

KOT State Chapter Meeting

Hill Country Bible Church/Zoom

August 13, 2022

Attendees, in person or by Zoom: Amanda Anderson, Pam Baker, Jill Berkel, Anita Brantley, Scott Baker, Dorothy Clay, Julie Cole, Bob Crane, Julie Dominguez, Nash Dowdle, Audrey Duke, Michelle Edwards, Nora Gonzales, Andrew Hamilton, Roger Harbert, Audra Johns, Pam Jones, Robert Kimmel, Kyan Kirby, Linda Lea, Susan Mannas, Suzy Miller, Steve Newton, John Osborne, Nancy Patterson, Rose Mary Pena, Larry Rodgers, David Ross, Ray Sims, Ladean Smith, Judy Taylor, Staci Thorne, Driskoll Tubbs, Dawn Tucker, Debra, Usry, Clarissa Van Pelt, Debbie Van Pelt, Scott Van Pelt, Steve Whatley, Marjorie Whitner, Mark Williford, Dawnya Wineinger, and Don Wineinger.

Units represented in person or by Zoom: Allred, Bridgeport, Briscoe, Coffield, Coleman, Connally, Crain, Daniel, Estelle, Hutchins, Jordan, KO Abilene, KO Amarillo, KO Central, KO Corpus Christi, KO East Texas, KO Ft.Worth, KO Houston, KO Midland, KO North Texas, KO San Antonio, Lynaugh, Memorial, Mountain View, Murray, Torch Giddings, Torres, Wainwright and Wallace.

Scott Van Pelt **opened the meeting** with music and prayer.

Ray Sims **welcomed everyone** and thanked Scott Van Pelt for the music and prayer.

David Mosser had **the opening prayer and devotional**. He reminded us, "We think we know where we are going, but we really don't." Jonah went to the great city to preach the word to Nineveh. When the great storm came, Jonah was swallowed by a whale and Jonah decided to pray. Kairos work is hard, dealing with Christians. Prison ministry plants seeds. We need to pray for all the seeds to take root, grow and bloom.

Kyan Kirby **called the roll with people responding to "THRIVE"**. She then asked for a motion to approve the May 14, 2022 minutes. Debbie Van Pelt made the motion to approve the minutes and John Osborne 2nd the motion. **Minutes were approved.**

Ray Sims gave **the status of Kairos in Texas**. The Annual Conference was well attended. We had a total of 497 in attendance. We had a wonderful turn out from Texas. Two hundred twenty two attended. "We broke the piggy bank." We really appreciate the AC's who contributed funds to KOT. We will try to repay you after the first of the year, but no promises. Thank you. "A special thanks to Steve Whatley and David Ross for all their work." The conference had 2 general sessions and 24 workshops.

Weekends in Texas: To date, we have had 22 KI's, 8 KO's and 1 Torch including #1 Ellis and #2 Death Row. Ray noted that this is Life Row to the men. Additionally scheduled this year are 41 KI's, 10 KO's, and 2 Torch, including #1 Giddings. That is 53 for the rest of the year with a total of 84 for the year. The Devil jumps in but God always wins.

We have **a new opportunity, Distance for Deliverance Walkathon** to raise awareness and raise funds to help support prison ministry. Register to participate. This is only the beginning. The annual Walkathon will be in June of each year. Information is available online at distancefordeliverance.org.

Ray additionally thanked Bettye Keefer for her dedicated service before the annual Conference where she identified a list of 46 names of Texas Kairos volunteers who went to be with the Lord in the past 12 months. Ray announced the 46 names in the Annual Conference Remembrance Service. Bettye also wrote a personal card to the next of kin for each of these volunteers advising that their loved ones were publically honored at the Conference and expressed both our condolences and appreciation for their service to Kairos.

Continuing Ministry training is found on Mykairos.org. (only 7 KI's have reported in Kairos Messenger). Continuing Ministry translates into data for grants. "Have your folks pursue it and do it." For KI statistics, "participants" are the inmates. Ray specifically recognized 6 KI's (Torres, Daniel, Ellis, Lynaugh, Murray, and Wainwright), and KO East Texas for faithfully recording their Continuing Ministry results. Ray further recognized Torres for reporting their Continuing Ministry statistics for both Torres and Ney, their yard unit, and KO East Texas for their recordings of SWAP meetings, participants, and volunteers.

Elections: October we need to be in the middle of everything. Your secretary needs to know how to use a computer. New people will get passwords. Resources for the elections are in the Advisory Council Operations and Procedures (ACOP), Mykairos.org/election tab and andy@kpmi.org. The elections should be completed by December 1 and in Kairos Messenger by December 31. January 31 all old logins will be cancelled. Be sure to put all elections in Kairos Messenger and also send to Julie Cole for the Master List in Texas. You must send to both!

Steve Newton gave **the Financial Report**. Comparing the P&L with the end of the second quarters in 2021 & 2022. Total income increased 96%, total expenses increased 120%, and net income increased 49%. Details are the KPMI fee paid, increased 39%, training cost increased 131%, and Weekend expenses increased 132%. We paid \$109,000 registration fees for 222 people attending the Annual Conference. The total AC bank balance decreased \$11,835, KOT bank balance increased \$52,048, trailer bank balance, increased \$4,137. Eight AC's had less than \$5,000 in the bank, the end of June. Last March, 12 had less than \$5,000, not a total victory but still an opportunity for Interministry Blessings! 33 AC's had less in their bank account in June vs. March.

More financial news from Steve. The enthusiasm of Kairos volunteers from Texas that wanted to attend the Annual Conference completely out stripped our plans and expectations. The cost of that put KOT in a financial position where we would not have enough funds to pay for a 4th SCC meeting. Ray sent out a plea asking AC's to voluntarily send donations to KOT. The response completely out stripped our expectations. Several AC's together donated \$23,500. Thank you.

How much is **spent on Weekends**? QuickBooks has the tools to produce this data. Because we have many Weekends scheduled for fall, the data for the next quarter will be much more meaningful.

Steve reminds us that the elections and budgets are coming up. AC's get them ready! The costs for the next Weekends are needed for the next quarter. Please add future Weekends in Kairos Messenger.

Bob Crane gave the **Treasurer's Report** stating he will be gone the next 10 days, so your mileage checks will be somewhat later because he is traveling. We need to get the 2nd Quarter Affiliation Fees in by July, only 28 have submitted them. **Elections of change** – if your Chairman, Treasurer, and/or Financial

Secretary change, please immediately contact Bob. Signature cards, etc. must be taken care of. Concerning **Hotel information** is sent to the AC Chairs.

Kairos Outside Sub-Committee. Michelle Edwards reminded us that team members and guests are needed. Michelle will be doing Mt View this fall. She provided us out a new list of the KO's that are responsible for the KO presentations at the KI Units Closings. If you do not know your responsibilities for this, please contact Michelle or Kyan. We are more than happy to get you the information. At the Annual Conference, 6 KO's participated in the vender booth. They had inmate art, jewelry and crafts. They left with \$4,000. Kairos Messenger training is needed by all, so sign up.

Kairos Inside Sub-Committee. Debbie Van Pelt says we are back working and going strong. The problem we have now is the lack of volunteers. They have moved to other communities, changed jobs, etc. We need to beef up our recruitment. ROCK has a website with many good ideas. Work on replacing yourself which produces enough volunteers. Clergy, look for them. Kairos Messenger is valuable. You can send one email to all about nominations for positions on the AC or whatever you might have coming up!,

Scott Van Pelt, CCLI coordinator, talked about **basic licensing** which is paid for by KOT. He noted; however, that some units wanted to be able to "stream". This service is available at an extra charge that the units would have to pay. If 50% are interested, he will have more details to follow.

Scott Baker gave his report on **Kairos Weekends**. We have completed 27 Weekends with many more to come! In 2019, we had 115 Weekends, in 2021, we had 21 Weekends and in 2022 we have 84 planned at this time. We have, to date, recruited 296 new volunteers for an average of 11 per Weekend. We have 57 Weekends planned for the last half of 2022. Scott also gave us a sheet stating who your state reviewer is and who your KO partner is. If you need this information, please text Kyan Kirby @ 310-218-2764.

Scott also gave us an **Activity report** and was so excited to find lots of green! The Weekend EI and leader reports are all done! Minutes submitted include: 35 of 63 AC's are green, 13 are red, and the rest are orange indicating room for improvement. Way to go greens! RE KOT Meeting attendance, we would like to have all units represented. 29 of our AC's have been represented at both KOT meetings and are green, and are green. 24 of our AC's attended 1 of the KOT meetings, and 10 have attended none. We have much room for improvement. With Zoom, we have no excuses. Concerning the Annual Conference, we had great attendance with representation by 45 AC's for an average of 4.3 representatives per AC plus our Leadership Team. Concerning the posting of 2022 AC Election results, we had 100% compliance. Remember that we must have elections posted or EZRA will not be sent to your leader. Affiliation Agreements were almost 100%. Things are picking up in 2022.

Ray **appreciated everyone's attendance**. He also commented this was the lowest in person attendance ever.

Amanda Anderson reminded us that **agape** sheets were on the table and to please sign them. She also thanked those who brought agape.

International Council Reports:

Julie Cole reported that she had met Indiana's Chairman, Connie, at the conference, discussing how important outside visiting is. **Continuing Ministry** is so very important for all areas of Kairos. Be sure to put into Kairos Messenger all Instructional days, Prayer and Share, Reunions, SWAP, and anything else you might be doing to show what you are doing for the Continuing Ministry program. KPMI has received 139 guest reservations online. They then distribute them to the proper states.

John Osborne is on the **Kairos Volunteer and Guest Recruiting Committee**. This session opened at the Conference with 45-50 volunteers. This session was recruiting for ministry, not the Weekend. Everyone is gaining a greater knowledge of KI, KO, and KT. Suggestions for recruiting through your church. Try to get on their budget, no matter how large or small. Place brochures in laundromats where one KO got 14 guests. Place brochures in restaurants, 5 came out of this one. Talk to the Chaplains who can talk to the Wardens about placing brochures in visitation. We had 11 in our meeting today with great discussions. KOT has a website, kairostexas.org, check it out. There are many ideas for recruiting for each area of Kairos.

Roger Harbert told us that the Annual Conference was his first and said it was overwhelming but awesome! He is on the KI Sub-committee. It is challenging him to learn more about KO and KT. He attended KO and KT workshops at the Conference as well as Continuing Ministry. Kairos just keeps me coming back.

Susan Mannas is on the Program **Excellence Sub- Committee**. This committee task is about the quarterly report. Who has submitted EI reports, reviewed and not reviewed them. International is encouraging getting data submitted. Many of our AC's never see the EI reports. Three people get these reports: the Advising Leader, Weekend Leader and the Chairman after they have been completed. Check SPAM if you are not getting them. It might be a good idea to review the EI report at an AC meeting. The EI is a powerful tool, and a growth opportunity of what you are doing well! **It is a tool. How can KPMI communicate better?** Sign up for the Newsletter. **Robert Kimmel** suggested that this is a great tool to review at an AC meeting as opposed to a Report Card. Put it on your agenda.

Agape report with Amanda Anderson- Amanda said that Agape is going well. Everyone needs to be on the same page. Take agape to the KOT meetings. She is sending prayer chains out. Other thoughts, have email reminders and Zoom meetings for those who cannot attend.

New Starts with Marcia Wiseman. Marjorie Whitner presented for Marcia. Prayers are requested for Crain Chaplain, correctional Officers, and the Wardens as they have 5 yards and very limited staff. Maybe after the first of the year, they can start.

Mary Rose Pena reported that Continuing Ministry is the heart of our KO Ministry. It is a great recruiting tool. Ray Sims added that Ezra will not be issued by KPMI unless the Weekend Leader's Report has first been posted in Messenger. Secondly, he noted that we need to pay close attention to insure that the TDCJ# for each Participant is recorded in the Weekend's Leader's Report so that there is a record of all who have completed Kairos.

Scott Baker gave the **Excellence Initiative report** and comments. We need to recruit every place. Wear a Kairos shirt or badge, carry business cards and brochures. Every KO was represented at the Conference. They averaged 7 in attendance. Discussed reviewing the EI in the Advisory Council

Operations and Procedures (ACOP). What is the EI? The EI is online, so print it to have notes all along. Complete the EI as soon as possible after the Weekend. It would be good for the AC Chair to put it on an AC meeting agenda and review the completed report.

Ray's closing remarks were when listing participants in Kairos Messenger, **add their TDCJ number**. KOT **elections will be November 12**. The International Reps will be handling the elections and sending out emails. **All hands on deck for the November elections if possible.**

Ray closed with a prayer of Love, Hope, and Peace.