

Kairos of Mississippi
State Chapter Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes (Amended)
April 30, 2013

Committee Member Attendees

Darryl McElreath	Von Brister	Bobby Blake	Paul Brady
Sharon Scott	Gennia Varnado	Carolyn Mims	Tammy Hillman
Jim Sonnier	Barbara McDonald	Richard Marlowe	

Members Absent:

Jimmy Gant
Jean Harvey
Gary Shelley

Advisory Council Chairs Present:

Anita Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 pm by Darryl McElreath and he shared a devotional from the book 365 Days of Power - Knowing the Voice of Jesus.

The minutes from the October 21, 2012 meeting had been previously distributed electronically. There were no changes noted and Darryl asked for a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was made by Jim Sonnier and seconded by Von Brister – motion carried.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

Chairperson's General Comments

- Copies of the Year End Financials were distributed electronically both as a group and per ad council.
- Darryl congratulates the financial secretary, Martin Butler and Treasurer, Jim Sonnier for the smooth transition and their consolidated effort along with AC's and Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director, KPMI concerning the budget on the state level.
- The research project, KIOS, a Kairos Inside/Outside study has been approved by KPMI and will be a four phase project utilizing the assistance of the liaisons at each facility and will be funded through KPMI. This project will help us learn how effective the program is with the graduating residents concerning rvr's, etc. and compare that information to

those that have not gone through the program. Changes have been discussed to ease the collection of information from each state opting that this will go through the Commissioner's office without a problem. If so, it will be handled by the State Chair.

- The Donor Training held at St. Richards Church on Saturday, April 20th went well and proved to be very enlightening to all who attended.
- The Advisory Councils need to update their member list on a regular basis and send to the secretary in order for her to keep updated records of the councils. If there are no changes just state there are no changes.
- On the state level, the state representatives with KPMI now have a bigger voice in helping to stay in compliance with the rules.
- The 2013 Summer Conference being held in Norman, Oklahoma, July 30th -August 3rd is coming up and if any of the Advisory Council chairs have concerns and/or ideas you would like addressed concerning weekends, weekend reunions, sharing of Best Practices, etc. , please let Darryl know so that he can add this to the conference agenda.

KPMI Representative – Von Brister, IC Representative

- Martin Butler and Jim Sonnier are to be congratulated for having done a great job in their respective positions and their help with the audit.
- The Outreach Committee has a place on the Summer Conference agenda. Each state representative needs to have your Advisory Council send Darryl the names of the Outreach people on those committees by email.
- Gary Shelley has been appointed the designee for the Excellence Initiative
- Please be in prayer for Gary Shelley and his mother

Vice Chair's Report - Gary Shelley (absent)

- No Report

Treasurer's Report – Jim Sonnier

- All the bills were turned in timely and have been paid.
- The Donor Training, led by George Brown was excellent.
- Donor to go online in the near future and eventually linked to Quick Books.
- Martin Butler needs to receive all bank statements – banks will be contacted to change the address.

Financial Secretary's Report – Martin Butler (absent)

- No Report

Kairos Website – Barbara McDonald

- The Executive Committee voted to add Willie Varnado to KARO Tales to assist Barbara when it is necessary. All were in agreement.
- Jim Sonnier to now transfer monies from the Pay Pal account to the Bank Plus account.
- Requesting Advisory Councils to ask their team leaders to send a team list with each person's email to Barbara to make sure they are included on the Karo Tales email list.

- Praises expressed to Gennia Varnado for all her hard work spearheading the Golf Tournament.

Agape & Golf Tournament – Gennia Varnado

- Information was sent out electronically concerning the Gold Tournament expenses, etc.
- We were able to stay under budget and also return a profit
- There were 15 volunteers (3 from Alabama) who gave up their time, worked hard, and enjoyed much fellowship together.
- There were players from all over who played in the tournament making it a success.
- Praises to Barbara McDonald for her excellent marketing skills in printing, etc.
- Hoping to continue this event next year with everyone's help for an even bigger and better turnout.

Advisory Council Reports

MSP – Jimmy Gant (absent)

- No Report

CMCF Men – Bobbie Blake

- Weekend #28 was postponed due to hail damage and has been rescheduled for June 26-29th.
- The Fall weekend #29 has been moved to the Spring of 2014 with Johnny Jordan leading this weekend.
- There will be a two day weekend in the Fall in the place of a four day weekend.
- The following were nominated for future leaders: Jerry Perez, Buddy Pharis, Rusty Runnels and Mike Byers.

CMCF Women – Carolyn Mims

- Weekend #32 held this month and led by Pam Runnels was a great weekend with 24 participants attending.
- The Instructional was held two weeks later (April 28th) due to a 'lock down' at the prison.
- Requesting using the Kroger card benefit of funds for Kairos Inside. Since the monies go into the state account, the AC Chair needs to talk with Martha Walton, Kairos Outside to make sure they are okay with Kairos Inside sharing in this benefit since they initiated it.

SMCI – Richard Marlowe

- Weekend #15 led by Richard Tilley went well
- Plans are ongoing for Weekend #16 to be led by Richard Marlowe August 28-31st.

Torch – Paul Brady

- Weekend #7 in Walnut Grove was canceled due to a 'lock down' there. Initially, 25% of the team consisted of new members (variety of ages). Due to calendar rescheduling, the team is now only 14% new members serving 17-25 year old inmates.

- Planning on rescheduling this weekend in June and hoping all the team returns.
- Positive changes have occurred with a name change – now called Walnut Grove Correctional Facility.

Kairos Outside of Mississippi – Jean Harvey (absent)

- No Report

South Mississippi Kairos Outside – Tammy Hillman

- Weekend #15 was held this past weekend with 15 people attending.
- Weekend #16 will be held October 25-27th
- A fund raiser is being planned for June 1st

New Business:

“Motion was made by Jim Sonnier to accept the men’s nominations for future CMCF Men’s Weekend leaders (Jerry Perry, Buddy Pharis, Rusty Runnels and Mike Byers), seconded by Von Brister - motion carried”.

“Motion was made by Von Brister to accept the nominations for two new leaders of South Mississippi Kairos Inside at SMCI, Anthony Snow for SMCI #17 Weekend and Tom Blakeney for SMCI #18 Weekend, seconded by Jim Sonnier - motion carried”.

Discussion held concerning 2nd signatory authority for signing checks as Harriet Brown is no longer on the Board. Motion was made by Von Brister to ask Sharon Scott, Secretary of Board to accept as 2nd signatory authority for signing checks when necessary, seconded by Paul Brady. Sharon accepted - motion carried. Will need to contact all banks of signatory authority change.

Danny Brunt reports that AKT Training for all of Mississippi to take place at the Duncan Gray Center in Canton, MS May 30 – June 4, 2014.

Gennia Varnado has asked for clarification concerning the application for recruiting new members. Von Brister is now working on state recruiting.

Darryl McElreath adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Scott