

## **Kairos of Georgia State Chapter Committee Meeting Minutes August 6, 2022 Via Zoom**

**Beverly Upperman**, SCC Chair, welcomed SCC members as each logged on. Meeting started at 9:05 AM. Ron Jones opened with prayer and a moving devotion about being better together and being obedient. Dawson Long led group with a song that he heard at the annual conference.

Beverly welcomed Georgia DOC Chaplain Hughes. Chaplain Hughes talked about how Georgia DOC appreciated the Kairos Ministry. Talked about status of Georgia DOC opening back up to all ministries. Asked Kairos to be patient with each institution, about starting back with reunions and weekends, due to the lack of security officers. Meeting was opened up to questions. Discussed about possibility of having “reunions at the fence.” Chaplain stated this is not possible due to security issues. Talked about DOC volunteer training and also possibility of having remote training for badging. Some AC Chairs (like in eastern part of Georgia) may try to pursue getting several regional ACs together and coordinate with DOC for training at a remote site.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Roll call was completed, and a quorum was established. Discuss the three JOT/Weekend Leader nomination requests the Executive Committee reviewed last night. The results are as follows: Dennis Redic, Metro #2, approved; David Crowley, Coastal #24, approved; Ron Hurst, Coastal #25, conditional approval, with Ron needing to do an additional talk. Tom reminded AC chairs to fill out JOT forms completely with all information. Need to include a statement that the candidate is “not a clergy”. AC Chairs were reminded of tracker spreadsheet available on Kairos of Georgia website to help with leader development. **State Chair will confirm what is considered a “major” meditation.** All were reminded that each AC needs to begin the 2023 AC election process, which should be completed, and results entered into Messenger prior to 12/31/2022.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Financial Secretary Walter Larry went over the previously emailed copies of the latest (June 30) financial reports and discussed them. To date we have total contributions of \$85,847.60. After expenses Net Income is \$20,497.39. This amount will increase as Weekends start to happen in the coming months. Total Liabilities and Equity (including savings) is \$424,766.24. Some discussion of the usage of the PEX (a Kairos Debit Card) card in lieu of a weekend advance via check. Still looking for someone to fill the assistant position to support the Financial Secretary. Walter Straham (former FS) will be providing support through the end of 2022 to help develop a process for this added position. Please include Walter S. on any communications to Walter L. ([ws.kairos@gmail.com](mailto:ws.kairos@gmail.com)). If there are volunteers within your communities with financial background, please notify Walter L.

Financial information/forms can be found at this link - [Financials Downloads - \(kairos.org\)](#)

**TREASURERS REPORT:** David Griffin reminded Chairs that deposit slips are available upon request. Be sure to include facility name on deposit slip so funds can be given proper credit. The new address for the Kairos of Georgia mailbox is Kairos of Georgia State Treasurer, P.O. Box 5743, Forsyth, GA 31029. David’s email address is davidgriffin606@yahoo.com.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS:** **Vanessa Velez-Cruz** was enlightened by attending Kairos Messenger and Fund-Raising breakout sessions. **Lalena Wilson** had a great time, emphasizing the need for Agape to be done every time a group meets; working on “Elevator” testimonies, being creative using a business card to promote Kairos and also using the Kairos Style Guide for Kairos information. **Dawson Long** was wowed by the Kairos crowd and inspired by what he heard. **Diane Morgan** highlighted what the Kairos logo actually stands for.

**FUNDRAISING** – Beverly showed short video and shared about an upcoming ministry-wide fundraising effort, Distance for Deliverance walkathon October 7-16, 2022. More to be shared about this event and a possible friendly competition among ACs.

**IC REPORT:** Dawson Long stated that his role as an IC member is to review communications, which includes Websites. Kudos to our own Lalena Wilson, for improving and maintaining our Kairos of Georgia Website.

**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. KPMI has requested Georgia to secure a

location for an AKT in 2023. Beverly asks that if anyone knows of a place within the Atlanta metro area that can host a training event and would allow food to be brought in, please contact her.

**Follow-up regarding receipt of AKT confirmation – once the online AKT application has been approved, applicant will be contacted by the Training Coordinator with specific details.**

**VICE CHAIR REPORT:** Ladson Golden reported that no KPMI State Chair meeting was held since our last SCC meeting due to Annual Conference. Reminded about KPMI prayer events that take place daily/monthly. All other information from the Executive Meeting has already been discussed.

**TRAINING:** Beverly displayed the mykairos.org website and highlighted the location of the Annual Conference information, i.e., workshops, evening sessions. Also viewed Kairos Messenger website to ensure all are aware of various reports available, Continuing Ministry input, past participants, etc. Encouraged everyone to explore these websites and share with ACs.

**AGAPE:** Edward Bynum reported that he continues reaching out to each AC Agape person to share Agape for upcoming weekends. Edward is sharing Agape with other weekends in other states and countries. Edward has participated, via Zoom, with a Kairos group in other communities. Edward is looking forward to sharing agape as we meet face-to-face in October. Please bring agape from your community because most of current agape is out-of-date.

**CHAIR REPORT:** Beverly shared how Georgia was very well represented at this year's Annual Conference.

Beverly shared information about Kairos Messenger on screen and the vast information that is available. AKT training history is available within Messenger. Information from the Weekend Leaders Report has been merged into Messenger. Beverly stated that the Leadership Tracker (located on the website) would be revised to clarify the requirements/talks that need to be completed prior to the approval of a Weekend Leader.

Beverly reported that 19 AC's have been trained in 2022. Several of our AC's, Dooly, Autry and Ware are inactive. GSP has closed and Lee State has limited volunteers. Pray that the volunteers from these institutions will consider working at other regional facilities.

Fundraising/grants – if anyone is aware of grant opportunities, KPMI is able to assist with grant writing.

Beverly asked all AC Chairs to send her an email with updates about what's happening in your community.

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

**PRAYER FOCUS** – SCC asked to include Kairos in your individual prayer places (church, prayer groups). Thom Staub (Smith) led the SCC in prayer for Burruss SP, Hancock SP, Kairos Outside of North Georgia, Phillips SP, Walker SP, Washington SP, Whitworth SP, Wilcox SP.

With no other business, meeting was closed.

**Next SCC meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2022, 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 8-6-2022

Those in blue constitute the Executive Committee.

Position	Name	Notes	1-29-22	4-30-22	8-6-22	
			P= Pres	A=Ab	S=Sub	E=Excused
<b>Executive Committee</b>						
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Beverly Upperman</b>		<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Ladson Golden</b>		<b>A-E</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	
<b>Int'l Council Rep #1</b>	<b>Audrey Jones</b>		<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	
<b>Int'l Council Rep #2</b>	<b>Dawson Long</b>		<b>P</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Tom Kibler</b>		<b>P</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>Walter Larry</b>		<b>P</b>	<b>Virtual</b>	<b>P</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>David Griffin</b>		<b>P</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	
Programs	Diane Morgan		P	A	P	
Fundraising	Debra Wrape		P	P	A	
Agape	Edward Byrum		P	A	P	
<b>Outreach/Volunteer Recruitment</b>	Octavia Everett		P	A	P	
<b>Website Development (non-voting)</b>	Lalena Wilson		P	A	P	
<b>Optional positions below are non-voting</b>						
<b>Clergy Recruiting/Train(Optional)</b>	Ron Jones		A	P	<b>P</b>	
<b>Advisory Council Coor. (Optional)</b>	Colleen Freemon		P	A	P	
<b>Adv. Member/AKT Coor. (Optional)</b>	Ann Straham		P	P	P	
<b>Advisory Council Representatives</b>						
<b>Arrendale-Lee</b>	Enid Merck	Hilga Silverio	P	A	S	
<b>Atlanta Metro Reentry</b>	Eddie Brown		P	A	P	
<b>Atlanta YDC Torch</b>	Elijah William	Tonia Broadnax	P	S	S	
<b>ASMP</b>	Craig Stone		P	P	P	
<b>Autry</b>	In Active					
<b>Baldwin</b>	Floyd Shelton	Woody Sanderson	S	S	S	
<b>Burruss</b>	Gerald Rankin		P	S	P	
<b>Calhoun</b>	Lee Palmer		A	A	A	
<b>Coastal</b>	Roy Paul		P	P	P	
<b>Dooly</b>	In Active					
<b>Emanuel</b>	Alice James		S	A	P	
<b>GSP</b>	Closed		A	A	Closed	
<b>Hancock</b>	Doug Shenker		P	P	P	
<b>Kairos Outside North GA</b>	Nita Hodges		P	P	P	
<b>Kairos Outside Northwest GA</b>	Robin Peek		P	S	P	
<b>Lee</b>	Melvin Paulk		P	A	A	
<b>Macon State Prison</b>	Alan Frost		P	P	P	

<b>Macon YDC Torch</b>	Angela Johnson		A	P	P	
<b>Phillips</b>	Jeff Parow		P	P	P	
<b>Pulaski</b>	Vicki Douberly		P	P	A	
<b>Rogers</b>	Tommy Casey		P	P	P	
<b>Smith</b>	Thom Staub		P	P	P	
<b>Valdosta/Valdosta Annex</b>	Crawford Powell		S	A	A	
<b>Walker</b>	Buddy Looney		S	S	P	
<b>Ware</b>	In Active					
<b>Washington</b>	William Zachary		A	S	P	
<b>Whitworth Detention Center</b>	Shelley Ross		P	A	A	
<b>Wilcox</b>	John Glaize		P	S	P	

Guest – Vanessa Velez-Cruz