

Kairos of Georgia State Committee

Minutes – May 10, 2008

The Kairos of Georgia State Committee held its quarterly meeting at Cordele FUMC, Cordele, Georgia on May, 10th 2008. Chair Jim Miller led the meeting.

The following were in attendance for the quarterly meeting: Jim Miller, Chair; Pete Pfeiffer, Vice-Chair; Dennis Silvernail, Secretary/ Autry SP. State Rep.; Leonard Cole, State Financial Secretary; Beth Maycumber, State Treasurer; Bob Astalos, Kairos International Office; Ron Walling, State Agape Chair; Roger Ervin, Washington SP; Arthur Pope, GSP; Bruce Hallford, GSP; Dennis Shasteen, GSP; Bill Rowley, Calhoun SP; Bill Dixon, Calhoun SP/ State Rep; Mark Nickelson, Washington SP/ State Rep; Jerry Peterson, Ware SP/ State Rep; Randy Ashhurst, D Ray James SP; Gene Lefort, ASMP/ State Rep; Shirley Pettus, Metro SP/ Advisory Chair; Bill Newcomb, Valdosta SP/ Valdosta Annex; Mark Meagher, Calhoun SP/ Wilcox SP; Susan McCutchen, Pulaski SP/ State Rep; Gene Brannen Men's SP/ State Rep; Eddie McLemore, Dooly SP/ Advisory Chair; John Clay, Dooly SP; Ted Stockholm, Rogers SP/ State Rep; Alice Dickerson, KO North Georgia; Sue Martin, KO North Georgia/ Advisory Chair; Tom Wilson, KO North Georgia; Peggy Shipman, Lee Arrendale SP/ State Rep; Marva Ogilvie, Lee Arrendale SP; Mark Peak, Calhoun SP/ Advisory Chair; John Clements, Wilcox SP/ State Rep. Rosie Walling, ASMP; Ruth Patton, Pulaski/ Lee Arrendale/ and Metro SP/ State Rep for Metro SP; Eddie Brown, Hays Annex; Rudy Patton, Hays SP/ State Rep; Cheryl Cole, Metro/ Lee Arrendale SP; Russell Clark, Wilcox SP/ Advisory Chair; Kirk Kukshel, GSP; Bill Hardison, Phillips SP.

A Foundation for Growth

This portion of the meeting was opened with prayer.

Chair Jim Miller introduced guest speaker, John Thompson, Executive director for Kairos International. Jim also had each member stand and introduce themselves, institution they serve and what position on Advisory Council they serve.

Chair Jim Miller announced that with the addition of Kairos now in two annex additions, Georgia is now in 20 Men's Institutions, 3 Women's, 1 Torch, soon to be 2, and 2 Kairos Outside.

Jim wanted to thank and acknowledge the support of the State Board, and announced that the next State meeting will be held in July. Jim acknowledged that it was very close to the current meeting, but because of difficulty's scheduling, we are late in holding our second quarterly meeting, and we need to have our next meeting in July to get back on track.

Jim read the scripture, 1 Cor. 12: 14-20,

John Thompson, Executive Director, reminded us, that as the scripture tells us, we are all one body in Christ in KPMI.

- - John tells us there is a sense of communities disconnected.
- - John encourages everyone to attend the summer conference.
- - John stressed the importance of good sound financial reporting and the consequences it has on the ministry when it fails.
- - John tells us that it costs, on average, \$20,000 for start up of a new community internationally. That is why it is so important that we help sponsor third world countries that can not afford the cost of a new start up.

- - John tells us that we are currently in 32 states. Kairos International has been talking with the DOC in Kentucky, and they really want to get Kairos started in their state. But there is a very difficult problem in getting volunteers to get it started.
- - Kairos now has almost 700 Weekends per year. 600 of these weekends are in the states.
- - John discussed with us the mind set of “Our Money” vs. “God’s Money.” There is almost one and a half million dollars combined in all of the states individual accounts. John asks us, how much good work that money could be doing, if the states would realize that it’s God’s and not ours.
- - John brought CD’s for each advisory council, “Kairos Vision 2008”. He urges all Advisory councils to watch this.

Chair Jim Miller & Vice Chair Pete Pfeiffer discussed – Increasing Volunteer Base

- - It was brought to his attention that one really important source for volunteers are the Chaplain of the institution. The Chaplain can supply list of potential candidates from other ministries that are involved with the institution, or he can pass your name and contact information on to those groups.
- - The Start-up Committee is just about finished with a step by step procedure list for starting up Kairos in new institutions in Georgia.
- - Arthur Pope, GSP; mentioned that they had great success bringing Kairos before the Baptist Association, and Radio station.
- - Bill Hardison, Phillips; Had great success with presentations to local area church’s
- - Bruce Hallford, GSP; Recommends we reach and win over the Pastors and get them sold on Kairos, then they will in turn sell it to the congregation.
- - We are reminded that it is the Advisory Council’s responsibility, **Not the Leaders**, for recruitment of new volunteers.
- - There was discussion about Veteran team members not attending team meetings and how other teams handle the situation.
- - John Thompson addressed the issue and reminded everyone that like Emmaus, Kairos is a Fourth Day Ministry. And it is critical that all make every attempt possible to attend the reunions.
- - John Thompson also mentioned to take the pressure off. If you have too much on your plate and are asked to serve, Please say **No**.
- - It was also mentioned that team leaders need to spend more time with spiritual leaders (Clergy), During meetings and weekends.

Chair Jim Miller announced the next Kairos of Georgia Quarterly meeting will be held July 19th. 2008.

Bill Dixon discussed with us Advisory Council Responsibilities, and that we can all find ACOP (Advisory Council Operating Procedures) on the web site, and copies were supplied to each member attending.

Chair Jim Miller went over the Sponsorship Program, and how successful that has been for the Kairos Community. For those of us who wish to have name specific brochures, you can either download them from the Ezra program, or e-mail Jim and Karen Miller at milman23@bellsouth.net , and they can e-mail you a downloadable brochure. Karen Miller has also offered to help anyone in the community with problems they experience with the Ezra program.

John Thompson advised us that they are being offered a spot with the Hotel Network. They will have a 90 second spot run on the hotel chains they are linked with. Kairos production crew is almost finished with spots and will have DVD available.

Bob Astalos, Kairos International; talked to us about the Kairos Excellence Initiative. He reminds us of an old saying, “you can’t improve anything you can’t measure”. That this is a tool for us to use for self-improvement. Bob addressed the issue of the Advising Leader and not the Observing leader, needs to fill

this report out. It was felt that the Observing leader did not have enough time to properly fill out this report. Bob also told us that International is looking into re-evaluating the assessment values of this program.

Sue Martin, Kairos Outside; Sue tells us that there is a very big need for inside teams to spread the word of Kairos Outside, and get them to fill out applications for their female acquaintances. They can do very little to help their families, so here is an opportunity to give them something wonderful. Sue reminds us that the family members serve the prison sentence right along with the offender. Sue announced that there has been a change in procedure for the closing talk on Kairos Outside. This talk is now to be given by the leader of the weekend, leaders can find this talk on the web site. John Thompson said he will make sure that it is available on the Ezra Program.

Chair Jim Miller brought to our attention, that women cannot work both, Inside & Outside. This is in direct violation of Department of Corrections Policies.

State Board Meeting Called to order

Bruce Hallford opened the meeting with prayer, and special prayers for Mary Mauldin, and Walt & Wray Kessel.

Minutes of January 2008 meeting were approved

Old Business;

New Website-“This just in” section was explained by Jim Miller. It was asked if we could post prayer vigils on website, and also to have a spot to share our successes and what’s working with recruitment and fundraising.

News Letter- We needs contributors to the newsletter

Executive committee – went over who the members are

New start-up committee- very close to being complete, should have it finalized by July Meeting.

Advances: Leaders- Coordinators: There is a \$200.00 max. advance for Leaders, and a \$2000.00 max. for Coordinators. However, if you only need a smaller portion, then only request that which you need. If more is needed, proper justification is needed.

Jim Miller announced that Walker SP, is due to start doing reunions, and are one year away from having their first Weekend.

New Business:

Kairos at a crossroad- John Thompson addressed the issue of the “White Paper” and how it affects the Kairos community and the struggles that exist with it. Any one wishing a full copy, e-mail Jim Miller and he will forward it to you.

Financial Secretary- Leonard Cole/ Treasurer – Beth Maycumber

- - Volunteer liability insurance- it was discovered that we are paying for an insurance policy that we do not need, because we are covered under Kairos International’s Policy. Motion was made. Seconded, and voted in favor of, to cancel this policy.
- - Leonard advised us that the Leaders and Coordinators dollar amounts on the Profit & Loss report should be 0 if you submitted your expense report, other wise it will still show the advance amount.

- - Cash advance through request form found on website. There was discussion on importance of verification of advance funds. Motion was made, seconded and voted in favor of having Advisory Council Chair to sign for advances. This can be by written signature, or by e-mail.
- - There will be a revision of approved items for weekends coming out soon.
- - Each Advisory Council needs to contact the State Committee on the following subjects:
 - - 1. Do you store Equipment?
 - - 2. Do you use your trailers only on weekends?
 - - 3. Who holds the title and registration?

Ron Walling talked to us about new procedures for Agape. We are to now have agape sent directly to the other institutions, first by in state, then nationally, then internationally. This is being done to cut down on the cost of postage and handling everything two to three times.

Their being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Dennis Silvernail
Secretary