**OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL, INC.**

**of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.**

**Bishop Vanuel C. Little, Sr. – Diocesan**

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

**MINUTES - EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017**

***CALL TO ORDER****:* The Oklahoma State Council Executive Board Meeting was called to order by the Diocesan Bishop Vanuel C. Little, Sr. at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the Greater First Deliverance Temple, 2101 North Bryant Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73121; Suffragan Bishop Vanuel Charles Little, Jr., Host Pastor.

***SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS****:* Suffragan Bishop Delbert Johnson, Suffragan Bishop Sherman P. Tyler, Sr., District Elder Howard Walker, and Suff. Bishop Nelson McMillan asked for prayer. Bishop Jeffery Goldsmith asked for prayer for the Nevada District Council. Bishop Little requested prayer for himself, the OSC Executive Board, and the entire Oklahoma State Council that we stay unified.

**PRAYER**: Council Chairman Suffragan Bishop Joe Williams led the prayer.

**SCRIPTURE READING BY**: Suffragan Bishop Antonio Moore, read the scripture from **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)**

***Diocesan Bishop Little*** - Thanked the Board for their prayers and he also prayed an additional prayer for the entire OSC Executive Board.

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

Diocesan, Bishop Vanuel C. Little, Sr. – Present

Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith – 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. – Present

Suffragan Bishop Art Ladd, Sr. – Absent

Suffragan Bishop Delbert E. Johnson, Sr. – Present

Suffragan Bishop Vanuel Charles Little, Jr. – Present

Suffragan Bishop Nelson McMillan – Present

**District Elders**:

District Elder Julius Williams – Present (came in late)

District Elder Jerry Williams – Present

District Elder Johnny Magness – Present

**Pastors Present**: Pastor Helen Edwards-Cole, Prince of Peace Ministries; and Pastor Larry Walker, Temple of Healing.

**READING OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2017 (ELDER PRINCETON JOHNSON)**: Motion was made by District Elder Johnny Magness and seconded by Suffragan Bishop Chuck Little that due to the great detailed of the minutes that we omit reading the Minutes of April 6, 2017 and that the minutes be approved as distributed with any necessary corrections. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT MAY 31, 2017 (EVANGELIST GAYLE JOHNSON)**:

Adams Kingdom $4,712.94 OSC Tulsa General $2,917.70

Christian Education $1,045.64 OKC Tornado Fund $5,000.00

Church Extension $2,108.75 Ushers $3,902.91

Health Professionals $1,554.60 Young People $5,409.93

MD&T Wives $2,231.24 Aenon $175.00

Men’s Ministry $1,868.15 Love and honor $1,050.00

Missionary $4,987.98 Assessments $4,535.00

OSC OKC General $303.84

Total cash in bank accounts **$41,803.68**. A copy of the Treasurer’s Report is attached for the Official Minute Book.

Motion by Suff. Bishop Nelson McMillan and second by District Elder Robert Finley that we receive the Treasurer’s Report as read. Motion carried.

**OSC CREDENTIALS SCHEDULE (DISTRICT ELDER JERRY WILLIAMS)**:

One hour after Wednesday night service; 1:30-2:30 p.m. after Bishop Little’s Bible Class on Thursday and Friday; and one hour after Thursday night’s service.

District Elder Magness stated that we need names, titles, and amounts of those paying their credentials.

**AUXILIARY REQUEST**: Sister Lee recommended that to save time that each auxiliary president that have requests make the copies for the OSC Executive Board or email their requests to the Board. The requests are being read by the Secretary and it is important that we have a copy of the requests for the Official Minute Book.

**Oklahoma State Council Missionary Auxiliary (OSCMA)**

1. Request that Pastor Krizzo Meadows be our speaker for the Wednesday evening service during the October 2017 Council. **Common Consent**

**Oklahoma State Council Men’s Ministry Auxiliary (OSCMMA)**

Elder Timothy Lewis submitted a letter of resignation from being the OSC Men’s Ministry Auxiliary President due to increased responsibility of personal family issues and not being able to effectively fulfil the position (a copy of the letter is attached for the Official Minute Book). He stated that he will continue to support the OSCMMA. Thank you for the opportunity of allowing me to serve as OSCMMA President.

**Suff. Bishop Chuck**: The 1st Vice President (Elder Anthony Bonner, Faith Community Outreach) would automatically become the President. District Elder Julius Williams (Director of OSCMMA) stated that they are aware of the adjustments to be made and wanted to make sure that the changes would be reflected in the minutes.

**District Elder Julius Williams**: Three (3) positions are opened Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer that needs to be filled.

**Suff. Bishop Chuck**: The 1st Vice automatically moves up. Elder Bonner needs to be contacted so that this issue can be resolved in this meeting. Director Williams stated that he will make the contact. Request will be placed on hold until all names are in order.

**District Elder Kevin**: District Elder Finley has a name that he would like to submit. District Elder Finley recommended Bro. Germaine Jordan for Assistant Treasurer (Praise Jesus Temple of Faith).

**Suff. Bishop Chuck**: These positions were previously filled in our October 2016 Council. It’s possible that the information did not get to the Director before the positions were filled. We can go to the “Order of the Day” and deal with the rest of the requests and come back to the OSCMMA request.

**Suff. Bishop McMillan:**  The 2nd Vice and all other positions must be approved by the OSC Executive Board.

**Suff. Bishop Chuck**: Calling for the “Order of the Day” so that we will not waste time.

**Oklahoma State Christian Extension & Evangelism Auxiliary (OSCEE)**

1. Request approval to host our 2017 OSCEE Convention at Grace and Glory Ministries located at 412 SW Summit Ave, Lawton, OK. **Common Consent**
2. Request that Suffragan Bishop Joseph Readen of Greater Faith Apostolic Temple be our Guest Speaker. **Common Consent**

**Suffragan Bishop Joe R. Williams, Sr. (OSC Council Chairman)**

1. Request the creation of a Multi-Media Committee. **Common Consent**
2. Recommend Suffragan Bishop Nelson McMillan (Refuge Temple of Praise) as Committee Chair. **Common Consent**
3. Recommend the following as Committee Members:

Pastor Howard Walker – Christ Apostolic Church

Deacon Kamau Exon – Emmanuel Tabernacle

Deacon Ashlie Overby – True Love Apostolic Church

First Lady Veda McMillan – Refuge Temple of Praise

**Common Consent**

**Suffragan Bishop Joe R. Williams, Sr. (OSC Council Chairman)**

1. Due to the transition of leadership, it is fitting that the in-coming Diocesan (Bishop Jeffery Goldsmith) be given the opportunity to host his inaugural council (October 2017) at his own church, Emmanuel Tabernacle. **Common Consent**

**Oklahoma State Christian Education Association Auxiliary (OSCEA)**

1. Request to have the OSCEA Convention on Friday, July 14, 2017 at the Greater Apostolic Faith Church. **Common Consent**
2. Request that Evangelist Pamela J. Hankerson be the Guest Speaker during the Friday evening service. **Common Consent**

**Oklahoma State Council Health Professionals Auxiliary (OSCHP)**

Friday, August 25th Church Extension (Lawton, OK); and OSCHP is asking for Saturday, August 26, 2017 to have their Annual Convention. The Directors stated that they do not have a problem with the dates.

**Suff. Bishop Tyler**: The back-to-back travel would be very rough. Suff. Bishop Moore said please send us your money via “Givelify” or whatever means you can support.

District Elder Kevin stated that we have talked in the past about combining auxiliaries. If you can’t make it, please send your money. **Common Consent**

1. Request to move our annual Health Professional Conference to Saturday, August 26, 2017. **Common Consent**
2. To remain incompliance with the International Health Professionals of the PAW, request that our two educational events be allowed to commence during the June Council – **CPR Class** on Friday, June 9, 2017 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. and that the fee per person be $25.00. **Common Consent**
3. Request the **Walkerton** be held Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 8:00-9:15 a.m. and that the registration fee be $5.00 for adults and $2.00 for children under the age of 18. Both educational events to be held on the property of Greater First Deliverance Temple, 2101 N Bryant. **Common Consent**

**Secretary Princeton**: I’ve received the email request from the OSC Men’s Ministry Auxiliary. The letter, from Elder Bonner, was read by the Secretary. A copy of the letter is attached for the Official Minute Book.

**Suff. Bishop Chuck**: Does this include the names from the last October Council? It’s not leaving out anyone that we have already appointed, does it? As a point of information, we need to go back to the October 2016 Minutes and see who we had appointed for Treasurer and Assistant Secretary and go from there.

The October 2016 Minutes for the position appointments for OSCMMS was read by Secretary Princeton. It was “Common Consent” for both Jamal Johnson as Assistant Secretary (Refuge Temple of Praise); and Brian Campbell as Assistant Treasurer (Refugee Temple of Praise).

**Suff. Bishop McMillan**: As the Pastor of Elder Brian Campbell (Refugee Temple of Praise), I am requesting that Bro Brian be removed as being considered for the position of Assistant Treasurer for the OSCMMA. Elder Brian is bouncing around from church to church.

**District Elder Magness**: Elder Brian Campbell came to Mt. Calvary Miracle Temple over a couple of months ago. I have no problem with his name being withdrawn.

**Oklahoma State Council Men’s Ministry Auxiliary (OSCMMA)**

1. Request approval of the proposed office position:

Elder Anthony Bonner (Faith Community Outreach) – President

Elder Michael Richards – 1st Vice President

Elder Owen Bullock – 2nd Vice President

Elder Marvin McGee (True Love) – Secretary

**Common Consent**

1. Request that the OSC Executive Board assist in filling the vacancies of Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.

The OSC Executive Board approved the following vacant positions in the OSC Men’s Ministry Auxiliary:

Bro. Jamal Johnson – Assistant Secretary (Refuge Temple of Praise)

Min. Howard Manous – Treasurer (Life of Christ Ministries)

Bro. Germaine Jordan – Assistant Treasurer (Praise Jesus Temple of Faith)

**Common Consent**

**POINT OF INFORMATION**:

Elder Perry W. Williams, Sr., Pastor of God’s House Ministries located at 1052 S. Douglas, Midwest City, OK 73130 – Submitted written notification on June 2, 2017 to leave the organization. A copy of the letter will be placed in our Official Minute Book.

**ANNUAL SUMMER CONVENTION**: Will be **July 30 through August 5, 2017** in Nashville, Tennessee. Bishop Little reminded the Board that all pastors of the OSC need to fulfil their financial obligations. Bishop asked everyone to do their best!

**CELEBRATION OF LOVE & HONOR (COUNCIL CHAIRMAN JOE WILLIAMS)**: Bishop Little has been a blessing down through the years. We are having a “Celebration of Love and Honor” for Bishop and Mom Little which is coming up on **July 7, 2017** at the **Cowboy Hall of Fame** at 6:00 p.m. I’m praying that all the pastors and churches have placed an ad in the ad book. We want you to inform your entire membership of this special event. Bishop Little we thank you and your entire family for a job well done. A copy of the brochure was emailed to all of the churches and a copy is attached for the Official Minute Book.

**WORDS FROM THE DIOCESAN (BISHOP LITTLE)**: Bishop Little sang “To God Be the Glory”. When you think about the glory of God, you get small in His presence. We came here in 1973 and never wanted to or talked about leaving. The more of God’s “Wisdom” we receive, the more we thank the Lord. We don’t need to take anybody’s members, but we need to ask God to help us win souls. In my old age I do more praying and studying.

We want to give Bishop Goldsmith and his family our full support. I don’t believe in splits. I’m asking the Lord to bless this Council and all its leaders. All souls are valuable in God’s sight. Let’s love one another. God took all our sins and put them on His account. The Lord is all powerful. Let’s ask the Lord to help us fill up our churches. Let’s hold each other up. Thank God for His many blessings that he has bestowed upon us.

**Council Chairman Williams**: Requesting all the Bishops, Suffragan Bishops, and District Elders wear your robes on Friday night.

**Suff. Bishop Antonio Moore**: Thank you for your leadership Bishop Little. You taught me to be in support of the Council. I honor you. I must be clear in my mind about the transition that is about to take place. I’m not clear so I just need you to help me to move forward in Jesus’ Name.

**Bishop Little**: You are hearing from me now. You have always been a true servant. I don’t know of anything that you didn’t know. You have always responded to what I’ve asked you to do. I would love to see all of you continue to move in the same way. We do not need any splits in this Council. Pastors don’t always know how their members feel. I do plan to still support my church serving under my Pastor, Suff. Bishop Vanuel Charles Little, Jr. I don’t have any hidden agendas. Run with the “Sound folks” and if they are not sound, be sound yourself.

I don’t want to cross or mistreat anybody. If I have, come to me. We all must watch ourselves and not get lifted in “Pride”. God do not change nor His Word.

I’ve elevated a lot of people under the inspiration of God. I cannot satisfy everybody. You can’t listen to everybody. If I do something wrong, I go back and get it straight.

After all matters had been discussed, Council Chairman Williams called for the motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Elder Princeton Johnson and seconded by Suff. Bishop Sherman P. Tyler that the meeting be adjourned; Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m. We were dismissed in prayer by District Elder Johnny Magness.

The next OSC Executive Session will be Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at Emmanuel Tabernacle, Oklahoma City, OK; Diocesan Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith, Host Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Suffragan Bishop Joe Williams, Council Chairman

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*Sister Linda R. Lee, Assistant Secretary*