

KOT State Chapter Meeting

February 11, 2023

Attendees in person: Scott Baker, Michelle Edwards, Kyan Kirby, Bob Crane, Steve Newton, Roger Harbert, John Osborne, Joaquin Ytuarte, Pastor Lisa Harbert, Scott Van Pelt, Driskoll Tubbs, Robert Kimmel, Larry Rodgers, Evelyn Lemly, Kathy Anderson, Jo Fern Thomas, Char Rantz, Kim Ross, Denise Bailey-Wade, Charlie Hunter, Stephanie Hunter, Betty O'Connor, Debbie Van Pelt, Sarah Sims, Ray Sims, Dawn Doughton, Richard Unwin, Natalie Porteous, Clarissa Van Pelt, Judy Taylor, Peggy Adams, Jim Thompson, Carol Weiser, Steve Whatley, L. Whatley, Bill Johnson, Hilda Gonzales, Ernie Miller, Luello Miller, Cathy Flint, Greg Thomas, Maria Rugely, Mark Williford, Ladean Smith, David Burris, Kathy Farrar, Aaron Farrar, Dawanya Wineinger, Don Wineinger, Amanda Anderson, Richard Lauzon, Debbie Love Babbs, Donna Hill, Anita Brantley, Dusty Meil, Randy Nettles, Carol Stockdale, Troy Passmore, Bob Bunch, Joyce Field, Duke Du Teil, Bill Johnson, Becky Terry, and Cinda Rose.

Units represented: Allred, Bridgeport, Briscoe, Clemens, Coleman, Connally, Dalhart, Daniel, Ellis, Estes, Ferguson, Giddings Torch, Hilltop, Hughes, Hutchins, Jordan, KO Abilene, KO Amarillo, KO Central, KO Corpus Christi, KO East Texas, KO Ft. Worth, KO Houston, KO Lubbock, KO Midland, KO North Texas, KO San Antonio, KO Wichita Falls, Luther, McConnell, Memorial, Mountain View, Murray, Polunsky, Robertson, Telford, Torres, Wainwright, and Wallace.

Scott Van Pelt called the meeting to order with music.

Pastor Lisa Harbert had the opening prayer and devotion. Her devotion was about loving God with all your heart and soul. We also need to love our brothers. Our challenge was to purify the love we have for God and be worthy servants. Pray Warriors, we need better prayers for our teams and each other in building our teams. Dream the impossible dream!

Kyan Kirby called the roll that everyone answered with "Thriving With Love". Debbie Van Pelt made the motion to accept the November 12, 2022 minutes and John Osborne 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Evelyn Lemly, Kairos Prison Ministry International, CEO, was our guest speaker. She began by telling us that God shows up in the oddest places, even when called

for jury duty, so be prepared. Have your cards ready. She praised God that the prisons are opening up. Florida and Texas are opening although many countries and states have still not opened. God is there, but we still need many connections. The end of 2022, we had 45% of Weekends around the world. Texas had 71%. 2023 is bringing on new Kairos interest and new beginnings. We need prayer for new beginnings. Head of the Criminal Justice Division in New York has called and wants us in New York. Six Torches are opening and 3 more trying to get in. We are not able to get in some places in Texas as well as others due to lack of staffing. You might want to consider having a Weekend Tuesday –Friday when more staff is on the unit. Think of different days. God is in control, so pray about different things that might can happen. Suggestions have been to install cameras where there are no officers. A roaming staff is a possibility. Encourage all. God has it, He promised! Kairos is in His perfect timing. Our priority is people. Share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. **Our challenge** is for each of us to bring one new volunteer to Kairos this year. God will give you someone! Call Evelyn and let her know that you have a new volunteer. 919-270-2871. Text her and let her know which unit you are with. Training is important for every Weekend leader as we come back to life since hibernating. Do not take anything for granted, be together. Be an army, be prepared, and in unison- eyeball to eyeball. It is hard to get clergy, so Kairos has partnered with Christian Chaplains and Coaching. If you go through training, you can be a clergy on the Weekends. The class is online. For more information, go to www.ChristianChaplains.org/Kairos.

Julie Cole shared there were 300 people at Clayton Alexander’s Celebration of Life Service. He was a big Kairos volunteer who built and ran Stepping Stone in Midland for ex-offenders who needed a place to parole to. He and his brother renovated a building in Ft. Stockton for the KI Lynaugh Support team to have a place to do their work.

Scott Baker shared, he is honored to be our Chairman. Andy makes it work. Ray did a super job the last 4 years. Julie is a real producer for the Master List. Cheryl Glasgow does a wonderful job with our website. Pastor Lisa is doing a super job. Michelle thank you hard worker. We have many challenges with our new normal. The worst days for low staffing are Saturday and Sunday. Ellis is using CVCA’s for escorts. Weekends are being canceled even 24 hours before the Weekend.

2021 we averaged 8 new volunteers per Weekend, 2022, 11, so we went up 600%. 2022 we completed 82 Weekends; 300% growth from 2021. 2022 Crain and Neal shut down, but New Start Ellis had 2 Weekends and Giddings Torch had their #1. Lynaugh and N5 joined the other yard units.

For the Conference in Dallas, Texas had 198 attendees from the AC's, with 222 volunteers total from Texas. Kairos Texas is strong, thank you!

Steve Newton gave the Financial Report. He reminded that if you turn in mileage, you **must turn in a map**. Email one if you did not bring it in order to be paid.

Comparing P&L end of December 2021 and 2022. The Regular Income increased 173%. Interministry Materials Cost increased 203% and the Total Program Expense increased 219%. Net Income increased 185%. Balance Sheet: December 31, 2022, Total AC bank balance was \$869,456 up \$17,401 from 2021; Total KOT bank balance was \$77,521, up \$17,879; and Total Trailer balance was \$6,714, down \$16,982 from 2021. Four AC's had less than \$5,000 the end of September. Six AC's had less than \$5,000 the end of the year. (4 KO's, 1 KI and 1KT). Sixteen had more than \$20,000 at the end of 2022. (same as last quarter). Invoices for state dues were sent out in February. \$115,555 state dues, and \$4960 KPMI audit fees. Two AC's had more than \$25,000 in the bank so their fee was capped at \$3885 (15%), and 2 had less than \$1,000 in the bank so their fee was zero. AC's transferring funds to other AC's in January 2023 were Coleman-\$5,000, Memorial-\$1,000, and Pack- \$500. Move over, Kairos is back! If you need more information, please contact Kyan Kirby by text at 310-218-2764. **Share the Blessings.** \$23,000 was given to KOT. KO San Antonio gave \$1,000, so we are giving them monies to get back on their feet.

Bob Crane gave the Treasurer's Report. KPMI Affiliation 4th Quarter – 2 AC's did not owe and fees (no donations reported). Fifty-nine owed fees of which 45 (76%) have submitted payment, 14 remain unpaid. Emails are being sent out. **Banking Status:** All AC's have provided updated contact info. THANK YOU!! All Wells Fargo accounts are updated and online access is up to date except for the two new ones. Bob is working with the Treasurers to confirm all signatures for all other banks are updated to include the five required signatures. Bob has had several training sessions, both in person and on Zoom. He can be contacted by phone or email for assistance anytime. Mileage reimbursement requests need to be turned

in at today's meeting with a copy of the map showing the route and total mileage attached to the form. Tax avoidance- tax exempt forms are on the website. Chairs also need to attend the training.

Becky Terry gave the KO Report. In 2022, 18 KO's were held. To date in 2023, 17 have been held and 7 more approved. Evelyn challenged us to each bring in a new volunteer so we will be getting larger. Our goals are to work with KI and have a KO representative at each KI Weekend. We also want to improve our Continuing Ministry and recruiting!

Debbie Van Pelt with KI reminded everyone about the 3 on and 1 off rule. We need to get committees together to recruit and do **outreach all the time**, not just prior to the Weekend. With team formation, we need to go to the **training** sessions. Many of us have done it so long, we need a refresher. We need to do different jobs on the Weekend, not just the same one over and over. Other suggestions are meet at the unit parking lot and pray over the inmates, the Warden and staff. Go to the coffee shop and have a prayer and share breakfast. Don't give up. **Relationships in prison**—bible study in the FBD. See if you can get to know the officers. See if you can get them to volunteer to work a Weekend they are off. Pray for all the units. Many are struggling financially. We are all **together in God's work**. Help each other out. Grow a larger team. Put everything you can in Kairos Messenger. Please use this. Julie Cole needs your Spiritual Resumes for the Master List so the leaders can be approved. KI's, you need someone from KO at each of your Closings!

Dickson De La Haye gave a brief description of Torch. You can find much information online about youth incarceration. The Torch Weekends are held Friday –Sunday. We mentor weekly or biweekly for 6 months during which time we build relationships with the youth. We listen, listen, love, love. All facilities have incredible staff. The Amarillo group is a little burned out, so they need our prayers. It is tough up there. Giddings, Ray and Sarah Sims will be our next leaders. Each of the 3 facilities we have in Texas are very different. Katy and Amarillo are county facilities. Giddings is a TJJD facility. In Gainesville, David Ross needs help. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

Michelle Edwards gave the Activity Report. The EI Reviewers are awesome. She wants to challenge those doing the reports to be sure and add comments and

gave some examples. The KO and KI chairs get the reports. She also reminded us that **the EI Reports cannot be done by the OL's**. Appoint someone else to do the EI Report. The minimum requirements for AC meetings is every other month. She also said that there are no excuses for not having a representative from each unit at every KOT meeting. They are in person in Austin and on Zoom. Please attend. AC training for February 25 is almost full.

International Council Representatives reports.

Roger Harbert is on the KI Committee. He will get his assignment March 2. The Committee provides information, reviews changes, develops special goals, and prays. **Scott Van Pelt** was elected in November and is waiting for his committee and assignment. **Joaquin Ytuarte** is on the Communications Committee. They go over compliance issues and goals for the year. Prayerfully, he will have more details at the May 13 meeting.

Agape by Amanda Anderson reports that she need more and more agape. She loves praying of the agape and your units before she sends it out!

Jim Thompson gave the Fundraising Report. He reports that only KO's were at the meeting and they had a good meeting. He would like to have a Zoom meeting in 4 weeks because everyone should have fundraising. The meeting will not last more than 1 hour!

Chris Wilson for Outreach said that we have a mass of volunteers coming. Call now or go to the website and we will call you.

Jeff Coatney gave us a trailer report. He has sent out \$12,000 in invoices. All the Spring Weekends are coming up so be sure and check the tires, etc. Be sure good tires are on the trailers. We need to pray every day for the trailers to be in continued working order.

Driskoll Tubbs led the Continuing Ministry session. There were 9 people for it consisting of 1 KI Chair, 1 KO chair, and 7 other volunteers. Continuing Ministry is a team effort. Driskoll shared the importance of Continuing Ministry and what they needed to be doing. If your Continuing Ministry cannot do the work, the chair needs to step in and guide him/her in the right direction and help with it. Everything that is done, P&S, Reunions, etc. needs to be put into Kairos Messenger.

Scott Baker, chair comments: We have some **new opportunities**. Steve Whatley is with a New Start at the Lindsey Unit. The Lindsey Unit is a state jail located in Jacksboro, TX. Also, the Warden at the Goree Unit is also wanting Kairos on her Unit. Scott reminded us that the Annual Conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 25-29, 2023. KOT will pay the registration fee for 4 from each Advisory Council to go. It is up to your AC to pay for transportation. The next KOT meeting will be May 13 here at Hill Country Bible Church.

Pastor Lisa closed in prayer.