

Kairos of Mississippi
State Chapter Committee Meeting
Madison United Methodist Church
December 3, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Attendees:

Von Brister	Jim Sonnier	Tim Battle
Harriet Brown	Patsy McCarty	Gennia Varnado
Sylvester Mims	Julian Crawford	
Barbara McDonald	Steve Thomas	

Members Absent:

Kathi Coleman	Reece Vaughan	Patricia Edwards	Jimmy Gant
Bob Neill	Sheila Coleman	Linda Edwards	

Advisory Councils:

Darrell Whitford	Leland Creel	Danny/Marilyn Brunt
Martha Walton	Daryl McElrath	Steve Loden

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Von Brister. Sylvester Mims was asked to open with prayer.

The minutes from September 17, 2011 meeting were distributed and Von asked for any changes. No changes were made. Julian Crawford made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Steve Thomas and carried.

Old Business : None

Committee Reports

Special Projects – Bob Neill (not present) Von Brister reported from Bob's written report

- CD and Book sales are expected to pick up. Appears that out of state sales are going much better than Mississippi. He indicated that a Team from Indiana used the books and CDs as a fundraiser, raising \$1000 for the team in addition to recruiting.
- Bob recommends that we set up a process after the first of the year for tracking the sales as well as getting someone else trained on the process. Steve Thomas volunteered to be trained. Patsy McCarty made the following motion ..In order to comply with KPMI financial P&Ps, all state level fundraising should occur through the State Committee, i.e., deposits to be made into appropriate accounts using appropriate forms. Jim Sonnier seconded the motion. The motion was carried. For purposes of clarification, it was noted in areas where there is no Bank Plus, the current alternate banks - Regions and Merchants & Farmers will be used for deposit with the automatic transfer to Bank Plus. The Treasurer can be contacted for deposit slips and account information.
- Seed money for Advisory Councils to purchase books can be requested through the normal process.

Feature Program Presentations

Outreach Recruitment - Leland Creel

- South Mississippi will be piloting the Kairos Outreach2 Program in 2012.
- Components of the program are cards, volunteer resource building plan, presentation guide and guidebooks.
- Von stated that recruiting must become a priority and should be done face to face or on the phone. All that is required is to tell our story of how Kairos has impacted our life. There is entirely too much emailing for team recruitment.

The Kairos 40 Day Peace Initiative - Von Brister

- Von showed a video outlining the Kairos 40 day Peace Initiative. Initiative began in February with Kit Cummins outside Atlanta, GA. KPMI has asked Mississippi to be a pilot state. The initiative would basically call upon a group of men within the institution to commit to a spirit of peace for 40 days. In summary the following outlines our thoughts as a group:
 - Ready to start but need seed money
 - Need 4-5 experienced personnel
 - Program does not limit us to areas where KI exist.
 - Yazoo City may be an option
 - This program will take Kairos Inside to the next level
 - Will need to provide overview to Chaplain Wigelsworth
- Jim Sonnier made the motion to accept the challenge from KPMI to pursue the pilot program. Patsy McCarty seconded the motion. All committee members favored the motion and so it carried.

Agape Coordinator – Gennia Varnado

- Reports that South Africa sent 2 fabric banners for weekend agape which were very much appreciated.
- She is reaching out to churches/youth for weekend support. If anyone has a name, let Gennia know.
- Gennia circulated a 'lights of the city' agape sheet for State Committee signatures. This will be out agape to other states.

Website Coordinator – Barbara McDonald

- Reminded everyone that we agreed to redo the website. She solicited proposals and received two bids. Barbara offered to do the majority of the work herself and use one of the bidders as a consultant as needed at a rate of \$50 per hour. The Committee agreed to let Barbara use her judgment about the bidders and the approach.

Nominations Committee - Harriet Brown

- Harriet Brown, Jim Sonnier and Darryl McElrath were asked to lead the nominations effort this year.
- Requests for nominations were made via email to all volunteers on the Karotales distribution for the following positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Secretary.
- The volunteers were notified that all current officers were willing to serve another year with the exception of the Vice Chair.
- In addition to the current slate of officers, Daryl McElrath was nominated to fill the Vice Chair position. A request for nominees from the committee floor was made with no responses.
- Nominees were presented as follows:

Chair - Von Brister

Vice Chair - Daryl McElrath

Financial Secretary - Julian Crawford

Treasurer - Jim Sonnier

Secretary - Harriet Brown

Barbara McDonald made the motion to elect these individuals as the 2012 officers. The motion was seconded by Patsy McCarty. The motion carried.

Patsy McCarty offered the suggestion that we rotate the chair position among the various ministries. Others agreed and Von indicated that was the plan.

AKT Training - Danny Brunt

- In addition to KI training, there will be training for leaders of Torch and Kairos Outside.
- Could have up to 40 participants.
- The cost will remain the same \$250...includes 2 nights, 5 meals, snacks. Participants will need to bring their own manual.
- Grace Center will provide airport transportation
- Will need volunteers for welcome and registration
- Von indicated that he would send an email to all AC chairs to ensure they know this training is not only for leaders but would be encouraged for AC members, as well.
- Danny Brunt also advised the Committee that Grace Center may have to discontinue Camp Caritas because of funding. Danny asked if we could establish an exploratory committee to explore with KPMI the possibility of supporting Camp Caritas. Darryl Whitford asked about Torch Outside, which is also for children of incarcerated adults.
- The Committee agreed for Danny to explore opportunities for Torch Outside or Camp Caritas with KPMI and to keep the Committee informed.

Financial Secretary – Julian Crawford

- Julian provided a copy of the January through October year to date Profit and Loss statement for the ministry.
- Julian reported that he sent all AC Financial Secretary's the P/L and balance sheets for their Advisory Council. The Committee requested Julian to provide a breakdown of the total ministry and also for each ministry separately for distribution to Committee members at future Committee meetings.

- KPMI has now undergone an unqualified audit, which qualifies the ministry to be certified by ECFA..Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. ECFA is an accreditation agency responsible for promoting fiscal integrity and sound financial practices among member organizations.
- Discussions were held regarding the payment of past affiliation and audit fees. Julian reported that affiliation fees and audit fees were paid for 2011 but asked if we should pay for past audit fees. According to Section E page 8 in the manual.... affiliation fees and audit fees are due and payable quarterly.. Julian will get an clarification as to when the manual was updated and what we need to do.

Prayer Focus Group - Kathi Coleman (not present)

- No report.

Advisory Council Reports

Yazoo City- Ministry closed at Federal Prison indefinitely.

Parchman – Steve Loden reporting for Jimmy Gant

- There will be 4 weekends in 2012 and all leaders are in place.
- 3 men will be going to AKT training for 2013
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CMCF Men – Sylvester Mims/Steve Thomas

- Getting ready for the January weekend
- CMCF AC has a volunteer who has offered to keep the laptops clean from weekend to weekend.
- Christmas party is expecting 1000 (need 30-40 volunteers to help fix lunches)
- #25 Mark Propst was obedient....went to 6 tables and God blessed them in that decision.

CMCF Women – Linda Edwards (absent) Gennia reported

- There are new AC nominees
- Prayer and Share going great in Quick bed
- Volunteer orientation with MDOC will be March 31. Forms must be submitted as soon as possible. (Daryl McElrath mentioned they do their orientation on the first day of the weekend).

SMCI – Tim Battle

- Conducted trial run of Outreach2 in Poplarville and had 40 in attendance.
- #12...had 31 team members with 45 guests.

Torch - Sheila Coleman (not present) Darrell Whitford reported

- Just completed Weekend #5 . Prison changed the date and as a result, lost 8 volunteers.
- Noted there were issues getting letters for Kairos Outside weekend from Walnut Grove. The plan is to set up a meeting with the chaplain/warden working through Danny to explain the process.

- Chaplain has asked Torch to conduct Bible studies on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Reports a need for more volunteers...especially from the Central Mississippi area.
- Darrell suggested using vacant billboards as a recruitment option.

Kairos Outside of Mississippi – Patsy McCarty

- Weekend #14 under Bertha Smith's leadership went well with 13 guests and 31 team members.
- Judy Shaw (#15) and Patsy McCarty (#16) attended leadership training in Dallas.
- Council has met but did not get a copy of the excellence report. Von was to forward a copy to them.
- Martha Walton is the Chair-elect. Patsy will send other members via email.

South Mississippi Kairos Outside - Patricia Edwards (absent)

- No report

Other Business

- Patsy McCarty discussed the possibility of offering a Kroger gift card to friends and family members where 5% of their purchases will go to Kairos Outside. Julian agreed to complete the paperwork and get it started. Patsy and Harriet volunteered to perform the administrative work involved in the distribution of the cards. A motion to purchase \$100 worth of cards to start was made by Patsy and seconded by Barbara.
- Harriet Brown will send spreadsheets to each Advisory Council to complete name and address for all AC members.
- Weekend Leaders presented for approval:
 - KO of Ms Lisa Latham
 Lynn Pudas
 Karyn
 Layne Herr
 - Torch - Ron Holdines
 - Parchman - Paul Morris

Steve Thomas made the motion to approve these as leaders for upcoming weekends as noted. Sylvester Mims seconded the motion and it was carried.

Julian Crawford made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Thomas and carried. Adjourned at 12:52 pm with prayer from Steve Thomas.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Brown