

Kairos of Georgia Executive Committee Minutes
May 29, 2020
Virtual Meeting on GoToMeeting

Chair Beverly Upperman began the meeting at 7:00 PM. Present were Ladson Golden, Walter Straham, Stan Yarbrough, Beth Maycomber, Beverly Upperman, Arthur Fickling, Jim Smith and Tom Kibler. Beverly welcomed each person as we logged in to the virtual meeting. Jim Smith opened with prayer and started a devotion about Pentecost (that would continue on Saturday at the SCC meeting).

JUMPSTART MINISTRY: Beverly introduced Tommy Moore, executive director of Jumpstart (www.Jumpstartvision.org). Tommy gave a great overview of Jumpstart, which is “Transforming the lives of prisoners from the inside out.” Other Jumpstart volunteers spoke to the committee and questions/comments were addressed. Jumpstart began in South Carolina and is currently only in one prison (Burruss CTC) in Georgia.

The Jumpstart Mission statement (on the website) is - In cooperation with our donors, churches and the community, JUMPSTART disciples current and former prisoners and assists with re-entry to society. We accomplish our mission through Community Partnerships to address the spiritual, educational, employment, healthcare, housing, and family relationship needs.

After the Jumpstart volunteers left the GoToMeeting, the committee had some discussion of how Kairos volunteers could possibly be involved. Since Evelyn of KPMI encouraged Kairos of Georgia to investigate this ministry, Beverly plans to ask KPMI how this might work. Note - Jumpstart requires that their volunteers mentor inmates while in prison for forty weeks.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Beverly previously emailed the Executive Committee and SCC agendas. No additions were added. The February 2020 executive committee and SCC minutes are posted on the Kairos of Georgia web site.

Roll was previously taken, and a quorum was established.

Weekend leader requests were reviewed and discussed. The following leader requests (JOT) were voted on: Coastal #23 – Ralph Crawford approved as submitted; Coastal #24 – Michael Plummer approved as submitted; Phillips #29 – Silas Pendleton approved as noted (listed six talks given, but did not give the names of talks given. Since then the info has been provided); Wilcox #41 – Anthony Pupo not approved, because he did not meet the requirements of the various work areas.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT: Walter put the P&L report and then the Balance sheet on the screen and went over the state finances. Walter answered all questions and comments. A copy of that report will be posted on the website. Walter addressed that four AC’s still had outstanding advance balances and discussion was held about advances and the requirement of the Donor Coordinator to process the balance closeout within thirty days of the end of each weekend.

Walter proposed that the weekend advances be increased from \$2500 to \$3500. Committee discussed in detail. Motion was made and passed unanimously to raise the Weekend Advance to \$3500. Discussed that the local AC does not have to request the full advance and each local AC needs to remember that the advance, should reflect the ability of the local AC to raise the necessary funding.

The KPMI PEX card was discussed and noted that in the future the card will help keep weekend cash advances down. The local AC Donor will be the custodian of the PEX card.

CHAIR REPORT: Beverly discussed when Kairos might be able to go back into our local prisons. KPMI is monitoring each state and they will work with each state to establish a reentry date. The MyKairos web site has a new health form that will need to be filled out one time only (unless situation changes) and maintained by the local AC. Beverly encouraged each of us to visit the MyKairos web site to open the new tools available to our volunteers, that KPMI developed over the past few months.

The face-to-face 2020 Kairos Annual Conference in Louisville, KY has been canceled and replaced with a virtual conference. Additional information will be forthcoming.

AKT REPORT: The Georgia AKT scheduled for August 14-16, 2020 at Hampton, GA is still tentative, with a decision to be made in the next few weeks.

VICE-CHAIR: Ladson will be reviewing the EI reports with Arthur and interviewing the submitting local AC when those EI reports are filed.

NEW BUSINESS: Beverly brought up that Riverbend SP has not responded to emails or phone calls as to the status of Kairos at Riverbend or submitting a Riverbend AC report. The only document on file is the Donor Coordinator application submitted in 2019. A motion was made and passed, to suspend Riverbend at this time. Beverly will draft a suspension letter for review by the committee. That letter will be sent to the listed Riverbend Chair, Willie Sanders and the Riverbend Chaplain will be notified.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer.

The next Executive Comm. meeting is planned for August 28, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Kibler, Secretary
Kairos of Georgia