



**Lawton-Fort Sill City-Wide
Juneteenth Incorporation
Board of Directors
Minutes
January 26, 2023**

The scheduled meeting for the Lawton-Fort Sill City-Wide Juneteenth Incorporation, met on the above date @ 5pm @ Abundant Life Christian Church, 509 NW Woodridge Drive, Lawton, Oklahoma 73507 @ 5pm with Bishop John Dunaway presiding. The printed agenda was approved and followed. Invocation was led by Pastor Willie Guest. The meeting was in person.

Roll Call; Board members present with signature: Arlie Hampton/Jerrold Jones/John Dunaway/Willie Guest. Absent: Darwin McHenry Guest: Pastor AL S. Hall/Hezekiah Jones, BS/Dr. Charles Webber

Appointment of officers: Facilitator Bishop Dunaway asked for nominees for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer per approved bylaws, Article V. President: Bishop John Dunaway/Vice President: Jerrold Jones/Secretary: Arlie Hampton/Treasurer: Rev. Willie Guest per an approved motion by Rev. Guest and second by Arlie Hampton.

Board minutes of September 17, 2022 were approved with motion-Jerrold Jones/Willie Guest. Discussions and resolves noted from today's agenda are:

#7 Application for Charitable Contributions, Employee Identification Number, and 501(c) 3 :

President Bishop Dunaway shared that no paperwork for 501 (c) 3 status has been placed on file.

The process will be completed after contacting and talking with those at that agency. President Bishop Dunaway stated that he is working on how to pay \$ 15.00 to the state vs paying the high cost to file for the same thing at a federal agency. A 501 (c) 3 status is completed per requirements related to earnings. An organization having less than \$50,000.00, may use the other process. The revised application, also does not require that type information. The revised version is expected to be faster. When asked if tax exempt, the president stated he shared the history of how donations/checks have been added to Juneteenth Financial Account in the past. The process of procuring a 501 (c) 3 status is ongoing with completion very soon.

#8 Discuss status of Juneteenth checking account and take action:

President Bishop Dunaway shared the attached specimen-To The Manager, Southwest Oklahoma Federal Credit Union, 1806 NW Liberty Ave, Lawton, Ok 73507. Subject: Change in Ownership and Authorized Signatory, Reference: Account 303184924 0041035. Discussion per board members Present. Per motion by Pastor Willie/Jerrold Jones; the motion passed. The letter as written will be sent to the credit union named. President Bishop Dunaway shared current signatures on the signature card. Neither is a current Board of Directors member. The letter reflects how this course of action came into fruition, and to whom corresponding information is to be sent.

#9 Discuss status of the Juneteenth PO Box and take action:

President Bishop Dunaway shared the attached specimen-To The Postmaster, United States Postal Service, 501 SW 5th Street, Lawton, Ok 73501. Subject: Change in P.O. Box Ownership, Reference: P.O. Box 1244. Discussion per board members present. A motion by Pastor Guest/Arlie Hampton. The motion passed. The letter will be sent to the named post office address. The letter reflects the purpose for the action, when the action is to occur, and to whom corresponding action is to be sent.

#10. Discuss the 2023 Juneteenth event-provide direction to the Juneteenth Committee:

President Bishop Dunaway shared the *Juneteenth Vision* to include that the Juneteenth Block Party will not cancel out Juneteenth. The former is on Friday and Juneteenth is on Saturday. President Bishop Dunaway stated that a briefing has taken place with mayor, and council; not to answer questions but just to inform. Plans are to meet with Council Person O. Johnson to discuss an increase in funds due to increase costs of major items and the additional needs identified with *Juneteenth Vision*. The current funding will not be sufficient.

#11 General Comments:

President Bishop Dunaway asked each member to think of and suggest a volunteer for Juneteenth treasurer position. The current treasurer has excellent skills. Responding and providing written reports when asked is the major problem. Names shared: Sandra James and Danita

Wilson. Pastor Guest will follow up with Danita Wilson. Arlie Hampton will follow up with Sandra James.

#12. Next Meeting: Per bylaws- Article IV, Sections 5, 6, 7. The bylaws will be followed

#13. The meeting was adjourned @ 650pm. Prayer by Pastor Willie Guest Motion by Jerrold Jones/Willie Guest. Motion passed.

Submitted by,

Arlie Hampton, Secretary

Bishop John Dunaway, President

Date Approved: _____