

Kairos of Mississippi
State Chapter Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2012

Committee Member Attendees:

Von Brister	Jim Sonnier	Julian Crawford	Bob Neill
Harriet Brown	Carolyn Mims	Barbara McDonald	Sylvester Mims
Daryl McElrath	Gennia Varnado	Paul Brady	Gary Sims

Members

Absent:

Kathi Coleman	Patsy McCarty	Leland Creel
Patty Tilley	Nick Nichols	
Jimmy Gant	Reece Vaughan	

Advisory Councils:

Martha Walton
Anita Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 am by Von Brister. Julian Crawford was asked to open with prayer.

The minutes from July 21, 2012 meeting had been previously distributed electronically and again distributed in the meeting. Von asked for any changes. There were no changes noted. Von asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented. The motion was made by Bob Neill and seconded by Gennia Varnado and carried.

Old Business :

There was no old business to discuss.

Committee Reports

Financial Secretary – Julian Crawford

- Copies of the Financial Report were previously distributed electronically. When compared to this same time last year, we are doing better financially.
- According to KPMI financial procedures, any personal checks that are received for the AKT training must be counted as donations.
- As of 9/1, the monies invested in the Methodist Foundations (\$9915.65) will only accrue 2% interest instead of the previous 3%. There is no penalty for early withdrawals.
- KPMI is moving to an online supply ordering system which is being tested at this time. KPMI is currently using the system to order supplies that we request. Going forward, each AC is being asked to designate a person responsible for ordering supplies online. This person will have security access to order. Julian Crawford recommends that this is only one person for each AC and suggests that it be the AC Donor Coordinator (aka AC

Financial Secretary) but does not have to be. As reported last month, the AC Financial Secretary position is being renamed AC Donor Coordinator. A 10% discount is being offered for all online orders. The new software will generate an email to the State Committee Financial Secretary for approval. Because the shipping has been outsourced to a third party, the process of getting supplies will not be as fast as previously experienced. As such, Julian recommends that orders be placed at least 30 days in advance. Overnight shipping will cost \$100.

- Budgets will be required for 2013 calendar year and must be submitted by 12/1/2012. It should be noted that only 3 Advisory Councils submitted budgets for 2012. Other budgets were created by Julian Crawford using 2011 data.
- Julian Crawford asked that volunteers continue to ask for donations for food. South Mississippi raised \$6000 by giving a 5 minute 'heart talk' during announcement time at 3 different churches.
- Bob Neill offered the Music Team as a program resource in our churches to highlight Kairos/Kairos Outside and Torch.
- Anita Johnson recommended a possible purchasing option with Sysco and Merchants called "Church Share" where we could get 15% - 20% discount by ordering food supplies through the church. Delivery would also be made to the church.
- In recognition of Julian Crawford's last State Committee meeting as Financial Secretary, the Committee acknowledged the excellent job Julian has done over the last three years under challenging circumstances. His efforts led us through our first financial audit with minor findings.

KPMI Representative – Bob Neill

- Bob reported concerns over the lack of information being passed down from the Executive Board to the International Committee.
- Financially, the national committee, while the largest in the world, is not in particular good shape. KPMI established the Foundation a couple of years ago in order to turn things around. The first step being the successful audit. It will likely be 2014 until a noticeable difference will be seen.
- KPMI has hired a firm to survey and study recidivism rates of Kairos residents vs non Kairos residents for the purpose of Foundation fundraising.
- Bob has been asked by Australia and KPMI about a manual for the Machaira Cadash weekend. Bob will work with Kathi Coleman and Carol Dowdy to put together a manual that can be used.

Agape Coordinator – Gennia Varnado

- Planning an "Agape Challenge" for all volunteers to get churches involved in doing letters, placemats, posters, etc. The purpose will be to create an inventory of agape that can be used. The instructions/needs will be sent via Karotales distribution.
- 18 Hole Golf Tournament Fund raiser planned for April 26, 2013 at Eagle Ridge Golf Course in Raymond, Mississippi. The cost will be \$75 per person or \$300 per team. Will need lots of help.

Website Coordinator – Barbara McDonald

- Reports an issue with our website when using PayPal. The website requires a person to create multiple transactions when ordering more than one item. Gennia Varnado has experience with Paypal and has offered to help resolve the issue.
- ACs must get upcoming weekends, dates, leaders and officers to Barbara by 12/1 so that the website can be updated timely.

Prayer Focus Group - Kathi Coleman (not present-no report)

Nominations Committee - Bob Neill

- Bob noted the procedures require that notice be given to all volunteers requesting nominees for office 30 days prior to voting for office. Von asked for a motion to suspend the 30 day rule. Paul Brady made the motion. It was seconded by Sylvester Mims and carried unanimously.
- A list of nominees was presented to the Committee for each position. The floor was opened for additional nominations for which there were none. The 2013 slate of officers elected are as follows:

Chair	Daryl McElrath
Vice Chair	Gary Shelley
Secretary	Sharon Scott
Treasurer	Jim Sonnier
Financial Secretary	Martin Butler
International Council Rep	Von Brister

New Business:

Von Brister reported that Advisory Council Training will be conducted on January 19 by Pat Rice. All Advisory Council Members are requested to attend.

Von Brister distributed a summary of the Pilot Stages of the *Kairos First Steps* program. Daryl McElrath suggested that each member review the document, identify any language which may not apply to Mississippi and notify Von so that he may contact KPML.

Other Business:

New Leaders for Approval:

CMCF Men	Jim Gray
SMKO	Richard Tilley
MSP	Woody Welch Kevin Howell

Bob Neill made the motion to approve the weekend leaders as presented. The motion was seconded by Julian Crawford and carried.

Bob Neill reported that an agent from Nashville expressed an interest in showing the Kairos Cantata to others.

CMCF-Women noted a situation where an exOffender was working as a volunteer for a 'nonprofit' and had reportedly used the team roster where she had served previously on Kairos to solicit contributions for the 'nonprofit'. A recommendation was made to add a disclaimer to the

roster which addresses the use of names and addresses for solicitation purposes. Von Brister was to discuss this with the International Committee and possibly with the EZRA developer.

Advisory Council Reports

Yazoo City- Reece Vaughn (absent-no report)

- Ministry closed at Federal Prison indefinitely.

Parchman – Jimmy Gant (not present - Daryl McElrath reporting)

- Last weekend was good. A couple of small issues came up but were resolved.

CMCF Men – Sylvester Mims

- Reports the last weekend had 5 tables with 30 participants and 30 volunteers.
- Recruiting appears to be down.
- The next weekend leader is Jim Gray - March 28 - 30.

CMCF Women – Carolyn Mims

- Weekend #30 had 24 participants and 25 team members. There were 4 tables which made things easier to manage.
- Next weekend leader is Pam Runnels.
- Next AC meeting is scheduled for 11/5. Will address budgets and vote for 2013 officers.
- Discussions surrounding the 'Healing Moments' being too long and 'losing' people. Suggesting they use different voices to read in order to keep participants focused. Everyone agreed this would be well within the riverbanks. Bob suggested that they let Von know how it goes so that he can discuss with the International Committee.
- Also noted that comments regarding AA were removed from the Healing Moments service but left in the "Know Yourself" talk.
- Carolyn noted that they have a song they would like to be included in the Kairos Songbook and inquired about the process for doing so. Von indicated that this should be done with revisions to the Songbook and is not certain when that would occur since we just had new ones printed.

SMCI – Gary Sims

- Last weekend #15 had 42 participants and 60 team members. Jim Sonnier was the leader and met his goal of having 1/3 team new volunteers.
- Next weekend is the end of March with Richard Tilly as the leader. Having difficulty with dates due to Easter weekend conflict with clergy.
- Von Brister reported that Jim Sonnier's recruiting leadership has led to the recruitment of a retired newspaper editor. The volunteer reports that this experience has been the best thing for him. Discussions have led to the possibility of working on the newsletter and selling advertisements as a fundraiser. This could help put the newsletter back in hardcopy print.

Torch - Paul Brady

- For better or worse, Walnut Hill has let us back in. Situations appear to be working smoother. Torch is working with the 2nd warden since new management. Everyone is under a great deal of security.
- < 17 year olds (estimated 30-50) have been moved to another facility leaving a large group of residents up to age 27/28.

- April 26 is the next Torch weekend. The AC has been focused on recruiting and has two new volunteers.
- Nominations are in process. Elections and budget will come during the month of November.

Kairos Outside of Mississippi – Patsy McCarty (not present - Martha Walton reporting)

- #16 in September went well with Patsy McCarty leading the weekend.
- There were 31 team members and 19 guests. The team was represented by more than 1/2 new volunteers.
- Looking at area-wide method of conducting reunions so as to increase the involvement and continue to grow the number of guests returning.

South Mississippi Kairos Outside - (Patty Tilley absent)

- No report

A motion was made by Jim Sonnier to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Harriet Brown and carried. Adjourned at 1:45 pm with prayer from Sylvester Mims.

Respectfully submitted,
Harriet Brown

