**Oklahoma State Council**

**Special Call Meeting**

**Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith, Diocesan**

**MINUTES**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017**

The OSC Special Call Meeting was held in the Fellowship Center at Emmanuel Tabernacle, 1015 NW 96th Street, Oklahoma City, OK at 4:32 p.m. by Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith.

**SONG**: We opened with a song, “What A Fellowship”.

**PRAYER**: District Elder Jerry Williams led the prayer.

**SCRIPTURE**: Pastor Howard Walker read the Scripture from Psalms 133:1-3. **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)**

**BRIEF REMARKS**:

2nd Vice Chairman District Elder Kevin Henderson - thanked God for a blessed Council.

1st Vice Chairman District Elder Antonio Moore - thanked God for a successful and smooth Council.

First Lady Evangelist Regina Goldsmith - thanked God for everyone being in attendance. She stated that this is a humbling experience. She thanked God for all the pastors and stated that we look forward to working with you. She thanked God for her pastor, Bishop Goldsmith.

**COMMENTS AND INTRODUCTION OF BISHOP JEFFERY D. GOLDSMITH (COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, SUFFRAGAN BISHOP JOE WILLIAMS)**:

***Council Chairman* Williams** *-* We had a great Council and it was a blessing. Thank God for our Honorable Bishop Vanuel C. Little, Sr. preaching last night, and I love what he did by confirming Bishop Goldsmith taking over the Oklahoma State Council. *Let us receive the next Diocesan Bishop of the Oklahoma State Council, Bishop Jeffery D.* Goldsmith. Council Chairman Williams introduced Bishop Goldsmith as the newly appointed Bishop of the Oklahoma State Council.

**OPENING COMMENTS BY BISHOP JEFFERY D. GOLDSMITH**: I grew up right here in the State of Oklahoma in this Council as well as Lady Goldsmith. Scripture says, “Know them that labor among you.” Let us come together and work together, and let us make Bishop Little proud as we go forth.

**AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BISHOP JEFFERY DAVIS GOLDSMITH** – was read by District Elder Johnny Magness (a copy is attached for the Official Minute Book).

**FROM THE DESK OF BISHOP JEFFERY D. GOLDSMITH** – was read by the Assistant Secretary, Sis. Linda R. Lee (a copy is attached for the Official Minute Book).

***Bishop Goldsmith*** – The readings by District Elder Magness and Sis. Lee were read as an overview of who I am. I try to look at the environment and see what we have to work with.

As the Diocesan Bishop of the Nevada District Council (NDC), the Lord blessed me to be instrumental in getting the churches started in Africa. The churches are supporting the NDC. We went from $270.00 to $14,000.00. There was a balance of $4,000.00 in the NDC when I left. I paid my assessments to the Oklahoma State Council as well as assessed myself in the NDC.

We want to move a little faster than what we normally do. We want to plan our program with each one in mind.

The Multi Media Team (Suff. Bishop McMillan and Pastor Howard Walker) showed a brief overview of reaching every church through the website, Facebook, or twitter. We plan to set up a blog. To access the web page, go to **oscpaw.org**. We will help any church that would like to do a Facebook page.

The key to our Council is all our churches growing. I believe that we can do some great things. I don’t want to micro manage, I just want to be informed. With the help of God, we will strive to be a better Council, and there may be some changes.

Bishop Goldsmith stated that the purpose of this communication is to share our purpose and goals of the OSC Fellowship of Churches. A copy of the letter dated June 10, 2017 is attached for the Official Minute Book.

***Purpose: That we may promote Christian Fellowship, and effect spiritual knowledge, numerical and financial growth in our churches, as we carry out God’s divine mandate of building up the kingdom of God***.

***Goals***:

1. ***Increase our churches, therefore increasing the OSC numerically and financially***
2. ***Increase in revelation knowledge through seminars and classes***
3. ***Increase church and council participation through fellowship, sharing, and collaboration***
4. ***Increase awareness, and churches to the Oklahoma Sate Council Fellowship of Churches***

**ABOUT OUR COUNCIL**

The Retirement celebration for Bishop Little will be Friday, July 7, 2017 at the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Dealing with his legacy and service with the Oklahoma State Council.

Installation Service of New Bishop – Friday, July 21, 2017 at Emmanuel Tabernacle. We want all our clergies to wear their ceremonial garbs. We need the financial support of everyone and bring your best gift. This date worked better with Presider Bishop Ellis’ schedule.

**SIXTY (60) YEAR SOUVENIR & HISTORY BOOK (JUNE 2018 COUNCIL)** – We would like to have a gala and we need to start now with the planning. The cost of the book would be $60.00.

**UTILIZING COMMITTEES BETWEEN COUNCILS** – We need to know the dates that you will have your conferences. You can meet via telephone conferences. The Council Chairman and myself need to be informed of your meetings. Telephone Conference is (712) 775-7031 and the Meeting ID is 100-576-329#.

**TRANSITION TEAM** – We want to always work together. We want to always treat each other with respect; and be careful of what you put on Facebook. If you say anything on “Cyber Space”, let it be positive and not negative.

***Transitional Team*** is Suffragan Bishop McMillan, First Lady Rhonda Williams, and District Elder Jerry Williams. They will be getting information together and they will be authorized to do certain things.

We thank God for the “***Media Team***” in which the Executive Board has already approved.

**RESOLVING DIFFERENCES** – We cannot expect someone to be a part of us if they are hearing a lot of in-house problems. If you have any questions regarding me or another pastor, call me so we can get these things resolved. We have had one church to leave the Council and we have one church coming into the Council. If you know of a church that wants to come to the Council, it is our job to work with people. We must find a way to deal with our mistakes. We must resolve our challenges.

If we have a problem, let’s resolve it and come back home. We are working on a 3-year plan. We don’t want to mess up anyone or any church that is desiring to come to the Council. We want to be able to settle our differences.

**REUNITING AND RECRUITING CHURCHES** – We will be reuniting and recruiting churches.

**ESTABLISHING CHURCHES (LONG TERM)** - in the long term we will be establishing churches.

I am concerned about each one of you building up your church. I don’t want any scandals coming against me. We must be willing to bring others in. We will be having a call meeting with the pastors, auxiliary leaders, and directors.

We must be accountable to God. We want to open all our services with prayer. With God’s help, I plan to be on time. I thank God for individuals who have labored in this vineyard.

We need to have leadership classes and there will be a cost; not going to be something absorbent. I am very passionate and you can talk to me about anything.

I pray and hope that each one of you got something out of this meeting. We will be having our first female “District Elder”. You cannot criticize anyone if they have not been trained. We will give you the outline at the October Council.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion made by Suff. Bishop McMillan and second by Council Chairman Williams that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. and we were dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bishop Jefferey D. Goldsmith, Interim Diocesan

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*Sister Linda R. Lee, Assistant Secretary*