

Kairos of Mississippi
State Chapter Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2014

Committee Member Attendees

Darryl McElrath	Von Brister	Jim Sonnier	Sid Lane
Sharon Scott	Barbara McDonald	Gary Shelley	Willie Varnado
Gennia Varnado	Martin Butler	Carolyn Mims	Lynn Pudas

Advisory Council Chairs Present:

Anita Johnson
Earle Burkley

Members Absent:

Bobby Blake Gina Sawyer
Paul Brady

The meeting was called to order by Darryl McElrath who opened with a devotional from Hebrews 10:23-25 and others expressed what the scripture meant to them followed by prayer before the business meeting began.

Gennia Varnado made a motion to approve the amended and corrected July 20, 2013 and October 19, 2013 minutes, seconded by Gary Shelley, all approved.

Chairperson's General Comments

- Donor receipts must be turned in by January 31st as stated by law.
- Chaplain Jefferson with the Marshall County prison facility said they are eager and ready to start a Kairos Inside program there.
- All Advisory Council Reporting forms need to be updated and sent to Darryl and Sharon as soon as possible.
- Monthly electronic reporting and processing for KPMI is a priority and the information sent needs to be complete as they are starting to levy fines for incomplete information.
- Discussion concerning the purchase of computers at the councils expense for KPMI reporting ONLY and to be able to share information between those responsible for Donor Application ONLY. Further discussion as to selecting a state technological representative with term limits who can work with George Brown (International level) in developing a program for the state and implement Donor among the councils. Jim Sonnier made a motion to allow Willie Varnado (who has agreed) as the state technological representative to work with the donor coordinators of each advisory council and George Brown (International) in developing a program for the state and implement

Donor among the councils within the state. Von Brister seconded, all approved. In addition, discussion concerning the cost of purchasing these computers with a suggested and agreed upon ceiling budget of \$4000 to purchase eight (8) computers for the seven councils and one for the state. Willie Varnado will work on this and send information to Darryl who will then distribute to everyone.

- On- going discussion concerning continuing education and training within the state including attending individual council meetings, break-out sessions at the quarterly meetings pertaining to each area of the advisory councils.
- The Winter Conference will be held in Atlanta February 4- 8th . Jim Sonnier made the motion to send Willie Varnado to the Winter Conference February 7-8th to meet with George Brown to learn more about developing & implementing donor technologically. Martin Butler seconded, all approved.

KPMI Representative – Von Brister, IC Representative

- The new KPMI building is now complete.
- International – council training programs are becoming available
- Kairos Outreach – the Outreach programs within each council must have a functioning Outreach Program Coordinator and International has placed an emphasis on recruiting and outreach within each council. There are three (3) more institutions ready to begin a Kairos program but there are not enough volunteers to implement.
- KPMI is again emphasizing the need for increased minority recruiting and the need for younger adults.
- Ken Rocks replaced Bill Rushing as Outreach & Recruiting .
- Need to be more prudent in collecting funds within each council.
- The electronic transfer of funds has been approved

Vice Chair's Report – Gary Shelley

- Working on completing the Excellence Initiative and working on recruiting.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Sonnier

- All the bills were turned in timely and have been paid.

Financial Secretary's Report – Martin Butler

- End of the month reports are due by January 31st
- Need each council's budgets ASAP.
- Asking each council to PLEASE be more careful when writing out their deposit slips - write legibly as I am having difficulty reading the numbers.
- In the process of updating reports.
- Still awaiting a decision from KPMI as to which bank they are going to use for everyone. Von Brister recommends Darryl to contact KPMI concerning the bank issue and if their decision is going to be delayed, Mississippi would like to use Regions Bank to deposit monies, etc.

- Funds raised outside KPMI umbrella should be run through another entity.

Kairos Website – Barbara McDonald

- Requesting updated report of new officers as soon as Darryl & Sharon receive it.
- Uncle Bob now writing the newsletter
- Discussion concerning a quarterly report by Darryl McElrath with highlights of the minutes to go in a newsletter and the minutes would still be forwarded to Barbara McDonald to be placed on the website.

Agape – Gennia Varnado

- PayPal can be used for the golf tournament registration
- Whisper Lake in Madison is the approved location for the golf tournament – Friday, May 9th.
- Will be asking Jeanne & Jim Gray if their church will be donating food again for the golf tournament.
- Need support, sponsors, volunteers. Barbara McDonald agreed to assist in the planning
- Tax statements sent out to sponsors & players to April, 2013 golf tournament participants
- Agape posters to be sent out

Advisory Council Reports

MSP – Sid Lane

- The following are the upcoming Weekend Leaders:
Hal Davis, Sid Lane, Steve Calvert, Greg Snyder, Jan Bailey, Jeff Howell, Thurmond Montgomery, and Zach Carey.
- Darryl will be talking with Sid Lane & Paul Morris concerning the upcoming leaders qualifications, etc.

CMCF Men – Earle Burkley reporting for (Bobby Blake – Absent)

- The designated weekend leader for #30 in August, 2014 is Rusty Runnels in place of Jerry Perez and needs to attend an AKT now, which will be held in Woodworth, La. February 28 – March 2, 2014. Buddy Pharis, who has been designated to lead a weekend in June, 2014 will need to attend AKT in September, 2014 in Canton, MS. Jim Sonnier made a motion to approve both men as weekend leaders, seconded by Martin Butler, all approved. Jim Sonnier made a motion to approve Rusty Runnels attending AKT in Louisiana due to time constraints leading this weekend in August and the next AKT training in MS is not until September. Martin Butler seconded, all approved.
- Discussion followed to make it a state policy to attend an in-state AKT training unless there is a time constraint on leading a weekend which would then allow that person to attend an out of state AKT training. Jim Sonnier made a motion that future leaders will be assigned to attend AKT within the state of Mississippi and must meet the requirements for serving that weekend unless time constraints allocates out of state attendance. Gennia Varnado seconded, all approved. Jim Sonnier made a motion if a person chooses

not to attend the assigned AKT within the state and chooses to attend out of state, they will bear the expense of travel, accommodations & registration fees. If so, their check should be made out to Kairos of Mississippi, and Earle Burkley will send a write up concerning tax, etc. Von Brister seconded, all approved.

- Earle will talk with Buddy Pharris concerning the recommendation for the September AKT training and send the information to Darryl.

CMCF Women – Carolyn Mims

- We have two new members on the Advisory Council – Allison Hughes & Rita Herrington.
- Carolyn Mims attended the AKT training in June of 2013 and plans on serving as weekend leader for #33 April 8-11, 2014. Barbara McDonald plans on attending the AKT training in Georgia and if she decides to fly she will then pay the difference in what would be reimbursed for driving, which is .15a mile.
- One hundred fifty ladies attended the Christmas Party in December, 2013
- Allison Hughes will be leading the Women's Retreat on Friday, January 24, 2014 Darryl to attend the next AC meeting on November 4th
- A meeting has been set up between the upcoming April Weekend leader, the liaison and the chaplain to discuss the April weekend.
- Anita Johnson asked whether a meeting with the CMCF superintendent, the Women's Advisory Chair and Darryl McElrath has been set up and there is no update as yet on a date.
- Motion was made by Jim Sonner to approve the upcoming leaders mentioned and to notify Ken rocks with KPMI the reason why these two women are serving again as weekend leaders. Gennia Varnado seconded, all approved.

SMCI – Anthony Snow

- The leader for weekend #17 – Anthony Snow
- The leader for weekend #18 - Tom Blakney
- Gary Sims will be leading the 2014 Summer Retreat
- **You cannot be an Advisory Council Chair and lead a weekend - will have to choose whether to serve a weekend and resign as chair or choose another leader for that weekend.

Torch – Paul Brady (Absent)

- No Report

Kairos Outside of Mississippi – Lynn Pudas

- The following women will be leading weekends in 2014:
 1. Weekend #19 – Karyn Brannon
 2. Weekend #20 – Layne Herr
 3. Weekend #21 - Darlene Strickland

South Mississippi Kairos Outside – Gina Sawyer (Absent)

- No report

- **New Business**

Advisory Reporting Forms need to submitted ASAP

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Scott