

**Kairos of Mississippi
State Chapter Committee Meeting
June 12, 2010
Meeting Minutes**

Committee Member Attendees:

Reece Vaughan	Bob Neill	Jimmy Gant
Von Brister	Linda Edwards	Barbara McDonald
Harriet Brown	Kathi Coleman	Darryl McElrath
Jim Bryan	Julian Crawford	Sheila Coleman

Members Absent:

John Coleman	Danny Hart	Rick Chambers
Christy Gant	Suzanne Hart	Danny Brunt
Ben Boren	Patsy McCarty	Nick Nichols

Advisory Council and Others In Attendance:

Denice Williams	Karen Scott	Valerie Harnish
Retha Mabry	Patti Tilley	Linda Jack
Jim Sonnier	Shelby Melvin	Erma Davis
Tammy Hillman		

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Reece Vaughan. Reece also led the opening prayer.

Reece asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February 4th conference call. The secretary (Harriet Brown) noted corrections that had already been made but not distributed. Kathi Coleman made the motion to accept the minutes with the corrections as noted. The motion was seconded by Bob Neill and carried.

Committee Reports

Financial Secretary – Julian Crawford

- Julian briefly reported that the first quarter of 2010 looked better than the last quarter 2009. He has talked with Dennis and they are continuing to transition the financial secretary responsibilities.
- Julian overviewed and provided handouts for the responsibilities of the AC treasurer and financial secretary. He also provided handouts and talked through the process of using the receipt log, requesting expense reimbursements and advances.
- Julian also reiterated that all requests for reimbursements, monetary advances, or payment of expenditures must be approved with signature of the Advisory Council Financial Secretary prior to submitting to him.
- Reece Vaughn will check into another Donor Training session with George Brown (International).

- There was discussion regarding the length of time it was taking to reimburse or pay invoices. Julian indicated that this was the result of the treasurer being out of town at a critical time. Kathi Coleman made a motion to add Harriet Brown (secretary) as a second signatory on the main account. The motion was seconded by Bob Neill and carried.
- In addition, there was discussion regarding the Torch funds and the fact that there was not a Bank Plus in Kosciusko. The committee agreed to set up an account at Merchants & Farmers Bank in Kosciusko for deposit purposes.

Special Projects – Bob Neill

- Plans have changed regarding the sales at the national level. Rather than distribution from KPMI, the State will be responsible for securing copyright privileges and making distribution.
- Bob played the new recording for the group and it was wonderful.
- Late Fall is the target for the Kairos Cantata.
- Fall is the target for the Karotales book and the Cookbook.

Website Coordinator – Barbara McDonald

- PayPal business has picked up
- Barbara requested team applications for the upcoming weekends for posting to the website.
- Reports from recent weekends are needed to include in the Newsletter.

Agape Coordinator – Suzanne Hart (not present)

- No report

Prayer Focus Group - Kathi Coleman for John Coleman (not present)

- Kathi reported that we still need more prayer warriors. She further suggested that we have someone from every advisory council.
- The prayer conferences are being held on the 2nd Thursday at 9:00 pm.

International Committee Representative - Bob Neill

- Discussed the purpose of the International Committee
- A group of AC and state committee members will go to San Antonio in July for Summer Conference.

Advisory Council Reports

Yazoo City- Nick Nichols (absent)

- Julian Crawford will lead Weekend#6 which will be October 16 - 19, 2010.
- Reece encouraged those who had never served in Yazoo City to consider doing so.

Parchman – Jimmy Gant/Darryl McElrath

- Significant changes have taken place over the last year. Unit 32 will be closing and there are concerns over some losing their jobs. Weekend scheduled for August has been cancelled.
- Just finished weekend in Unit 29
- Moving back into Unit 30. There will be a meeting on June 30 to sign contract. Plans are to take team that served Unit 29 and use them for Unit 30 in July. Leader to be finalized.
- Darryl reported that he, Lonnie Herring, Warden Brewer and Bert Mitchell will go on June 18-19 and observe a Death Row reunion in Alabama. The committee and advisory councils are in prayer and waiting to see God at work with Mississippi's Death Row. Darryl has spoken with Commissioner Epps about going into Death Row. Reece has talked with John Thompson and he reports that International is working on a manual for Death Row.
- The following leaders and observing leaders were presented for approval:
 - Unit 30 # 5 Gary Blair, leader, and Chris Clark, observing leader
 - Unit 29 # 28 Robert Rhett, leader, and Mike Speirs, observing leader

CMCF Men – Jim Bryan

- Weekend #22 was May 27 - 30, 2010 with Donn Lewis as the Leader. There were 42 residents, 37 inside team members and 8 outside team members.
- Mike Lewis will be leader for #23 in October and Jon Elder will be observing leader.

CMCF Women – Linda Edwards

- Weekend #26 was led by Barbara McDonald. There were 36 residents, 32 inside team members and 5 outside.
- JoAnne Papa (Oct 6-9) and Debbie Chapman (observing and 2day instructional in April) were presented for leadership approval. Bob Neill made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Barbara McDonald and carried.

SMCI – Von Brister

- Last weekend led by Gary Shelley had 42 residents (6 of which were sent by the administration). 41 completed the weekend. 85% of those that came, have 20 years or more to serve. There were 57 team members with 16 being women. Agape chairman - John Meyer reports over \$16,000 collected for the weekend.
- Von reports that prayer and share is beginning to pay off at SMCI.
- The following are presented for Advanced Kairos Training and leadership: Dennis Gerrard and Gary Sims. Reece Vaughn called for motion. Motion made by Bob Neill and seconded by Jimmy Gant. Motion carried.

Torch - Sheila Coleman

- Sheila and David Coleman (Kathi's husband) were the leaders for Torch weekend #2. There were 26 residents and 31 team members. There were also observers from National present.
- Daryl and Charleen Whitford will be leaders of Weekend #3 in October.
- Emphasis has been placed on commitment for mentoring which follows each weekend.

Machaira-Chadash - Kathi Coleman for Carol Dowdy (not present)

- Darryl McElrath was the leader for Machaira-Chadash #2.
- The weekend was February 18-20 at the North Ms Emmaus Camp.
- There were 13 wardens and 9 spouses who attended. Behind the scenes there were 16 former inmates serving, doing talks, etc.
- Correctional Officers are next on the list.

Kairos Outside – Denise Williams for Patsy McCarty (absent)

- Weekend #12 will be September 17-19 in Columbus. Denise Williams will be leader and Darylann Hardin will be observing leader.
- Denise inquired about women clergy requirements and Reece indicated that he would research.
- Denise Williams announced that South Mississippi has expressed an interest in setting up an ad hoc committee for the purpose of pursuing a separate advisory council. Von Brister made the motion to approve the ad hoc committee. Bob Neill seconded the motion and it carried. Retha Mabry, Patty Tilley, Tammy Hillman, and Debbie White were all approved for AKT training, with the first weekend being in May 2011.
- Other leaders presented for leadership approval were: Patsy McCarty and Bertha Smith. Julian Crawford made the motion, it was seconded by Harriet Brown and carried.

Other Business

- Reece will schedule Advisory Council Training with John Thompson leading. This will tentatively be set for September.
- Von Brister indicated that Chaplain Wigelsworth had spoken to him and Doug Dewese about starting up Kairos at the East Mississippi facility. Doug has agreed to get this going. Bob Neill recalled the State Committee voting to do this about 3 years ago. Von was given the go ahead to move forward with this.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm with prayer from Kathi Coleman.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Brown