

Flourish, Not Just Survive
Kairos of Texas State Chapter Committee Meeting
Hill Country Bible Church, Austin, Texas
July 9, 2016

Chair: Steve Newton

Executive Committee present: Steve Newton, Jim Irwin, Ray Sims, John Osborne, Robert Robinson, Rhonne Gary, Mike Stumbaugh, Driskoll Tubbs, Robert Kimmel, Debbie Van Pelt.

Units not represented: Connally, KO Wichita Falls, Roach, Rudd, Stevenson, Terrell, Torch-Amarillo, Vance

Minutes

Gather for fellowship and refreshments: 8:30-8:45. Praise and Worship: 8:45-9:00 led by Scott Van Pelt, joined by Tony Perez.

Steve Newton called the meeting to order and recognized those attending for the first time.

Rick Hope, State Clergy Coordinator, gave the opening devotional based on I Corinthians 9:24-27. "run in such a way to win the prize of crossing through Heaven's gate. We all want to hear the words, "well done, my good and faithful servant." We should desire God's applause not man's applause.

Tim Hunter, Chaplain of Region VI, TDCJ was introduced. Chaplain Hunter, representing TDCJ, brought thanks from the administration to all Kairos volunteers. There are several changes coming up within the TDCJ system. Brad Livingston, TDCJ Executive Director will retire in August and Bryan Collier, presently Deputy Executive Director, will become the Executive Director. The challenge and affirmation given were "We're not going to do TDCJ the way we've been doing it – the old school method is not working." Chaplain Hunter encouraged all to not hesitate to contact him for information /assistance regardless of where they are located in Texas – tim.hunter@tdcj.texas.com; 512-921-6960.

The **Roll Call** was taken by Julie Cole, acting secretary. Scott Van Pelt, KO Midland, moved that the minutes of the April 9, 2016 meeting be accepted. Debbie Van Pelt, KO State Chair seconded the motion and it passed.

Chair Comments: Steve commented that KOT had 51 weekends in the spring with two #1 weekends – Luther and Estelle. Telford #1 is scheduled for Nov 2016. Approximately 2000 people have been involved with these weekends, both as volunteers and participants/guests. However, we need to focus on recruiting and witnessing. Use the website, infousa.com, and you will be able to get a list of churches depending on the

criteria that you establish for your search. The volunteers are there – we just need to let them know about our ministry. Contact Dickson de la Haye, State Outreach/Recruiting Coordinator, (dicksondlh@gmail.com) for a packet of outreach materials which includes the DVD, “From Darkness to Light.” Right now, we are in a survival mode. It usually takes about 1 to 1½ years for a New Start to actually have a weekend. We don’t have a location/prison beginning that process, so go out and witness and tell the Kairos story.

On the back of the meeting agenda, was a list of units that have not turned in Advisory Council minutes. Steve Newton, steve_newton@att.net, and Ray Sims, raysims@sbcglobal.net should be on the distribution for the minutes of all units.

Status of Advisory Council’s Sending Meeting Minutes

None Rec’d – Bartlett, Coffield, Neal

None Rec’d in 2016 – Briscoe, Clements, Dalhart, Estes, KO San Antonio, Lynaugh, McConnell, Roach, Robertson, Torch – Harris Co., Torch – High Plains, Vance

One Rec’d in 2016 – Clemens, Connally, Daniel, Eastham, Estelle, Ferguson, Hightower, Hughes, Hutchins, KO Amarillo, KO Central, KO East TX, KO Houston, Mountain View, Murray, Rudd, Segovia, Smith, Stiles, Terrell

AC Chairs – please see that minutes are sent to the addresses above. Also, send in as many previous minutes as you can.

John Osborne, State Financial Secretary, passed out financials – Profit & Loss, Jan-May 2016; Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2016; P&L, June 2015-May 2016 (all attached). He emphasized that all advances should be cleared within a 30 day period; also housing and meals are by far our largest expense items. The P&L showed that the total income was \$69,000 greater than this time last year, but our Housing/Facility costs were up \$14,800; food costs were also up \$50,900, with that being said, our Net Income was \$1,000 over the first five months of 2015. He offered a big ‘thank you’ to all financial secretaries and treasurers. . Steve pointed out that there were 6 units carrying less than \$2,000 in their bank account and 7 units with more than \$20,000 in their bank account. Units that have a large amount of money were asked to perhaps adopt those who are struggling financially. Tom Troll, Torres AC Chair, commented that in addition to giving money, the units should be taught fundraising techniques so they can operate without any assistance. Torres committed to helping KO San Antonio. It was related that sharing of funds is considered an inter-ministry transfer and as such, is not subject to the 15% affiliation fee.

Robert Robinson, State Treasurer, reported on the room reservations as we are approaching the need for using another hotel, especially when we have training going on the same time as the state meeting. In October, we will not have any extra rooms available as this is always the same time as Austin City Limits. He is still having trouble with checks not being made out correctly or being difficult to read. Please pass this on to your AC treasurer.

Break – Advisory Council Training and Financial training begins

International Council Reps: Driskoll Tubbs – serves on the KPMI Communications Committee and reminded everyone to go to mykairos.org to see the latest KPMI newsletter as well as fundraising, recruiting ideas. Rhonne Gary – new manuals are coming out for all 3 program areas with the cost being \$13/each. Each individual AC is to order their own case of manuals – use the new supply order form which has just come out and is on the KPMI website. Mike Stumbaugh – changes to the KI manual include an index; the term “greeters” is used instead of “hosts”; there is some flexibility to 1:1 Thursday night requirements; “Meditation to Heal Past Memories” has been shortened; copies of EZRA issued since May 2016 include these changes. AKT schedule – Nov 11-13, 2016 Waxahachie (all 3); 2017 – March 10-12 Amarillo; June 2-4 Huntsville (all 3); Nov - Waxahachie (all 3).

Kairos Outside State Chair: Debbie reported that there were 7 KO weekends in the spring and she is working on the EI reports – they are not completed yet. Several KO's are having financial difficulty and the “wealthy KI's” are being asked to take a KO community under their wing. KO's are being urged to ask for help – communicate – don't cancel a weekend due to finances. The money is there. There will be 8 KO weekends in the fall.

Torch State Chair: Bill Salser reported that Torch Harris Co. had to cancel their spring weekend due to flooding at the Katy facility. Senior Administrator for Harris Co. Juvenile Justice Dept resigned and has not been replaced yet. The Katy Facility manager will not commit to any changes until he has approval from the new Administrator. They have plans to send several women to AKT in Nov. Torch Amarillo is progressing as planned with a weekend scheduled for July 22, 2016. Target facilities – Roach Juvenile Facility in McKinney will be approached with a new introductory package from Torch KPMI; efforts are being made to identify a contact person at the Lubbock Co. facility; Bell Co. facility, Travis Co. facility (both TJJD facilities) and the Giddings TYC facility all appear to be potential Torch sites from the initial internet information. These will be reviewed in more detail.

Sub Committee Reports

Outreach/Volunteer Recruitment: Dickson de la Haye reported that Rex Morris, Stiles unit, is now Vice Chair of the committee. He encouraged all volunteers to use the website, www.infousa.com, to identify the churches to approach for the Kairos ministry – the cost is .30/name. You can conduct a mail out and follow up with a personal contact. The committee is in the process of developing an EI checklist for Outreach, using questions and a survey.

New Starts: Ray Sims handed out a list of 16 units that need follow-up as a possible new start. Presently, there are only 3 units that have contacts. The list will be sent out to KOT volunteers asking for help in securing a contact/someone who has a passionate desire to bring Kairos into another unit. Estelle and Luther were taken off the list as they both had a #1 weekend this spring. Telford is scheduled for #1 this November. Interest has been shown in Carswell – a women's Federal Prison located in Ft. Worth.

Fundraising: Jim Lodovic reminded all that he is there to help with any fundraising needs – don't hesitate to call him for information – jimlodovic@gmail.com; 830-660-9246. Both the KPML and KOT websites list fundraising ideas. All volunteers are expected to help with fundraising – not just the weekend leader.

Excellence Initiative: Delores Amador reported that Mike Springer attended their meeting and offered many helpful comments. Because of the new manuals, EZRA is being changed to coincide with the changes to the manuals. He is also working on "Kairos Messenger."

Trailers: Scott Van Pelt related that there are several regions that share trailers, using isolated bank accounts to maintain funds for maintenance. It was discussed having a system for the shared trailers to pay a fee to the state every time a trailer is used for a weekend - \$200/trailer per weekend. If tires are needed, for example, notify John Osborne that a check is needed. A trailer needs to be checked every time it is used. State could possibly maintain a different account for each region.

Agape: CJ Salzman reported that he pulled 7,272 sheets of wall agape for 54 weekends which averaged to 135 pieces of agape per weekend. Seven people attended the sub-committee meeting and it was emphasized that 17 units need to send more agape. There needs to be more frequent and direct communication with the Agape Coordinator – make sure that the correct email and phone number is listed for the agape coordinator on your AC. Don't forget about white prayer chain links – include them with your wall agape.

Clergy: Rick Hope stated there is always a concern to get clergy involved with Kairos, but the biggest challenge is the actual dates of the weekend and attending the team formation meetings. If each unit will send Rick a link of churches, he will send a letter to those churches explaining our ministry, chalfmhr2@aol.com. We know that some churches don't consider prison ministry fruitful, believing that it drains their resources. We should be the church scattered as well as the church gathered. One main concern for Kairos Outside – there is always feedback that there are several persons who are not going to church because they have experienced an outcast from the church because their loved one was/is incarcerated. Clergy requirements for 2016+ will be the same for all 3 program areas and will be shown as such in the new manuals. The committee will check on the state requirements for clergy to report confessions of confidentiality of inmates and KO guests.

Meeting was closed with prayer and singing "Surely the Presence." Next meeting will be October 8, 2016.

Submitted by,

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