to take every award at the Region IV ICEA Convention in September 2018. Let us continue to support each other. I love each and everyone of you and I'm very humble to be your Diocesan Bishop and I pray that nothing I do will every bring any shame upon the Kingdom of God or any member of this Council or the church. If I have said or done anything to hurt anyone, I ask for your forgiveness because that is not what I am about or what I want to do.

Council Chairman Williams – Let's give our Honorable Bishop Goldsmith a standing ovation and applaud him.

Suffragan Bishop Moore – Thanked all who came out to help FDC#2 to celebrate their 16<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary. Our Diocesan Bishop and First Lady Goldsmith surprised us. Thank God for the preached Word coming from Suffragan Bishop Little and Suffragan Bishop Frank Little (Conway, Arkansas). Thank everybody for your attendance and financial contributions (via Givelify).

First Lady Williams – If anybody will not be here for the Missionary and Christian Women's Convention Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, please support us with your registration and offering. Our speakers will be Council Chairman Williams, Bishop Gwendolyn Weeks, and Suffragan Bishop Readen.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith - I was asked to speak on Friday night, but I thought it would be good if we could have the second female Bishop that has a diocese to speak, and that

is Bishop Gwendolyn Weeks. We would like everyone to come out and support the Missionaries.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: Motion made by District Elder Magness and second by Sister Lee that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The next OSC Executive Session will be **Wednesday**, **June 6**, **2018** at Emmanuel

Tabernacle, Oklahoma City, OK; Diocesan Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith, Host Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bishop Jeffery Davis Goldsmith, Diocesan

Suffragan Bishop Joe R. Williams, Sr., Council Chairman

Sister Linda R. Lee, Assistant Secretary