**Minutes**

**March 16, 2017 OFDWC Executive Board Meeting**

**Embassy Suites – OKC**

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Hogue-Downing at 8:07 p.m.

President Debbie asked for a Moment of Silence to remember those fighting for our country and fighting fires in our state. Emily Allen then led us in our Flag Salute.

 President Debbie asked the Secretary to call the roll. Voting members present were:

President - Debbie Hogue Downing

1st Vice-President - Anita Norman

2nd Vice-President - Mona Waymire

3rd Vice-President - Barbara Nicholson

Rec. Secretary - Debbe Leftwich

Affirmative Action - Betty Brown

1st District Pres. - Elizabeth Buchner

2nd District Pres. - Ann Weaver

3rd District Pres. - Alice Dowers

4th District Pres. - Juana Meadows

5th District Pres. - Jean Knowlton (by Proxy – Emily Allen)

MW Reg. FDW Dir. - Debi Thompson (by Proxy – Anita Norman)

Voting members absent were:

Treasurer - Amy Hinton

Affirmative Action - Ruby Moore

Imm. Past Pres. - Christie Breedlove

Secretary declared a quorum was present. Also present were appointed members; Saleemah Muhammad, Parliamentarian and Modina Allen, Projects Chair. Glynda Herndon from Bryan County and Betty Brown’s mother Lee Sallis were also in attendance.

President Debbie gave her welcome and an update on potential new clubs. Edmond is working on their paperwork. Pontotoc County voted yes to affiliate and Juana Meadows has their list. Muskogee County wants to affiliate also. She hasn’t heard back from Comanche County yet. State Party Chair Mark Hammons advised her that there was a group in Seminole County that wanted to start their club up again.

President Debbie asked for the minutes. Secretary Debbe announced they had been previously e-mailed/snail-mailed and were made available today. President Debbie asked if there were any additions or corrections. Seeing none, Anita Norman moved to approve the minutes as presented and Debi Thomson seconded it, which passed unanimously.

President Debbie asked for the Treasurer’s Repost and advised the board that she had asked Secretary Debbe to prepare it for this meeting as well as the Financial Report and Proposed Budget for the convention. Secretary Debbe passed out copies of the updated information on both accounts as well as the reports for convention. As of the end of February 2017, balances in the accounts were Admin - $2,574.73 and Ethics $1,383.09. She reported deposits and expenditures made since then leaving balances – Admin. = $7,636.71 and Ethics = $1,383.09. Debi Thompson will have more registration money to deposit and we still have some outstanding ad money. Receipts turned in to be reimbursed were Debbe Leftwich for $261.19 for printing, postage and updating of plaques. Ann Weaver made a motion to approve and Debi Thompson seconded it, which passed unanimously. Debbe Hogue-Downing submitted one for $174.00 for Bumper-stickers from last fall. Anita Norman moved to approve and Debi Thompson seconded and it, which passed unanimously.

We had a short discussion on what dues we would charge for our two new membership categories; Affiliate and Auxiliary. Everyone agreed on $10 for Affiliate and $5 for Auxiliary. Elizabeth Buchner made the motion to approve and Debbe Leftwich seconded it, which passed unanimously.

President Debbie advised she has already set next year’s convention date with the hotel for the end of April. She mentioned the two special legislative races in HD28 and HD75.

Secretary Debbe gave a short Program Book Report. She reported we did a little bit better than last year. We sold 35 Ads for $2,395, 4 Sponsorships for $950 and received 1 donation for $50 for a total of $3,395. She has collected $2,535, leaving $860 outstanding. She read a note she received from Doris Armbruster who sent the $50 donation, originally from Alfalfa County but now living in a retirement home in Enid. Mona Waymire had not had time to make copies of the resolutions before coming today, so Secretary Debbe said she could get them made in the morning and would add the cost to her previously approved remittance request, if there were no objections. There were none.

President Debbie went through the next two day’s agendas. State and District Reports will be given at convention. Debi Thompson gave a brief report on the Midwest Regional Meeting we hosted last fall and the upcoming National Convention.

Elizabeth Buchner announced Tulsa County’s Champagne Brunch coming up on April 1st.

President Debbie reminded us that this year’s National FDW Convention is June 8-11 and will be in Atlanta.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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OFDWC Recording Secretary