

Kairos of Georgia Executive Committee Minutes
April 29th, 2022
Quality Suites Forsyth, GA

Chair Beverly Upperman began the meeting at 7:05 PM. Present were Beverly Upperman, David Griffin and Ladson Golden. Attending virtually were Walter Larry, Audrey Jones and Dawson Long. A quorum was determined and David gave the devotion based on Psalms 27:14. Sometimes we have to wait on the Lord. We have to stay prayed-up and wait. This is not always popular in our fast-paced world.

LEADER VARIANCES: ASMP requests variance for Phil Lewis to lead Weekend #67 (motion to approve made by Ladson, 2nd by David) and weekend leader approval for Archer Bell (motion to approve made by David and 2nd by Dawson). Both motions passed. Pulaski requested a variance for Rosa Martin to lead Weekend #48 (motion to approve made by Dawson and 2nd by Ladson). The motion passed with the caveat that Pulaski provide more info on how they will avoid this situation in the future.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Walter Larry went over the previously emailed copies of the latest (March 31st) financial reports (q.v.) and discussed them. To date we have total contributions of \$36,973.00. After expenses Net Income is \$23,585.93. This will change markedly as Weekends start to happen in the coming months. Total Liabilities and Equity (including savings) is \$444,370.96. Walter reminded us that Weekend Leaders need to submit to him all financial paperwork regarding advances (currently \$3500) within 30 days of the end of the Weekend. No further advances will be forthcoming until that advance is reconciled.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT: Dawson reported that he will be a member of the Communications Sub-committee and will have more to report in July after the KPMI Conference.

CHAIR REPORT: Beverly talked about the need to submit KPMI ~~International Annual~~ Conference registrations to Walter Larry ASAP. ~~Diane Morgan~~ A member of the SCC has asked for the state to fund ~~her~~ attendance to the conference. Motion was made by David and 2nd by Audrey that since ~~she~~ the member was not a presenter and not on the Ex. Comm. that funding not be provided. The motion passed. Ex. Comm. agreed to discuss future support for any SCC member desiring to attend the Annual Conference. Seven (7) DOC facilities have not yet opened to Kairos mostly due to staffing issues. The possibility of fence reunions at those institutions will be revisited. Kairos Outside speakers are available for Kairos Inside closings. Considering how much Christ UMC has made their facilities available to Kairos a motion was made by David and 2nd by Dawson that we make an immediate \$1000.00 gift to Christ UMC in Forsyth for all their support of Kairos activities in the past. Also, that we contribute \$1000.00 every January beginning in 2023 for as long as they continue providing support. Motion passed. Beverly reported that since one of the state newsletter co-editors has moved there is a need for another co-editor.

VICE-CHAIR REPORT: Ladson reported on the April 26th, 2022 SCC Conference hosted by KPMI Director Evelyn Lemly. Some of the highlights are: KPMI is beginning to see much movement in the state DOC's. Currently there are 15 Weekends scheduled in 10 different states. Staffing at the institutions seems to be the biggest impediment to opening the institutions to any ministry. We need to stay focused on recruiting as we lost volunteers due to Covid. But once a Weekend is held the excitement returns as does the recruitment. Key issues for holding Weekends involves the leadership track interrupted by Covid. KPMI is handling these on a case-by-case basis. Kairos is currently ministering in 37 of the 50 states. KPMI is getting requests for "special request" ministering for death-row and admin. segregation. These take different considerations and are handled as they come in. Kairos Outside is fully open and

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functioning. Guidance regarding prescription meds, escorts, and childcare is forthcoming. AKT, EZRA Coaches and ACT online training are all going well. Reimbursable mileage has been increased from 14 cents/mile to 30 cents/mile starting May 1 through end of year 2022.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS: Beverly proposed then motioned that beginning with the next meeting the EX. Comm. and SCC meet face-to-face for the first and last meetings of each year and meet virtually for the rest of the time. Ladson 2nd and the motion passed. July SCC occurs at the same time as Annual Conference. Ladson will lead the meeting. GSP is closing and many of the volunteers are moving over to Rogers which is hurting for volunteers. God does provide.

The ACs in Prayer Focus for this quarter are: ASMP, Baldwin, Lee Arrendale, Lee State, Macon, Pulaski, and Rogers.

There being no further business before the committee, Dawson closed with prayer and we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ladson Golden, Vice-Chair
Kairos of Georgia

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