

# **Kairos of Georgia State Chapter Meeting Minutes**

## **January 29, 2022, Via Zoom**

**Beverly Upperman**, SCC Chair, welcomed SCC members as each logged on. Meeting started at 9:05 AM

Beverly welcomed Kairos CEO, Everly Lemly and she gave an overview of the Kairos Prison Ministry. Evelyn encouraged everyone, and challenged each of us to look for opportunities, work to reengage our volunteer base/inactive volunteers, be creative in how we conduct our team meetings (number of meetings needed to acquire 35 training hours), consider having a minimum of three tables needed to conduct a weekend, possibility of having weekday reunions, understanding working around reduced DOC security staffing and being positive on working with each warden, staff and our volunteers. Please continue to pray for prison staff. Evelyn led SCC in prayer.

Teresa and Steve Deaton led devotion with two beautiful songs, How Great Is Our God by Chris Tomlin and I Worship You by Sondra Corbett.

Beverly led us in a devotional, using a visual of persons holding a rope, standing in a circle. She said for us to not grow weary/tired; do not lose your grip; some are holding two pieces of rope, because their duties may be more involved; and others can help share your load when needed. Also shared scripture focus for the year, Galatians 6:9-10a (GNT). May we not become weary on this journey.

Testimony – Willie Flournoy was scheduled to give his Kairos testimony but came down with COVID. Teresa Deaton gave an account of when she met Willie, as he was working for Home Depot, installing a stove for her. Teresa had her Kairos shirt on, and Willie shared how his Kairos weekend changed his life. Willie and Teresa have an ongoing friendship and Willie is working toward serving on a weekend.

Using breakout rooms, Beverly asked SCC members to share 1) how long you have served, 2) what area of the ministry you have served, and 3) what is your greatest fear. Lots of good sharing.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Roll call was completed, and a quorum was established. Thank you, AC chairs, for getting your AC 2022 elections recorded in Kairos Messenger. Check to ensure that no one is holding more than one position.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Walter reviewed the current Balance Sheet and P & L report. Very little expenses occurred in 2021 and the donations from churches and organizations continued to come in. Over \$88K was raised in 2021, with \$31,802 income after all expenses. Walter discussed using the PEX cards for weekend. Walter also reminded AC chairs that all 2021 donor tax letters should be sent out by 1/31/22. Walter continues working with the local ACs to capture all assets like trailers, sound equipment, translation equipment and storage units.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Welcomed David Griffin as the newly elected State Treasurer. David reminded Chairs that deposit slips are available upon request. The new address for the Kairos of Georgia mailbox is Kairos of Georgia State Treasurer, P.O. Box 5743, Forsyth, GA 31029.

**IC REPORT:** Welcomed Dawson Long as the newly elected second Georgia Kairos International Representative along with Audrey Jones. No report.

**AKT REPORT:** No AKT is scheduled for 2022 in Georgia at this time. Any leaders needing training can go to MyKairos.org to find a list of upcoming AKT training dates and locations.

Note: KPMI has previously issued a determination that a completed AKT is good for 36 months through a variance of a one-year extension.

**CHAIR REPORT:** Beverly nominated Ron Jones for the 2022 State Clergy Recruiting/Training position. Ron was approved unanimously.

Beverly discussed expired GDOC badges. She sent out a GDOC produced list of expired badges by prison (not ministry) for ALL volunteers. Each AC will need to review the Kairos volunteers on the list and follow up with each volunteer to take the necessary action. Note that GDOC is experiencing a backlog of processing badges due to internal issues.

Each AC needs to review the information (address, phone number and email address) in Kairos Messenger and update accordingly. Beverly showed the video, "Until We Come Back" from the MyKairos web site and encouraged sharing these videos with facilities. Also recommended using these videos to encourage existing volunteers and using other videos for recruitment. Beverly talked about GSP closing later in 2022 and how Kairos volunteers could plug in to other local prisons, like Rogers and Smith. Beverly reviewed the Kairos of Georgia 2022 Annual Plan. Each local AC is encouraged to develop their own annual plan. Beverly stated that KPMI has EZRA coaches available upon request for weekend leaders.

Beverly discussed the commitment KPMI and Kairos of Georgia have with the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice to bring Torch into all Georgia Youth Development Centers (YDC). We have Atlanta YDC Torch #3 scheduled for this spring. We are working on a Macon YDC Torch #1 weekend date in April or May. If any Kairos volunteers or new volunteers are interested, they need to go to the MyKairos site and fill out the Torch Clearance Package application. Also trying to start Kairos Torch in Eastman and Augusta YDCs. Looking for a Kairos Torch champion in Dodge and Richmond counties.

Beverly asked each AC chair or representative to report on their local Kairos involvement. See below, the status of the response each AC reported.

Note - The KPMI Health form, available on the MyKairos website, will need to be completed by all volunteers that attend any face-to-face meeting, gathering or event.

Lalena (Website Coordinator) has requested everyone review the website to ensure the information is current. She also needs a backup to work with her. If someone on your AC or in your community is willing to serve, please reach out.

**VICE CHAIR REPORT:** Ladson Golden recovering from a car accident.

Beverly discussed the 2022 Kairos Annual Conference scheduled for July 26-30, 2022, in Dallas, TX. Told the SCC that the Executive Committee voted last night to send the entire seven members of the committee. Told the AC Chairs that the local AC can send a representative as long as they have the necessary funds in their balance sheet. The Annual Conference registration and details are on the MyKairos website.

**AGAPE:** Edward Bynum reported that he is reaching out to each AC Agape person for agape and sharing Agape with the upcoming weekends. Edward is sharing Agape with other weekends in other states and countries. Edward even participated, via Zoom, with a Kairos group in Africa.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Diane Morgan, Program Chair, shared that Lee Arrendale has produced a video for Kairos Inside, which she can share upon request. Diane plans to work with Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch to produce similar videos. Octavia Everett, Outreach/Volunteer Recruitment, received volunteer information from KPMI for eight women and four men. After discussion and comments, Walter Larry will work with Octavia to develop an Excel type spreadsheet to track and share this information.

Beverly shared that now is the time to schedule AC Training for this spring (virtual). Information will be coordinated and shared at a later date.

Dawson Long led the SCC in prayer for Autry (not active), Dooly (not active), Macon YDC Torch (Angela Johnson), Ware (not active), Atlanta Metro (Eddie Brown), Valdosta (Crawford Powell), the closing of GSP (Johnny Hand), Kairos Prison Ministry (prayer every day at noon), Institution Staff, former participates and all Kairos volunteers.

With no other business, meeting was closed. Next SCC meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2022, hopefully in person at Christ United Methodist Church, Forsyth, GA.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Kibler  
Secretary Kairos of Georgia

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

## GEORGIA STATE COMMITTEE

### ATTENDANCE ROSTER 01-29-2022

Those in blue constitute the Executive Committee.

Position	Name	Notes	1-29-2022	4-30-2022	
			P= Pres	A=Ab	S=Sub E=Excused
<b>Executive Committee</b>					
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Beverly Upperman</b>		<b>P</b>		
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Ladson Golden</b>		<b>A-E</b>		
<b>Int'l Council Rep #1</b>	<b>Audrey Jones</b>		<b>P</b>		
<b>Int'l Council Rep #2</b>	<b>Dawson Long</b>		<b>P</b>		
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Tom Kibler</b>		<b>P</b>		
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>Walter Larry</b>		<b>P</b>		
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>David Griffin</b>		<b>P</b>		
Programs	Diane Morgan		P		
Fundraising	Debra Wrape		P		
Agape	Edward Byrum		P		
<b>Outreach/Volunteer Recruitment</b>	Octavia Everett		P		
<b>Website Development (non-voting)</b>	Lalena Wilson		P		
<b>Optional positions below are non-voting</b>					
<b>Clergy Recruiting/Train (Optional)</b>	Ron Jones		A		
<b>Advisory Council Coor. (Optional)</b>	Colleen Freemon		P		
<b>Adv. Member/AKT Coor. (Optional)</b>	Ann Straham		P		
<b>Council Representatives</b>					<b>Kairos Activity in Prison</b>
<b>Arrendale-Lee</b>	Enid Merck		P		Not Back
<b>Atlanta Metro Reentry</b>	Eddie Brown		P		Back, Weekend May12-15
<b>Atlanta YDC Torch</b>	Elijah William		P		Weekend March 18-20
<b>ASMP</b>	Craig Stone		P		Weekend May19-22
<b>Autry</b>	In Active				In Active
<b>Baldwin</b>	Floyd Shelton	Conn Fountain	S		Not Back
<b>Burruss</b>	Gerald Rankin		P		P & S only
<b>Calhoun</b>	Lee Palmer		A		Not Known
<b>Coastal</b>	Roy Paul		P		Back, Weekend March
<b>Dooly</b>	In Active				In Active
<b>Emanuel</b>	Alice James	Julie Brannen	S		Back, Weekend May
<b>GSP</b>	Johnny Hand		A		Closing in 2022
<b>Hancock</b>	Doug Shenker		P		Back, Weekday Reunion, but now suspended
<b>Kairos Outside GA</b>	Nita Hodges		P		Not back, planning for weekend fall 2022

<b>Kairos Outside Northwest GA</b>	Robin Peek		P		Weekend in May 2022	
<b>Lee</b>	Melvin Paulk		P		P & S only	
<b>Macon State Prison</b>	Alan Frost		P		Not back. Warden not allowing any religious events	
<b>Macon YDC Torch</b>	Angela Johnson		A		Working on weekend date	
<b>Phillips</b>	Jeff Parow		P		Back, weekday reunions	
<b>Pulaski</b>	Vicki Douberly		P		Back with reunions,	
<b>Rogers</b>	Tommy Casey		P		Not back	
<b>Smith</b>	Thom Staub	Carl Cooper	P		Not back	
<b>Valdosta/Valdosta Annex</b>	Crawford Powell	Roy Davis	S		Not back	
<b>Walker</b>	Buddy Looney	Mike Mitchell	S		Not back	
<b>Ware</b>	In Active				In Active	
<b>Washington</b>	William Zachary		A		Not Known	
<b>Whitworth Detention Center</b>	Shelley Ross		P		Back with reunions	
<b>Wilcox</b>	John Glaize	Skip Blumenhal	P		Quarterly reunions	