

Kairos of Mississippi
State Chapter Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2015

Committee Member Attendees

Darryl McElrath	Von Brister	Judy Mayer	Paul Morris
Sharon Scott	Gary Shelley	Lynn Pudas	David Goff
Gennia Varnado	Anita Johnson	Darrell Whitford	

Advisory Council Chairs Present:

Earle Burkley
Charles Burnett

The meeting was called to order by Darryl McElrath with a devotional.

Darrell Whitford made a motion to approve the May 23, 2015 minutes with noted corrections, seconded by Gennia Varnado, motion carried.

Chairperson's General Comments

- Von Brister, former IC Representative, was newly elected to the KPMI Board of Directors at Annual conference and was also the recipient of the Excellence Award – Kudos to Von - well deserved.
- Reminder again to document EVERYTHING and to continue reporting in a timely manner to include updating of software, etc. as necessary. If there are questions, please call Darryl McElrath, Darrell Whitford or Gary Shelley.
- Donor program was discussed at Annual Conference and will continue handling as directed.
- No current revisions on ACOPS. Everyone should have them on hand to refer to if needed.
- Continued reminder of 0 tolerance concerning Advisory Council reporting unless there are special circumstances concerning programs and only Evelyn Lemly can approve those requests. You CAN make requests through your state chair and committee then the state committee can say no and is not required to contact Evelyn Lemly. The state chair can expedite to Evelyn Lemly if the request is ok'd by the state chair.
- On-going discussion concerning council training and the charges that each council would incur. Encourage all councils to take advantage of this opportunity.
- Messenger - a web-based tool through International that can send information by mass email – to include donor & Ezra files, EI reporting, graduates, etc. More information will follow on this new innovation.

KPMI Representative – Von Brister (former IC Representative) reporting

- Encourage all meetings to begin with prayer and a devotional .
- Mentoring Programs – every new team member should be assigned to a mentor at the first meeting. This also includes new members elected to the KPMI Board of Directors.
- There should be a plan of succession within each Advisory Council – those who can perform duties in certain area of the council along with cross-training in all areas.
- The Nominating Committee should be ready 30 days before voting on new members
- The Annual Conference held this year in Fort Worth, Texas was the best one of all Von has attended including the workshops. Evelyn Lemly and Ken Rocks are doing an excellent job.
- Emphasized to read ACOPS, ICOPS and all respective manuals
- The 40th anniversary of KPMI will be next year in Orlando, Florida at the Marriott Hotel.
- Von's last official duty as I.C. Representative – Hosting – Committee formed – report on hosting was discussed but it was pulled - never came to a vote at conference. The optimum time to host one on one is the first night before the weekend begins.

Vice-Chair's Report – Gary Shelley

- The Excellence Initiative is back on the website. It can be downloaded and sent to Darrell McElrath or Gary Shelley. The major issue of one on one hosting is NOT reading the red manual.
- Discussion was held during the Recruiting Workshop followed by a presentation. Each council should have a recruiting volunteer

Treasurer's Report – Darrell Whitford

- Need to have timely reimbursements – 3 weeks is the most turn- around time it would take for someone to receive a check for reimbursement.
- Reminder: No Christmas bags donated to the prison using the Kairos name or raise monies for these bags using the Kairos name. You are free to do this on your own but there will be NO refunds if this is done.

Financial Secretary's Report – Martin Butler (Absent)

Kairos Website – Barbara McDonald (Absent)

Old Business

** Gennia Varnado Reporting on Golf Tournament – Kudos to Gennia for another successful tournament.

- A thank you to all who volunteered
- A great turnout with 32 golfers and great weather.
- A net total of \$1,713.63 - \$357 less than last year but paid for food this year and was donated last year.

- Need increased sponsors and players
- Discussion as to using monies earned to the Annual Conference to increase participation in Kairos.
- Gennia will look at the numbers needed to be able to use Lake Caroline as a future location. Further discussion concerning hosting flights with the winner going to FCA, state and regional tournaments.
- Need to generate interest with the Kairos volunteers, and each council would have to support in their area.

Advisory Council Reports

CMCF Men – Earle Burkley

- Weekend #31 – small team of 27 volunteers, 1 rookie and 4 tables – great testimonies
- Need help in recruiting
- Retreat – August 29th & 30th – Mike Byers leading
- Weekend #32 – October 29 – November 1 - Stephen Coleman leading.
- Weekend #33 – Spring 2016 – Mike Byers
- Weekend #34 – Fall 2016 – Jim Readell leading
- Weekends are now being held Thursday through Sunday

CMCF Women- Anita Johnson

- Retreat (one day) – July 10 - Marilyn Katz led
- No weekend in October
- Fall Retreat – Oct. 9 – Josie Neill-Browning leading
- Christmas party December 13th
- Winter Retreat (tent.) – January 8th
- Weekend #36 (tent.) – April 5-8 – Dianna Boring leading

SMCI – David Goff

- Weekend #19 was canceled due to lockdown.- rescheduled for October 28-31 with Gary Sims leading Section A and & Glenn Wood leading Section B.
- Weekend #20 – April 27-30, 2016 – David Walker leading Section A and Kevin Shaw leading Section B.
- Weekend #21 – October 26-29, 2016 – Bill McDonald leading Section A and Roun McNeal leading Section B.

Parchman – Paul Morris

- No leader for October – Retreat only
- Bryan Simmons to attend AKT in Birmingham and David DePriest will attend in 2016
- Weekend – Unit #30 - April 2016 – Earl Castens leading
- Weekend – Unit 30 - October 2016 – Bryan Simmons leading
- Weekend – Unit 30 – Spring or Fall 2017 – David DePriest leading

MCCF (Marshall County) – Charles Burnett

- Weekend – November 5-8 – Corey Long leading
- Paul Peel to attend AKT – possibly in Birmingham

Torch – Darrell Whitford reporting for Charleen Whitford (Absent)

- Weekend – September 18-20 – Tammy & David Baucom leading

Kairos Outside of Mississippi – Lynn Pudas

- Weekend #22 – September 11-13, 2015 – Coralen Cain leading
- Weekend #23 – March 18-20, 2016 – Sabrina Fields leading
- Weekend #24 – September 16-18, 2016 – Alicia Dees leading

South Mississippi Kairos Outside – Judy Mayer

- Weekend #10 – November 13-15, 2015 – Cindy Rainey leading
- Weekend #11 – April 8-10, 2016 – Susan James leading
- Weekend #12 – November 4-6, 2016 – Miriam Mitchell leading
- The United Methodist Annual Conference Kairos Display Booth that was set up at the Jackson Convention Center in June went well – would like to plan on each council being represented next year along with material from each. Also would like to see other denominations participating. Information concerning the booth and the dates to be brought to the November 21st meeting for further discussion.

New Business

Gennia Varnado requests Darryl McElrath to ask CMCF if they would consider allowing the women to hold at least one weekend out of the year Thursday – Sunday instead of Tuesday through Friday.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Scott