

Kairos of Georgia State Chapter Meeting Minutes
February 29, 2020
Christ United Methodist Church Forsyth, GA

Chairman Beverly Upperman called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

Jim Smith opened the meeting with prayer and gave a very moving testimony about just returning from Belize and seeing how poorly their prison environment is. Jim challenged us as leaders, called to proclaim the name of Jesus. Jim gave us four scriptures declaring that we need support of our Kairos brothers and sisters, especially when we grow weary in serving in Kairos.

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL REPORT: Kevin Resnover, Kairos Torch Director (kevin@kpmi.org) led us in several praise songs. Kevin gave us an overview of what is happening at KPMI with respect to Torch and our challenge in Georgia to expand into each of the Youth Detention Centers (YDC). Note that Kevin is in town to conduct Torch 101 (introduction to Torch) for our Macon YDC Torch team tomorrow.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Roll was taken and a quorum was established. Copies of previous SCC minutes were passed out. The following leader requests (JOT) were voted on in the Executive Committee on Friday evening with the results as follows: Autry #42 Brandon Coffee approved; Autry #43- Ken Cone - Delayed review since Ken is scheduled to be Observing Leader (OL) fall 2020 (until Ken serves as either Inside Coordinator, Agape Coordinator, Chapel Coordinator or Head Servant); Baldwin #21 – Patrick Roche approved as noted (needs to serve as either Inside Coordinator, Agape Coordinator, Chapel Coordinator or Head Servant); Hancock #54 – Mark Bopp approved; Hancock #55 – Michael Hughes approved; Pulaski #50 – Kim Bertelson approved; Valdosta #43 – Rodney Tenery approved as noted (should have attended AKT prior to serving as OL); Valdosta #44 – Greg Powell approved; Valdosta #45 – Kareem McClary approved; Valdosta #46 - Kane Staines approved; Whitworth #13 – Renee Curry approved.

Tom asked that any changes to the local Advisory Council be submitted to Tom and Beverly so the web site, “Where We Serve” can be updated. Please have the local AC secretary enter into Kairos Messenger your AC information and/or any changes throughout the year. Please note again, that per page #62 of the silver manual, it states that a leader must attend AKT prior to serving as the observing leader. Future leaders should try to attend AKT in Georgia when possible. Georgia will also possibly consider having three AKT’s per year. The JOT request needs to have a minimum of two talks and/or meditations listed out and please provide any and all information necessary for the executive committee to approve the leader request.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Walter passed out the 2019 Year End balance and P&L reports and January 31, 2020 Balance Sheet and P & L reports. Walter answered all questions and comments.

KPMI is testing using a prepaid card (PEX card) for weekend advances in lieu of sending a check. The local AC Donor will be the custodian of the PEX card. Note: Weekend advances will still occur. The card can be turned on and off and funded for an upcoming Weekend. Georgia is testing the PEX cards with three ACs. Two cards have been issued, one for the leader and another one for the inside coordinator. Everything regarding the advance process, will stay the same. Advance requests will still have to be made and original receipts, along with the check request, must be turned in once the weekend is over.

Walter reported that 100 thousand was transfer to the KPMI Mission Fund in order to invest the funds. He will monitor and report back to the SCC on a regular basis.

Walter introduced a new Leader Approval Process form, that has the necessary leader requirements to be completed. Once that form is complete, the AC chair will be able to access the JOT form. This process should be on-line in the next few months. Note- A person does not have to have the leadership track completed prior to attending an AKT. The local AC can send whomever they want to send.

TREASURERS REPORT: Stan had no report. Reminded AC that preprinted deposit slips are available upon request.

IC REPORT: Beth reported that the 2020 Kairos Annual Conference will be in Louisville, KY. Arthur stated that the Excellent Initiative (EI) reports should be printed out by the weekend leader, prior to the start of team meeting. The EI has a part of the report that should be filled out by the Advising Leader during team formation, during weekend and at the completion of the weekend.

AKT REPORT: The next Georgia AKT will be August 14-16, 2020 at Hampton, GA. An AKT is also scheduled in Jacksonville, FL on July 10-12, 2020. Schedules of all AKT's are on the MyKairos web site under Kalender.

CHAIR REPORT: Wilcox is having to cancel their Spring weekend. The Executive Committee is going to plan to attend all weekend closing. A person will contact the AC Chair, Liaison or local Weekend Leader to find out the prison's requirement for attending closings. Beverly had a good telecom with the AC Chairs. The next scheduled AC Chair telecom are March 26, June 25, Sept. 24 and Dec. 3, 2020. All ACs need to update their information in Kairos Messenger. Beverly pulled up Kairos Messenger and went over various aspects of the program. Beverly addressed comments and questions that were raised. The AC Representatives were encouraged to get with their local AC Secretary to make sure Kairos Messenger.

Each quarter, specific prayer will be done for a group of ACs/prisons. Walter Larry (Phillips) led community prayer for Lee Arrendale, Baldwin, Dooly, KO Georgia, Macon Torch, Riverbend and Whitworth. Please keep these communities and AC Chairs covered in prayer.

In the absence of Programs Coordinator (Diane Morgan), the Chair reported on Program Presentations in 2019 as follows: South Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in Columbus, GA, June 2-6; North Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Display, Athens, GA, June 10-13; Ministry Fair at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, September 8; Presentation in Savannah, GA, October 11, 2019.

E.I. REVIEW: Nita Hodges, Georgia KO, gave SCC a snapshot of the EI process and how the process lets the state and KPMI know how the weekend went. KO also uses the EI results in planning future weekends and making any necessary changes to improve their weekends.

AC TRAINING: Colleen Freeman gave out three AC Committee Training dates as follows: Christ UMC, Forsyth, GA – March 21, 2020; Rose Creek Library, Cobb County – April 18, 2020; Cordelle First Baptist, Cordelle, GA – March 28, 2020. Colleen can be contacted at 770-354-1985. UPDATE: The aforementioned AC training dates have been postponed until sometime in June. Please make this note on your calendars. Revised AC training dates will be issued when available.

OLD BUSINESS: Reminder that per Georgia DOC – No longer are pictures allowed to be taken and distributed.

NEW BUSINESS: Lalena Wilson, Fund Raising, told SCC that she is in process of making short videos about various types of fund raising. Lalena said she will be sending a survey to each of the ACs to gather information about what work best for each AC. Send your fund raiser ideas to Lalena at ladyzylo@gmail.com.

MISECELLANEOUS: State needs a volunteer with exceptional organizational and record-keeping skills to assist our current AKT Coordinator (please contact Lillian Robinson). State also needs two volunteers to assist the Advisory Council Coordinator with serving two quadrants (please contact Collen Freemon).

A motion was made for Dooly AC to purchase a new computer for the Donor Coordinator and two new tables. Motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made for Atlanta Metro Reentry to purchase a new computer and printer. Motion was seconded and passed.

Repeat of information from the November 2019 minutes:

Kairos Recruitment Business Cards - Newly added to the supply order form are recruitment business cards! These two-sided cards allow you to write in your contact information and leave them with potential volunteers. On the back, the recruit can write their contact information as well as how they are interested in volunteering. Each advisory council can order a pack of 50 for free, until we run out. 2020 Annual Conference - Louisville, Kentucky - Registration is now open for the 2020 Annual Conference at The Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. The dates for the conference will be July 21, 2020 – July 25, 2020. New Kairos Conference Call Email Address - Kairos has created a new

email address, conferencecall@mykairos.org to be used for all requests for conference call lines. Please use this email address instead of sending your request to a specific Kairos staff member. Kairos Weekend Cancellations and Rescheduling if for any reason a scheduled Weekend needs to be cancelled or rescheduled, you must notify both your state by emailing your state chair and the KPMI office by submitting your amended dates to www.mykairos.org/register.html. Obituaries - Please forward obituaries of Kairos volunteers to marketing@kpmi.org. Kairos E-News – if you have not done so, please subscribe to E-News at the www.MyKairos.org Home page, using the on-screen form.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was closed with prayer and we adjourned at 1:40 PM. The next SCC meeting is scheduled May 30, 2020 at Christ UMC, Forsyth, GA from 9 AM to about 2 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Kibler

Secretary Kairos of Georgia

Please see the year-to-date attendance roster next page below

GEORGIA STATE COMMITTEE

ATTENDANCE ROSTER 2-29-2020

Those in blue constitute the Executive Committee.

Position	Name	Notes	2-29-2020	5-30-2020	8-29-20	10-31-20
			P= Pres	A=Ab	S=Sub	E=Excused
Executive Committee						
Chairman	Beverly Upperman		P			
Vice Chairman	Ladson Golden		P			
Int'l Council Rep #1	Beth Maycumber		P			
Int'l Council Rep #2	Arthur Fickling		P			
Secretary	Tom Kibler		P			
Financial Secretary	Walter Straham		P			
Treasurer	Stan Yarbrough		P			
Programs	Diane Morgan		A			
Fundraising	Lalena Wilson		P			
Agape	Edward Byrum		P			
Outreach/Volunteer Recruitment	Octavia Everrett		P			
Website Development (non-voting)	Johnny Hand		A			
Optional positions below are non-voting						
Clergy Recruiting/Train(Optional)	Jim Smith		P			

Advisory Council Coor. (Optional)	Colleen Freemon		P			
Adv. Member/AKT Coor. (Optional)	Lillian Robinson		A			
Past Chairman (Honorary one year)	Doug Unger		A			
Council Representatives						
Arrendale-Lee	Colleen Freemon		P			
Atlanta Metro Reentry	John Dubose		A-S			
Atlanta YDC Torch	Greg McDonald		A-S			
ASMP	Phil Lewis		A			
Autry	Thomas Smith		P			
Baldwin	Jim Hundley		P			
Burruss	David Griffin		P			
Calhoun	Doug Porter		P			
Coastal	Gaylon Greger		P			
Dooly	Wayne Hill		P			
Emanuel	Nancy Mylar		P			
GSP	Doug Hopkins		S-E			
Hancock	Jerry Kirby		P			
Kairos Outside North GA	Vanessa Velez-Cruz		P			
Kairos Outside Northwest GA	Ronald Jones		A-S			
Lee	Andrew Hughlett		P			
Macon State Prison	Bob Carter		P			
Macon YDC Torch	Octavia Everett		P			
Phillips	Walter Larry		P			
Pulaski	Linda Wessells		P			
Rogers	Dawson Long		P			
Smith	Scott Zepplin		A			
Sumter YDC (Close in June 2020)			A			
Valdosta/Valdosta Annex	Roy Davis		A			
Walker	Kerry Augustus		A			
Ware	Ben Mannahan		P			
Washington	Stacy Kitchen		P			
Whitworth Detention Center	Bari Boyea		A			
Wilcox	John Glaize		A-S			