

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 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: The Oklahoma State Council Executive Board Meeting was called to order by Diocesan Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held at Emmanuel Tabernacle, 9700 N Western Avenue, OKC 73114; Diocesan Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith, Host Pastor.

Dr. Joe Williams sang “Sweet Jesus”.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: Suffragan Bishop Delbert Johnson, prayer for myself, wife, & my church. God has put it on our heart to build; we would like to be debt free. Bishop Little pray for myself and all of us in totality. District Elder Magness having spinal surgery 14 years old Lenell that his surgery is successful; Frist Lady Rhonda Williams asked to keep the State of Oklahoma and our health services of Department of Human Services in your prayers; District Elder Julius Williams pray for the country; District Elder Robert Finely pray for my wife having surgery at the end of this month; God has blessed us to be successful. Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith stated that we have a number of requests and there have been some illnesses and loss in the church. Let us pray for one another and the Council as a whole and each individual church.

PRAYER: District Elder Kevin Henderson (2nd 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)

Chairman said look at someone and say, “I’m glad to see you alive”!

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 Readon – Present (Came in after the roll call)
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. Readon – Present
Suffragan Bishop Sherman P. Tyler, Sr. – Present
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. – Excused Absence
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 Helen Edwards-Cole, Prince of Peace Ministries; and Pastor Larry Walker, Temple of Healing.

Council Chairman Williams: We thank God for having our Honorable Bishop Emeritus Vanuel C. Little, Sr. in the meeting and being in our midst. Bishop Little stated I'm glad to see all of you alive with me.

Council Chairman Williams: Our new Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith has labored among us and worked hard down through the years. God saw fit to elevate him. I ask you to let's support and have unity and love. In the military, we always had a chain of command and whoever the new commander is coming in let's get on board. We never compared the old commander with the new commander but we adjust.

We thank God for the Honorable Bishop Emeritus Little for 24 years, and he did an awesome job. I'm so grateful to him and he has helped all of us in our positions. The Lord has seen fit to raise up the Honorable Diocesan Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: We thank God for being in his presence one more time. Every leader has a different leadership style. What we are doing today is standing on the shoulder of Bishop Emeritus Little who has already set a tremendous standard with the Oklahoma State Council. Leadership styles may be different, but we are still doing the same thing. We are not trying to undo everything that Bishop Emeritus Little has done just to try to prove myself. We are all part of the same team. It's by God's divine providence that I am in this position that I'm in today.

I can testify that I never opposed Bishop Emeritus Little. I've always went along with his decision as I did with my Pastor. Those are two records that's on high. You have already received my bio and pictures. If anyone wants to have me over to speak, you already have a vow and picture. If you want my wife to introduce me, that will be fine.

We are expecting God to do great things. Our theme is **“Order, Restoration, and Glory” Haggai 2:9 “The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts; and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.”**

Handout entitled, **“Overview of the Goals of our Council & Meetings”** was distributed and a copy is attached for the Official Minute Book. Areas to be covered in the overview will be: Selection of officers; Reorganization (Order); Reuniting the Council; Fellowship/Communication; Shepherd Classes; Education; Finances; Grievances/Conflict Resolving; Adding More Churches; and Evangelism (Out Reach).

Executive Board Resolution was also distributed as a handout to the Executive Board to approve and adopt (a copy of the OSC Executive Board Resolution is attached for the Official Minute Book). We are going to have to deal with same sex marriage and homosexuality in our churches. If you have it in your “Constitution” that you do not believe in same sex marriage, then the law cannot bring litigation against your church. We can come back in April and adopt the resolution in our policy.

We want our Council to stay relevant and we want to be innovative in building up our Council. We want to hold on to our Christian values. We can never change the message.

Suff. Bishop Nelson McMillan has been very instrumental in assisting me and he will serve as my Executive Assistant. I also thank God for Suff. Bishop and First Lady McMillan; District Elder Jerry Williams and Evang. Rhonda Williams who have helped me during my transition. These are individuals that are already a part of the Council. I appreciate and love this Council. I'm asking that you pray for me and let's pray for each other.

READING OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2017 (ELDER PRINCETON JOHNSON): Motion was made by Suff. Bishop Tyler and seconded by Suff. Bishop McMillan to suspend the reading of the minutes and that the minutes be approved as distributed with any necessary corrections. Motion Carried.

Secretary Johnson: In an effort to cut down on the cost of printing, we are requesting that minutes be emailed to the OSC Executive Board so you can print your own copy for the Executive Board meetings. We will continue to print 10 copies for the meeting.

Assistant Secretary Lee: We are passing a sheet around for you to write your correct email address.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Please list your correct email addresses and should your email address change, you will be responsible for contacting the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary with the change. We will make sure that hard copies are available for the ones who prefer hard copies.

Suff. Bishop Readon: In the last few years, the Council has had my email address but every time an email is received it shows up on First Lady Readon's email address.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: The email address you put down today will be the email address that we will contact you unless you contact us to change it.

Evang. Williams: Have we accepted the April 6, 2017 Minutes?

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Yes, the minutes were accepted and approved.

Honorable Bishop Emeritus Little: Stated that all Executive Board members should have a hard copy of the minutes.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: We will make minutes available to whoever desires minutes, but for the ones who receive email they will have a copy.

Suff. Bishop McMillan: Every Executive Board will receive the minutes and for those who want a hard copy will receive a hard copy. I prefer the email copy because it is easy to store and maintain. Email copy is an advantage to all of us.

Assistant Secretary Lee: Reassured Bishop Emeritus Little that she will make sure that he has a hard copy of the minutes at each meeting.

Evang. Williams: According to Robert's Rules of Order, if you have received the minutes electronically that is acceptable.

Pastor Walker: I received the flyer for the Council but did not receive the minutes.

Assistant Secretary Lee: Pastor Walker's emails were returned undeliverable so we need a correct email address. Also, you might check your "Junk" or "Trash" mail.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Once we get the correct email address, everyone will receive the minutes and we will have 10 additional copies available.

Council Chairman Williams: Emailing the minutes is a great idea because you do save money. How many of us will bring the minutes to the Executive Board meeting? If everybody does not have the minutes, the professional way is to have the minutes.

Suff. Bishop Moore: I concur with Chairman Williams. Some emails I receive and others I do not. My email has been the same.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Emails and hard copies of the minutes are both professional. It just depends on how you run your business. We are an international organization and emails and telephone conferences are how we communicate. At this particular time, we will receive a motion.

Motion made by Suff. Bishop McMillan and seconded by Suff. Bishop Tyler that we allow the Assistant Secretary to send minutes electronically and that we provide copies for all Executive Board Members who prefer a hard copy. A total of 16 members raised their hands and voted for electronic mail and a total of 12 members raised their hands and voted for hard copies. Motion Carried.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: A total of 12 hard copies of the minutes will be printed, 5 copies of the minutes will be for the sitting pastors.

TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER 17, 2017 (DISTRICT ELDER ROBERT FINLEY, ASSISTANT TREASURER):

Adams Kingdom \$5,965.19	Disaster Relief Fund \$350.00
Christian Education \$484.07	Ushers \$2,136.91
Church Extension \$1,216.60	Young People \$2,653.93
Health Professionals \$115.50	Aenon \$765.00
MD&T Wives \$596.24	Assessments \$1,628.00
Men's Ministry \$561.07	Deductible -\$207.21
Missionary \$2,008.60	Deposits \$3,475.70
OSC -\$380.70	

Total cash in bank accounts **\$21,368.90**. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached for the Official Minute Book.

Motion made by Suff. Bishop McMillan and second by District Elder Finley that the Treasurer's Report be received as read.

Suff. Bishop Tyler: Can we get more than just the balance on the Treasurer's Report?

First Lady Johnson: Yes, we will provide a detailed Treasurer's Report at the next Executive Board Meeting.

Council Chairman Williams: The installation service funds are not listed on the Treasurer's Report.

Suff. Bishop McMillan: The installation service would not have been a regular fund that would be listed on the Treasurer's Report. Those funds would have gone through the OSC General Fund which would have been deposited and written back out. Funds are managed throughout the course of the year.

Council Chairman Williams: We should have some form of record of the income received and the expenditures paid from the installation service.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: That was an installation service. We do not have a record of the installation service or Bishop's night or honored night of our Bishop. These are different type of services. There are funds. I gave from my installation service to the OSC. That amount is not listed on the Treasurer's Report as well. Even though the OSC hosted the installation service at my church, that is not a part of the OSC.

Suff. Bishop Tyler: We should know how much funds came in and spent out from all services as well as who the checks were written to.

Assistant Secretary Lee: We need to have a "Cash Receipts Journal" and a "Cash Disbursements Journal" and in this way we will know what income was received (by whom) and what disbursements were paid (to whom). Any funds that come in to the OSC and deposited in our Treasurer and written out of our Treasurer must be accounted for. We must show an account for all funds received and disbursed.

First Lady Johnson: I do have all the records for all services and I can make a report accordingly if this is the OSC Executive Board's desire.

Suff. Bishop Tyler: OSC Treasure is in the minus. Every Council we are ask to give a "Special Offering". As a Board, we can govern what goes in and what comes out. How can we govern funds we do not see coming in or going out?

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: As a leader, I spend very little time dealing with the problem. All I need to know is what the problem is. The balance sheet is the same sheet that we have received for the last 10 years. Going forward, we will be working on having an itemized statement. We can make a recommendation of having an itemized statement. I serve on the Bishop's Board, but we do not receive an itemized statement of what Presider Bishop Ellis receives. We have a record of the overall expenses of the Administration. The Treasurer's Office has a record of how much money of the Administration was given to the Presiding Bishop. They receive how much was allocated for a particular auxiliary or officer.

Suff. Bishop McMillan: Even when we had detailed reports, we would never see the Bishop's Offering on the reports. As the Council Chairman, you are free to get with the Treasurer and get answers to any questions that you need to ask.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: I do not think that we understand the gravity of what we are saying. You can get a report of the auxiliaries. My concern is to build the Treasurer up in the OSC.

When I left the Nevada Council, we had over \$4,000.00 in their account. Going forward, we want to bring the OSC Treasurer up to a level that we would like to have it. I don't want to say anything negative about the past, but we want to move forward. We have financial information available on what everybody receives. I need to know where we are going and what is our goal.

Pastor Walker: How would you frame that motion?

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: There is no motion on the floor. We are dealing with the question.

Suff. Bishop Johnson: As an organization and Executive Board member of the Council, we should know in detailed what is coming in and going out. My Executive Board of my church knows exactly what my salary is, what we receive, spend, and where the money is going. I always made it my business to put the church ahead of myself even until this day.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Called for the order of the day. I have no problem with that. I have been sitting across from you for over 10 years and I have never heard you say that. The last time we had a breakdown was over 10 years at Suff. Bishop Ladd's church. How we are going to do things and how things were handled in the past are two separate issues. As stated before, I'm looking at where do we go from here.

Suff. Bishop Johnson: This issue has never been brought up. I'm just giving my opinion as to what we should do as we are going forward. No disrespect to you as the Diocesan Bishop. I highly respect you.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Called for the order of the day. I do not mind going forward. We are trying to correct the Treasure. An itemized statement is already in the Constitution as to what each auxiliary leader receives.

Suff. Bishop Tyler: We have bylaws that govern what we can receive. We are supposed to have a certain amount in the Treasure and never a negative balance.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: We have things in place to bring the Treasury up. We are only discussing this issue due to a request of an itemized statement. We need a breakdown of administrative fees. We sit on the International Executive Board and we only give a report on the administrative fees. I don't have anything to hide. We already have it listed in the Constitution as to what we receive.

First Lady Johnson: On Bishop's night, we have envelopes given to the Council Chairman and others as to what is given to the Diocesan Bishop on his night. We are not hiding anything. We have records of all funds received.

Assistant Secretary Lee: Did we do away with the "OSC Tulsa General Treasurer"? First Lady Johnson responded "yes".

Suff. Bishop Tyler: When Sis. Linda Lee was the President of the OSC Ushers, her report gave a complete breakdown on income and expenditures. The Executive Board should know how much offering we take up each night of the Council.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Your comments are well noted. I run the Council different and we have discussed these issues and we are trying to get things in compliance. We are currently working on these issues right now.

Dist. Elder Magness: There is an expectation of all of our officers and we need to be considerate of their positions. Sometime we are unreasonable for what we are asking them for and they don't always have all the things that is needed from the auxiliaries to complete their jobs.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Order of the day.

Suff. Bishop Readen: I understand clearly what you are saying. We cannot go back trying to fix something last year. Each church need to come up with an idea of how we can get money into the Council and bring the idea to the Diocesan Bishop.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: We are initiating a plan to bring funds into the Council, and we will be accountable for these funds. I want to spend more time to see how we can bring the Council up to the next level.

Evang. Williams: According to Robert's Rules of Order, the Treasurer's Report simply must state the "Balance of Cash on Hand". Additionally, when the Treasurer makes that annual financial transaction it must be audited and then brought to the OSC Executive Board.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: We have a motion on the floor to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Suff. Bishop Johnson: Clarified that his comments dealt strictly about where we are and where we go from here. I support the Diocesan Bishop 100%.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: At this junction on the agenda, we have a motion as to whether we will accept the Treasurer's report or not. I allowed for this discussion. I hope we are as vocal on trying to get a handle on this and make it better. Once we put this in motion, you can question me all you want, but question me on what I've done and what I plan to do.

Dist. Elder Magness: I'm so glad that "Robert's Rules of Order" is being used. To help time usage, Robert's Rules of Order dictates that a person can only address the same subject twice and that person has no more time on that subject. The time usage is according to the Board.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: We will not have the "Jerry Sprinkler Show". I am allowing this time to vent, and once we go forward with a plan, that is where we are. We have a motion on the floor for us to receive the Treasurer's Report what's your pleasure?

Motion made by Suff. Bishop McMillan and seconded by District Elder Finley that the Treasurer's Report be received as read. Motion Carried.

OSC PAW ASSESSMENT REPORT (SUFF. BISHOP NELSON McMILLAN): 2017 Assessments ended October 1st. 2017 Assessments are due immediately. If you have not paid your 2017 Assessment, please contact and make arrangements with Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith. A copy of the 2017 Assessment is attached for the Official Minute Book.

October 1st begins the new year's assessment for 2018. Do not go to the Treasurer if you have any discrepancies. Send all payments to Emmanuel Tabernacle, OSC Headquarters, 1015 NW 96th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73114. Please do not send any payments to the P. O. Box because it will be closing down. Do not give the Treasurer any assessment payments. All assessment payments are to be given to Suff. Bishop McMillan.

2018 Assessments (Copy attached for the Official Minute Book) are now due. Dist. Elder Williams (Grace and Glory Ministry); Suff. Bishop Readen (Greater Faith Apostolic Temple); and Pastor Cruikshank (House of Christ Ministry) have all paid their 2018 Assessments in full. I also have a check from Dist. Elder Henderson (Mt. Zion Worship Center).

Suff. Bishop Johnson: Need clarification concerning assessment payments.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: If assessment payments are made at the Council, give payments to Suff. Bishop McMillan to record, and he will turn the funds over to the Treasurer, First Lady Johnson. When pre-registration or any other checks are mailed to the OSC Headquarters, the Treasurer will get the check(s) and make a copy of the check(s) and documentations to give to the necessary people. Whoever receives the check(s) has the responsibility of making the copies of the check(s) and documentation and making sure that the necessary people receive the information. The Secretary needs to be aware of all funds being received and making sure that the Secretary receives a copy of the check(s) and documentation as well. We are coming up with a more organized system.

Motion made by Suff. Bishop Johnson & seconded by First Lady Johnson that the Assessment Reports be received as distributed. Motion carried.

The Board commended the Treasurer (First Lady Gayle) and Suff. Bishop McMillan for a job well done.

PAW CONVENTION 2017 HIGHLIGHTS (SUFF. BISHOP JOE WILLIAMS): Suff. Bishop Williams gave highlights from the 2017 PAW Summer Convention in Nashville, TN. The Theme of the Convention was "**Onward and Upward**". A complete copy of his report is attached for the Official Minute Book.

EMERGENCY AND DISASTER RELIEF FUND (DIOCESAN BISHOP GOLDSMITH):

We had \$5,000 in the fund; we currently have \$350.00; The Fund was sent to us because a tornado disaster. We want to change this fund to “**Emergency and Disaster Relief Fund**” and replenish the fund to \$5,000.00. We want to put some guidelines and stipulations on the fund where the Diocesan Bishop have the right to be able to allocate \$1,000.00 of the fund without Council approval. Anything over that amount must go through the Council. We want to make sure that the fund does not get under \$1,000.00. I Used Executive Privilege and we sent \$500.00 to Texas because of the Hurricane. Anything over \$1,000 we need to have a quorum in order to make a decision on that. We want to be available and flexible not only to help our people but others as well.

I spoke to our 1st Assistant Presiding Bishop Richard Young and informed him what we were going to do concerning sending funds to Texas. We thank the OSC for being in a position to do that.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith’s recommendation is that the Emergency Relief Fund be renamed to the Emergency and Disaster Relief Fund; that we try to keep \$5,000 in this account; that we do not deplete under \$1,000.00; that the Diocesan Bishop be allowed to use \$1,000.00 for a disaster or an emergency at his discretion without meeting with the Board; and anything over \$1,000.00 would need Board approval. Motion carried.

Suff. Bishop Moore: Where did the rest of the money go?

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: The other \$500.00 went to undergird what we are trying to do in the Council. The Council had a little over \$300.00. As newly appointed Diocesan Bishop of OSC, I could have removed all the funds from the auxiliaries and placed them in the OSC General Fund and allocate it out as needed but chose not to go that route. We used some of the \$5,000.00 to undergird some of the things that we were trying to do. The OSC did not pay for my flight, hotel, or my expenses during the National Convention. I talked to our Treasurer that I felt that we need to undergird and shoulder the expenses of Bishop Emeritus Little to attend the National Convention and we did. Part of the funds went toward undergirding the installation service. Our Presiding Bishop came to the installation. We needed to shoulder the expenses for our Diocesan Bishop. Once we do a reconciliation, we will know the breakdown of all the expenses. All of our auxiliaries were able to go to the National Convention and they were not affected by all of the challenges that we had.

All the auxiliaries are intact, and we have taken care of our assessments where our assessments will be up-to-date.

We had an outstanding installation service. We thank the Lord for Bishop Emeritus Little and Suff. Bishop Little for taking out the time from their very special event to attend the installation service. Thank you for the sacrifice you made and I love you. Bishop Emeritus said we love each other.

The funds that I received through the installation, I also gave back to the Council.

Motion was made by Suff. Bishop McMillan and seconded by Suff. Bishop Tyler that the Emergency Relief Fund be renamed to the Emergency and Disaster Relief Fund; that we try to keep \$5,000 in this account; that we do not deplete under \$1,000.00; that the Diocesan Bishop be allowed to use \$1,000.00 for a disaster or an emergency at his discretion without meeting with the Board; and anything over \$1,000.00 would need Board approval. Motion carried.

UNITY OFFERING (DIOCESAN BISHOP GOLDSMITH): I propose to have a “Unity and Leadership Conference” and the time that it will be held would be the first weekend in February of 2018. We would have service that Friday night. We would have a leadership meeting on Saturday from 10:00-2:30 p.m. We would pay for the leadership conference and take up our unity offering. We want to make sure that all of our leaders have the correct teachings. Those who have been through the training of the PAW, they will be teaching some of these trainings.

All leaders would need to go through this certification meeting. No one would be promoted or elevated to positions until they go through the meeting. You pay to go to this particular meeting. We must have a leadership meeting in 2018. Dr. Lazenby will be elevated to District Elder, but she will need to go through the training first.

Motion was made by Secretary Johnson and seconded by District Elder Julius Williams that we have a “Unity Leadership Conference” in place of the Song Fest the first week in February 2018 and the necessary requirements will come later.

Suff. Bishop Moore: Are we not having the Song Fest any more. Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith responded that he did not know.

Secretary Johnson: In the last two years, the Song Fest has been cancelled.

Assistant Secretary Lee: Do you know from the OSPYPU Director that they will not be having the Song Fest in the future? Out of consideration, have you checked with the Director of the OSPYPU?

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: No, I have not checked with the OSPYPU Director, but I am aware that we have not had a Song Fest in two years. Right now, that slot is vacant. I will talk to the OSPYPU Director which is proper protocol.

The “Unity Offering” is not what it should be to undergird this Council.

Council Chairman Williams: Please allow me to try to get in contact with the OSPYPU Director and mention the Unity and Leadership Conference to be held during the Song Fest dates.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: That would be fine. We do know that if we have a slot vacant for too long and we wait three years that somebody will have the vacancy filled. I recommend that we talk to our OSPYPU Director as a courtesy.

Assistant Secretary Lee: Prior to the current leadership of the OSPYPU, we had the Song Fest every year and I strongly feel that they would be starting the Song Fest back up.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: To all of the directors, we need to talk to the Executive Board about what we are doing and what our plans are in our auxiliaries. If it goes inactive for a year or two, then we will need to make some changes. We also had a "Back-To-School-Blowout" in August, and we have not had that as well.

Suff. Bishop Moore: I hear what you are saying, but we still should talk to the OSPYPU Director before we make this final decision. What we want to do is a very good idea. We use to come on a Tuesday to have the leadership conference.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: February serves two purposes, leadership and unity offering. I recommend that before we change that date permanently we will talk to the OSPYPU Director. As far as in February, I think we need to have this leadership and unity conference in February. All the OSC State meetings would need to go through the Executive Board.

Evang. Williams: Did the OSPYPU turn in a request to have the Song Fest in 2018?

Council Chairman Williams: I spoke with Suff. Bishop Little and he stated that whatever the Council wants to do is fine with him.

Suff. Bishop Readon: I feel that the Bishop Emeritus and the Diocesan Bishop should be teaching the class on leadership. I feel very uncomfortable sitting in the class with someone else teaching outside the Diocesan and Emeritus Bishop. Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith stated, "So noted".

Honorable Bishop Emeritus Little: I'm not speaking against anyone, but we're talking about unity; unity in its totality. We need to have a willingness to say yes and move ourselves out of the way. Let there be no division among us. Emeritus means I'm in a different category, but the Lord has not turned me a loose. It's a good program, but if we don't have unity, then we become divided. Let's follow the leadership. Let's not divide ourselves. I'm here to be a help in any way that I can. Let's love and be kind to one another. Thank you for listening and allowing me to stand up and say something.

Pastor Walker: Was the Song Fest ever bringing in finances? Everything that we do should have a goal and objectives. Souls being saved or encouraged and finances are the two primary things. Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith stated that I really don't have an answer for that.

Honorable Bishop Emeritus Little: Commented on the importance of giving on your level and giving what you have.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: The way we were keeping our records we have budgeted items but it does not reflect what came in during the Song Fest, OSPYPU Convention, or the Teens' Convention. The Treasurer and the Young People's Department should have that information.

Secretary Johnson: I was the OSPYPU President for six years and we can look on the Treasurer's report and see that the OSPYPU is one among the most successful auxiliaries based on the amount of money that they have. The Song Fest is not a money-driven event. The Song Fest is more of teaching choirs and teaching event. The Song Fest would carry itself and did not put the OSPYPU in a position to be in the red. They had a registration fee for the events and an offering was lifted during the Song Fest Concert.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: We need to have a leadership conference this year and do something about our unity offering.

Assistant Secretary Lee: My concerns have been answered via Council Chairman's response from Suff. Bishop Little that he is fine with whatever the Council wants to do. I'm for the Unity and Leadership Conference and we can really move on to the next order of the day.

Evang. Williams: No disrespect to Suff. Bishop Readen, but I disagree with him on the speakers for the conference speakers. I took the "Transformation Classes" and all of our classes were taught by different leaders throughout the PAW. All of us that took those classes have the knowledge to bring to the Council. We paid our funds and it took us several years to graduate. Because of the training, we have something to add to the process.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: We do not have the time to go into how the leadership classes will be structured, but we do know what the objectives are. The objectives are to enlighten leaders to make sure that we are on the same page and where we go from here. At this particular time, the event will be at Emmanuel Tabernacle.

We already had a motion and second on the floor for the Unity and Leadership Conference during the first weekend in February. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Council Chairman Williams and seconded by Dist. Elder Julius Williams to have the Unity and Leadership Conference first weekend in February 2018 at Emmanuel Tabernacle. Motion Carried.

OSC HISTORY & SOUVENIR BOOK (PASTOR MEADOWS, CHAIRMAN): Committee members are First Lady Readen, Pastor Howard Walker, and Suff. Bishop Moore. We are asking all OSC Fellowship of Churches, pastors, auxiliary leaders, and individuals to purchase an ad in our "**60th Anniversary Souvenir Book**". We are asking each OSC Pastor to sale seven (7) pages. A copy of the detailed letter and order form is attached for the Official Minute Book. We will have a booth set up at this Council. Our goal is to have a souvenir booklet of 200 pages; sell 150 pages of ads; and have a minimum of 200 books at a cost of \$60.00.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: The purpose of the History and Souvenir Book is to generate funds for the OSC. This was an excellent presentation coming from Pastor Meadows,

and we thank God for the Souvenir Book Committee and all their hard work. We pray that every church will have the Souvenir Book in their library and homes.

COUNCIL REGISTRATION (DIOCESAN BISHOP GOLDSMITH): Our goal is to have 400 people to register for the council. Sis. McConnel is the Chairman of the Registration. Asking Dist. Elder Henderson (2nd Vice Chairman) to work with the Council Registration along with Pastor Howard Walker to assist you. We want to keep a running total of how many people have registered.

Suff. Bishop Tyler: We should be registering 1,000 people. If the Board is not registering, then you shouldn't be sitting on the Board. We use to have a plaque that we presented every Council of those who registered the most members. If we can get the registration up to 1,000, that would take care of three-fourths of our problems.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: We are sending emails out and asking for fasting and prayer the Monday before the Council. We can reincorporate giving the plaque for the church that register the most members.

Dist. Elder Magness: My church has registered 100% at Mt. Zion Miracle Temple. We should receive some type of price reduction if you register 90% or more for consideration in the future. It is expensive to register your entire membership.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Dist. Elder Henderson and staff will come back with a full report on the registration process. We have good information so we need to act upon it.

Suff. Bishop Moore: We were taught to support the Council. I start early; we have pre-registration before the pre-registration. We start ahead. We pay 100% registration. Everybody in my church registers. We have started on the June 2018 registration.

Suff. Bishop Readen: For 24 years, our church has registered and paid for every member in our church. Greater Faith Apostolic Church (GFAT) register everyone in our church. If you are a pastor, you should be responsible for the members in your church. The members bring the money to me and I collect early. I asked Suff. Bishop Little where does the money go from the registration? He stated that it goes to the Council. If you are a preacher and you don't register, you don't preach. Registration is the Pastor's responsibility. GFAT is not stingy. It hurts me to my heart when I see certain churches doing their best and other churches not doing anything.

Assistant Secretary Lee: Do you pay registration for the "Floating" in and out members? First Lady Readen said that GFAT does not pay for the in and out "Floating Members".

Dist. Elder Henderson: In being honest, we have fallen short in registration. I will not be the best person to be the Chairman over the Registration Committee. We will do better. We have asked our members to pay for the Council but have not gone as far as to pay for those members who do not want to pay for themselves.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: What you do today will affect your tomorrow. I use to register 300 members plus when it was \$3.00 per person. In listening to Suff. Bishop Moore, I agree that it takes preparation and budgeting, and we also need to have some type of consistent system.

Dist. Elder Henderson: Requested that someone else that is motivated be placed as Chairman of the Registration Committee. He also stated that he would do better on his church registration.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith asked Suff. Bishop Readon if he would be willing to be the Chairman of the Registration Committee. Suff. Bishop Readon stated "yes".

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: I commend Dist. Elder Henderson and I appreciate his honesty. He does not play. These are serious times, and he will do his best. We need someone to hold a position that has passion. Suff. Bishop Moore and Pastor Howard Walker will assist with the Registration Committee.

Pastor Lazenby: If we could send our registration in on a quarterly basis, it would be less of a strain. You would not have all this to deal with at one time. We must be consistent.

First Lady Readon: Look at the workload on the people that would be handling that particular task. It takes the responsibility away from the pastors if the burden is placed on the Registration Committee Staff. You want to make it convenient for everyone but at the same time we are limited with staff. We have other things that we have to track. If the pastors do their job, it would alleviate the responsibility on the staff.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: You can delegate the responsibility of registration in your church, but the pastor is responsible. Whenever you send in your registration to the OSC Headquarters, it will be recorded.

Suff. Bishop Readon: My opinion on sending registration in on a quarterly basis is that it would be a waste of checks since we only have two churches that have over 500 members.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Members can write the check to the church and the church send in the payment. Send all suggestions and recommendations to the Registration Committee Chairman, Suff. Bishop Readon.

Dist. Elder Jerry Williams: We should put the registration on our tithing envelope.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Once the suggestions have been made and turned over to the Registration Committee, the Committee will discuss with the Diocesan Bishop and it will be less work once we get to the Council.

Suff. Bishop Tyler: Called for the "Order of the Day".

AUXILIARY REQUEST: A copy of all the "Auxiliary Requests" are attached for the Official Minute Book.

Aenon Alumni Association Oklahoma Chapter (Dr. Anita L. McCarther, Region III Director) – That Aenon Alumni Association Oklahoma City Chapter be allowed to have a program called “**Aenon Day**” to help generate funds for our Chapter. The requested date to be **Saturday, June 30, 2018 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.**; and \$10.00 Registration.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: We need direction from the Board. We need to have some way that we are hosting meetings and storing money. This auxiliary need to give something back to the OSC. The auxiliary does not have a representative on the Board to represent the auxiliary, and we need to set up something with the Council where the auxiliary gives 15% back to the OSC.

They are not asking for a one-time event, but they are asking for an annual event, and we must look at this differently. My recommendation is to table this request and take it up again at the 2018 April Executive Board Meeting.

Suff. Bishop McMillan: We need to give the Aenon Alumni Association Chapter some structure. We need to notify them that they would need to follow the same guidelines as other auxiliaries. Since the auxiliary do not have a director, they would need to direct their requests through the Council Chairman according to our Constitution.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Directed Council Chairman Williams to get with the auxiliary and come up with some guidelines and bring it back to the Diocesan Bishop to bring before the OSC Executive Board to make a decision.

Motion was made by Pastor Howard Walker and seconded by Dist. Elder Julius Williams that the request be tabled until the April 2018 OSC Executive Board Meeting. Common Consent.

Oklahoma State Usher Board Auxiliary (Sis. Joyce Phinisee, President) – The Director approved all requests, and the pastors approved each officer in Item #4.

1. OSC Ushers 11th Annual State Usher Day be held at the OKE City Church, Pastor Bobby Ladd, Host Pastor (formerly Greater Apostolic Faith Church – Letter was emailed to the Diocesan Bishop and Council Chairman by Pastor Bobby Ladd stating the new church name) – Common Consent
2. The Guest Speaker for the 11th Annual State Usher Day be Evangelist Pamela Hankerson – Common Consent
3. Item #3 omitted because Dr. Jessie M. Lazenby has already been retained as the OSC Usher Director.
4. The following positions be filled to complete the OSC Usher Officers:
2nd Vice President – Bro. Eddie Cutliff (Greater First Deliverance Temple)
Treasurer – Sis. Aleece Barnes (OKE City Church)

Assistant Treasurer – Sis. Shawna Foley (Divine Inheritance Ministry)
Assistant Secretary – Sis. Sharon Cossum (Emmanuel Tabernacle)
Common Consent

5. The International Usher Board of the PAW Membership Dues increased from \$7.00 to \$10.00 two years ago and the change needs to be reflected on the 2017 OSC Report Form effective immediately – Common Consent

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: We need a formal written request from Pastor Bobby Ladd changing the name of their church from Greater Apostolic Faith Church to OKE City Church.

Motion was made by Suff. Bishop McMillan and seconded by Suff. Bishop Moore to receive the request as a whole but adopt in sections. Motion Carried

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: In the future, have on the requests that the pastor has approved each person and the Director has approved all requests.

Secretary Johnson: Table until April to give us time to talk to the Constitution Committee and get approved so it can be changed.

Assistant Secretary Lee: I spoke with Suff. Bishop Little (Constitution Committee Chairman) as how to handle the increased membership dues of the International Usher Board and he stated that the Usher President must submit the request at the October Council.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: As an Executive Board member if you have talked to Suff. Bishop Little, we can proceed.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Make sure you get with Suff. Bishop Little to make sure the change is made on the church report form by the June 2018 Council.

Oklahoma State Missionary Auxiliary (First Lady Pamela Meadows, President)

1. Request that First Lady Grace Ladd (OKE City Church, Oklahoma City) be appointed to fill the vacant position of Treasurer; the appointee has been approved by her pastor and auxiliary director – Common Consent
2. Request that Missionary Alice Gainer be appointed to fill the vacant position of Assistant Treasurer; the appointee has been approved by her pastor and auxiliary director – Common Consent
3. Request that the OSMA 2018 Convention be held at Emmanuel Tabernacle (Diocesan Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith, Host Pastor), 9700 N Western Ave, Oklahoma City, OK on April 5 and 6, 2018; and that the banquet be held on April 7, 2018 at the Del City Community Center. Request that Suff. Bishop Joe R. Williams, Sr. (Pastor of True Love Apostolic, Lawton, OK) be our Thursday evening

speaker on April 6th; and that Suff. Bishop Joseph D. Readen (Pastor of Greater Faith Apostolic Temple, Lawton, OK) be our banquet speaker on Saturday, April 7th. Common Consent

OSC Health Professionals (Sis. Margaret Kongi, RN, President)

1. Request to have their Annual Educational Conference on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Emmanuel Tabernacle, 9700 N Western Ave, Oklahoma City, OK from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Diocesan Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith, Host Pastor. Our Director, Suff. Bishop Moore has approved this request. Proposed 2018 Budget is attached. Common Consent

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: We will need to consult with the Director. There is no date, time, or place listed. I asked all the Pastors to bring your calendar information. What is our ruling on that.

Suff. Bishop Tyler: August 25th is our Appreciation Service.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Asked Dist. Elder Henderson (Director of Church Extension and Evangelism) what is your convention date? He stated Friday, August 24, 2018.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Asked Suff. Bishop Moore (Director of the OSC Health Professionals), how do you feel about your conference being one day after the Church Extension and Evangelism?

Suff. Bishop Moore: Dist. Elder Henderson and I do not have a problem with their schedule of events being a day apart. Church Extension and Evangelism is on a Friday evening and Health Professionals is on Saturday from 9:00-2:00 p.m. We know that the Executive Board and the Council will support us each way because it is a State event. The Health Professionals did not have their convention but she did send out a letter asking all OSC Pastors to send a love offering because we still need funds. If you have not done that, we still need your offering. You can send by "Givelify".

Secretary Johnson: Each auxiliary's service on the calendar has been in the same place each time of the year. We have completely moved the Church Extension from September to August which is causing the issue. Are we going to keep the dates that we have had in the past, or are we going to allow the auxiliary presidents to pick any date in the year and disregard what the Board has already approved?

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: This is the reason that I asked all the pastors to bring your calendars. Going forward, we do not want to set anything at our local churches that conflicts with a State event. Our calendars will be listed on our website and is currently in operation, and the events will be color coded. All State events will be in red; all pastors' appreciations and church conventions will be in blue; all established church events (5 years or more) will be in green; and the rest of the events will be noted.

We do not want to set meetings over other meetings which have already been established. Example, Emmanuel Tabernacle Transformation Conference, we have had that for the same period for 17 years. I would not feel good if someone came and set

something on that particular date. We invite everybody to come and it does not conflict with any other State event. Give them the courtesy of letting them know that you or planning on having an event and this is the only date that we can have it. We do not want any hard feelings among us. We need some clarity on these dates.

We want to make sure that the Health Professionals have their event because they have good presentations and speakers discussing “Stress” and “Diabetes”. We want to hear them enlighten us on these issues.

Evang. Williams: Sis. Kongi cancelled the Health Professional Convention for Greater First Deliverance Temple (GFDT) local church event.

Suff. Bishop Moore: Sis. Kongi has a great role in both her church and the Council. Sis. Kongi did not move the date, she just cancelled the Health Professional’s event. GFDT’s event was that Saturday.

Suff. Bishop McMillan: We commend Sis. Kongi for submitting a budget with her event. To cover this year, can we go forth with her request this year and ask the director’s to come back with a better date so it will not be back-to-back events.

Suff. Bishop Moore: Sis. Kongi is requesting to have their Annual Educational Conference on Saturday, August 25th.

Motion was made by Suff. Bishop McMillan that the request be sent back to Sis. Kongi to ask her to submit another date that is not too close to the date for the Church Extension and Evangelism date.

Suff. Bishop Moore: As the Director of the Health Professionals, there is no conflict with us on the date.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Asked the Directors of the Health Professionals and Church Extension and Evangelism how they plan to work out the date conflict?

Suff. Bishop Moore: We support these auxiliaries no matter where they are. If you can’t be their physically, then send your offering via “Givelify”, or mail your check to the OSC home office mailing address for that particular auxiliary.

Suff. Bishop McMillan: It works a hardship on the OSC Treasurer to attend back-to-back events. It is stressful.

Dist. Elder Henderson: Suff. Bishop Moore and I are fine with the dates. It’s up to the pastors as to whether or not they are willing to travel.

Bishop Emeritus Little: What is so completed about this matter that it cannot be worked out. Give in with love, without whispering or complaining. Whatever changes need to be made, just do it. He who humble himself will be exalted.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: We set a "State" meeting on the date that a pastor has something going on. We just want to make sure that the pastor is okay with a date and change.

Suff. Bishop Tyler: It is not fair for us to have back-to-back events. It requires that I would need to get a hotel.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: We are in the process of formulating a "Covenant Relationship Letter" among the pastors. We need to pledge that we are going to learn from one another; we're not going to speak evil or preach against one another; we will have respect for one another; we are going to genuinely enjoy and fellowship with one another; and when it comes to strained relationships, we're going to do what we can to heal these relationships. We're going to develop long-term friendships. We will also need to deal with members going to other churches.

We do not want any friction in the OSC. When we bring somebody in, they don't need to know all about our problems. We need to welcome them in and make them feel at home. We're going to have to decide what we going to do concerning Suff. Bishop Donald Tyler. Whatever is going on there, Suff. Bishop Donald Tyler and Sis. Marsha Tyler are going to have to work that situation out. At the end of the day, everybody needs to be in church and everybody needs to be saved. If we bring somebody in, we cannot talk about their situation; we cannot talk about their situation to their members; and he cannot be talking about his situation to nobody in the church. There's a strong impulse to vindicate yourself and to say something. We all are going to have to hold our peace.

A person should not have to leave our Council to be healed. We've got to work with people. As the Diocesan Bishop, if he is saying something derogatory about other pastors then that is my responsibility to handle. If another pastor saying something derogatory about another pastor, then it is my responsibility to address that issue. If a person in your church is saying something derogatory about another person, it is the pastor's responsibility to address the matter. We've got to give people a chance to work out their situation.

If you are going to bring other pastors and their churches into the OSC, we've got to show them some love.

We will have a Judicial Committee and as the Diocesan Bishop I will have the final say. If a person has a problem, they can come to the Judicial Committee and it will not be aired to everybody on this Board. It would be a select few individuals that they can come in and talk to concerning their issues and it would remain confidential.

We have a young man that has already requested to move from the Nevada District Council to the Oklahoma District Council. He is a resident of Oklahoma. He came in and received his general license through the PAW in Nevada; he went through the ordination course and was ordained in Nevada; he served as a Lay Director in Nevada; elevated to District Elder in Nevada; and now he wants to be a part of the OSC.

He's coming in as a District Elder. He will be known as a "District Elder At-Large". I want us to be able to receive him.

I spoke with Suff. Bishop Donald Tyler and stated to him that I did not want him to attend any meetings until I had a chance to discuss the matter with the OSC Executive Board on how we are going to deal with this situation. I'm willing to let Suff. Bishop Donald Tyler and Sis. Marsha Tyler work out what they have going on. There will come a time when I will no longer be in the middle of this situation, and they will need to bring closure on their situation.

Bishop Emeritus Little: By this will all men know that you are my disciples because we are demonstrating love. Let us be the Lord's Disciples. The Lord knows everything about all of us. I don't have anything against whoever wants to join the OSC. We all are precious in God's sight. Lord help us leaders to be the kind of example. When people fall, let us reach down and pick them up. We are holding you up Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith and we are holding each other up. "There but by the grace of God go I".

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: At the end of the day we all will have to stand before God. I have asked Suff. Bishop Sherman P. Tyler to be the Chairman of the Judicial Committee.

If Suff. Bishop Donald Tyler and Sis. Marsha Tyler come to the OSC, they will not be allowed to say anything about each other. That is the agreement that we must have. If they can make it in the same Council, then we will work with them.

At this time, we are ready to receive District Elder Calvin & Brenda Mitchell and their new church.

Secretary Princeton read the letter from District Elder Calvin Mitchell from the Nevada State Council. A copy of the transfer letter is attached for the Official Minute Book.

Motion was made by Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith and it was with common consent that we received the letter from District Elder Calvin Mitchell of Grace and Truth Kingdom Harvest.

We had remarks from District Elder Calvin and First Lady Brenda Mitchell. They began their ministry over 23 years ago (10 years in Lawton before moving to the State of Nevada). We have been pastoring for 13 years. We had the privilege and honor of serving with Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith in Nevada. We love serving God's people.

Suff. Bishop Tyler: Commented that the Mitchell's are great people and we welcome you to this Council.

Council Chairman Williams: Never heard any bad reports about them. They will be a great blessing to the OSC.

Dist. Elder Julius Williams: They are devout and we worked together while we were overseas in Korea. We are getting a good group of people. There are no issues about them coming on board. The timing is right. We are glad to have them and we love them.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: In our General Session of the Friday night service we will openly acknowledge them and their church (Grace & Truth Kingdom Harvest) as part of the OSC. We will give them the right-hand of fellowship in the presence of all the people.

Pastor Kathy Cruishank will be reactivating with us. She has come in and renewed her license and paid her assessment for up to a year.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Called for the Order of the Day. A call was made to Suff. Bishop Little and he is willing to move his date up a week in August so it will not interfere with that church event. I will talk to Suff. Bishop Little because that would be the date that we have our annual youth convention.

AUXILIARY REQUESTS CONTINUED:

OSC Men's Ministry (Elder Anthony Bonner, Jr., President) - Request Diocesan Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith (Pastor of Emmanuel Tabernacle, OKC) to be their keynote speaker for their Annual Convention on Friday, February 16, 2018. In the event he is not able to speak, first alternate would be District Elder Robert Finley (Pastor of Praise Jesus Temple of Faith), and second alternate would be Suff. Bishop Antonio Moore (Pastor of First Deliverance Church). Requesting that the Convention be held at the Refugee Temple of Praise in Tulsa, OK (Suff. Bishop Nelson McMillan, Host Pastor). Alternative venues: First alternate Greater Faith Apostolic Temple, Lawton, OK (Suff. Bishop Joseph Readon, Host Pastor); and second alternate Christ Temple Community Church, Oklahoma City, OK (Elder Krizzo Meadows, Host Pastor). **Common Consent.**

Suff. Bishop Readon: For the next eight to nine months, there will not be any events held at Greater Apostolic Faith because we are renovating our sanctuary.

Suff. Bishop Readon: As a matter of respect, when the Diocesan Bishop has been asked to speak at a convention, it is only proper that no other names be listed with his name.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: As clarification, if I'm not able to speak due to circumstances out of my control, one of the alternates would step in to speak. I receive the comments from Suff. Bishop Readon.

OSC Ministers', Deacons', Trustees' Wives & Evangelists Auxiliary – Request that Sister Denice Goldsmith (Emmanuel Tabernacle, Oklahoma City, OK) fill the position of 2nd Vice President; the appointee has been approved by her pastor and auxiliary director. **Common Consent**

Council Chairman Williams: According to the By-Laws the next one who is the 2nd Vice President (currently First Lady Treddie Williams) moves up to the 1st Vice position.

Suff. Bishop McMillan: Would it be in order for First Lady Treddie Williams to move up to 1st Vice President and the name submitted move to the position of 2nd Vice President?

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: With the approval of the President, we would say Common Consent. The Director (First Lady Readon) of the MDTW&E Auxiliary stated that she is in agreement with the motion.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: Sister Margaret Kongi is a Registered Nurse and if the 1st Vice President is not a registered nurse, I will make an exception to the rule for the person that is a registered nurse to be the president. We want to make sure that we have a qualified Health Professional in charge.

As another example, Evang. Wanda Manous is a Certified CPA and serves as a member of the Auditing Committee. We want to make sure that we have the most qualified in charge.

Region IV International Christian Education Auxiliary (District Elder Willie C. Ford, Region IV ICEA Director) – Region IV ICEA Executive Board and staff desire to bring Region IV ICEA 2018 Convention to the great State of Oklahoma. We are requesting that the Oklahoma District Council #26 host this great event on September 6-8, 2018.
Common Consent

We need to give a hand clap praise to Dist. Elder Jerry Williams he is the Director over the Christian Education. I was able to talk to Suff. Bishop Art Ladd prior and we do have the permission of Suff. Bishop Ladd to make this change.

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith stated that he would like to host the event at Emmanuel Tabernacle. It was common consent.

The tickets will be \$8.00 for the registration. We plan to have a good turnout. Since it will be a regional meeting, Oklahoma would like to walk away as winners in every category.

We need to start looking at the “Apostolic Light” Christian material that have Black writers and Black faces.

Council Chairman Williams: The Region IV really competes. We will need to come together and support this event. It is awesome and you will love it.

First Lady Readon: I have been attending the Region IV for years. They are no joke. We need to rally around the OSC Auxiliary President, and we need to have food ready because they are coming to eat as well. They are expecting us to open the doors for them.

Evang. Williams: Those same people come in and clean up. If we come together, we can grow. They are preaching and teaching the Word. They come in bus loads. We go every year and we have a good time.

Church Extension and Adams Kingdom Building (Elder Ricardo Burns, President)
Suff. Bishop Delbert E. Johnson, Sr. is requesting a grant for \$1,000.00 to help make many repairs in their church before the winter. **Common Consent**

Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith: We want to make sure that all auxiliary presidents and directors turn in your budget. We want to make sure that you have a budget.

Budget & Finance Committee (Dist. Elder Johnny Magness, Chairperson) –

Recommendations consisted of:

1. An Instructional Pamphlet detailing constitutional guidelines and OSC Board approved mandates.
2. A spending moratorium with OSC Board approved spending suspensions.
3. Whether to implement a “Spending Method” – method to be determined by the OSC Executive Board.

A copy of the recommendations was distributed to the OSC Executive Board members and a copy is attached for the Official Minute Book.

Motion was made by Suff. Bishop McMillan and seconded by Suff. Bishop Tyler that we receive the report from the Budget & Finance Committee as read. **Common Consent**

Dist. Elder Magness: Should we begin work on the actual pamphlet? Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith stated that you do have my permission to go ahead and start working on the pamphlet. You put a lot of work into this report.

Constitutional Committee (Suff. Bishop Vanuel C. Little, Jr., Chairperson) – No report.

History Book Committee (Suff. Bishop Antonio Moore, Chairperson) – No report.

NEW COMMITTEES AND OVERSEERS:

1. **Judicial Committee** – We will submit the “Church Application and Report Form” to the Judicial Committee. A copy of the application was distributed to the Board and a copy is attached for the Official Minute Book. We need to know those laboring among us. Once the Judicial Committee comes back with their report, we will approve the pastor and receive them through the proper procedures. Suff. Bishop Sherman P. Tyler, Sr., Chairperson; Suff. Bishop Joseph Readen, Assistant Chairperson; Suff. Bishops members; and Council Chairman will always be a part of all committees.
2. **Registration Committee** – Suff. Bishop Joseph Readen, Chairperson; and Pastor Howard Walker, Assistant Chairperson. It will be important that the Registrar is here before we start.

3. **Hospitality Committee** – Evang. Phyllis Williams, Chairperson – She will be coordinating all the designees. All the pastors would need to give her a name and number of a person that would be willing to serve on the Hospitality Committee – A Hospitality room will be set up at each Council session. They will be there to register, greet, and give advice.
4. **Prayer and Altar Workers Committee** – Evang. Joyce Brown, Chairperson
5. **OSC History & Souvenir Book Committee** – Pastor Krizzo Meadows, Chairperson; assisted by Pastor Howard Walker

We are not trying to get rid of anybody. We cannot continue at this same pace. We have a great Council. We are trying to make things better. The History and Souvenir Book will allow the OSC to build up our treasurer and we will not be working from a deficit. Everyone will be blessed by this.

OSC CHURCHES:

We need to update the OSC church rolls (new, active, non-active, or no longer a member). If anybody is sick among you, we need to be able to send you a card or flowers to let them know that they are loved and missed.

OSC 60th Anniversary: The 60th Anniversary will be a tremendous service. We will give a pioneer award and some type of certificate to those who have labored down through the years. There are some who are no longer with us like Suff. Bishop Meadows who has gone from labor to reward and we will be giving something in his honor that will be given to Pastor Krizzo Meadows; and we will honor others.

CALENDAR: We need to go through the calendar to make sure that we are not conflicting with anyone. Secretary Johnson stated that as soon as he receives every pastor's calendar, he will be able to send out for their review. For those who have their calendars to turn in today, we thank you.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Diocesan Bishop Goldsmith stated that our meetings will not be this long. Our meetings will be brief. Thank you for staying in this meeting. We covered a lot of ground. I wanted you to have a chance to vent. Going forward, we will be calling the "Order of the Day". If we say five more minutes on a question, it will be five minutes. As Board members, it does not make sense to repeat what somebody else has already said and then bring in what you have to say.

Motion was made by Suff. Bishop Tyler and seconded by Secretary Johnson that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The next OSC Executive Session will be **Thursday, April 5, 2018** at Emmanuel Tabernacle, Oklahoma City, OK; Diocesan Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith, Host Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bishop Jeffery D. Goldsmith, Diocesan Bishop

Suffragan Bishop Joe Williams, Council Chairman

Sister Linda R. Lee, Assistant Secretary