

KOT State Chapter Meeting

May 13, 2023

Attendees in person were: Scott Baker, Michelle Edwards, Kyan Kirby, Bob Crane, Steve Newton, Roger Harbert, Susan Mannas, John Osborne, Joaquin Ytuarte, Scott Van Pelt, Driskoll Tubbs, Robert Kimmel, Larry Rodgers, Cinda Rose, Pastor Lisa Harbert, Debbie Van Pelt, Clarissa Van Pelt, Carol Stockdale, Audrey Duke, Mark Williford, Kelly Gerland, Bob Cole, Pam Baker, Hoppy Eason, Demetriss Beaham, Marcia Wiseman, Andrew Hamilton, Jon Goodale, Sandy Coffey, Joe Coffey, Judy Goodale, Julie Cole, Robert Hollond, Debra Wilson, Becky Terry, Sarah Sims, Ray Sims, Anna Leagans, Marjorie Whitner, Earnestine Hadnot, Marla Badillo, Angela Burrell, Richard Unwin, Libby Allen, Don Allen, Duke Duteil, Barbara Hicks, Debra Usry, Melinda McDonald, Chris Gill, Randy Neffles, Daniel Burriss, Dusty Meil, Clarissa Van Pelt, Don Wineinger, Dawnya, Wineinger, Steve Ryder, Jode Luce, and Cathy Flint.

Units represented were: Allred, Bridgeport, Briscoe, Dalhart, Daniel, Ellis, Ferguson, Giddings Torch, Hobby, Hughes, Hutchins, Jordan, KO Abilene, KO Amarillo, KO Central, KO Corpus Christi, KO East Texas, KO Houston, KO Lubbock, KO Midland, KO North Texas, KO San Antonio, Luther, Memorial, McConnell, Mountain View, Murray, Polunsky, Roach, Robertson, Telford, Torres, Wainwright, and Wallace.

Units not represented were: Amarillo Torch, Beto, Boyd, Clemens, Clements, Coffield, Coleman, Connally, Estelle, Estes, Hightower, Hilltop, Huntsville, Katy Torch, KO Ft. Worth, KO Wichita Falls, Lynaugh, Michael, Montford, Pack, Smith, Terrell, Vance, Willacy, and Wynne.

Music provided by Scott Van Pelt to call everyone in to the meeting, Scott Baker called the meeting to order.

Pastor Lisa Harbert led us in an opening prayer and devotional. She reminded us of Mother's Day. Pastor Lisa told us how God make things like the temple. Stones for the temple came from many miles away, quarry made, and sent to the temple. 1 Peter says that we come to Him as a living stone. We are living stones (work) and are placed in the temple of heaven. We are chosen through the generations to be wonderful, polished stones for Christ.

Debbie Van Pelt made the **motion to accept the minutes** from the February 11, 2023 meeting. John Osborne 2nd the motion. **Motion carried.**

Our guest speaker was Ruby Burriss, KPMI Women's Ministries Coordinator. She talked about "Women serving with Excellence." She brought a thank you from KPMI. **What does God deserve?** The very best. Serving is a "privilege." At any moment, it can stop. Some cannot serve. In joining Kairos, we follow the proven program. Discipleship is built in Kairos. Delegate- Jesus Christ would teach to everyone. We learn from everyone around us. There is work to do and time is

running out. **Work together, we are better together.** What can we do for you? Encourage others, talk about the ministry of Kairos. What is God calling us to do? Meals, Agape, Prayer all make the church. Shortcuts? God made the ultimate sacrifice so there are no shortcuts. Advisory Council, what are the goals for the year for each position? We must have a destination. Have a joint plan. **Work together.** Training, who loves training? Read the manuals, mykairos.org has much new information, different learning styles, NO shortcuts. Go to AKT, what did you learn? Use the information available to you. What is in your spiritual life? Read the Bible individually or together. We are stronger together. Do not leave out the spiritual activities. **Put on the armor of God and do not let the spiritual life slide. Continuing Ministry is where the real change happens.** Be sure we are there for each other. Prayer and Share, call Craig. KO, the guest needs help, prayer and fellowship. Meet and greet reunions, do not wait until the next Weekend. Ruby closed by saying, "Thank you all, and I love you all. I will be leaving August 1, please pray for my family and me."

Scott Baker gave us the status in Texas. "Great things are going on and I am honored to be your Chair." We have 46 KI's, 12 KO's and 3 Torch's due to the efforts of all of you, and your love for the Kairos Ministry. In February, Evelyn told us there were many states and countries not back on track yet. She challenged us to be creative and focus on Continuing Ministry. In 2022, we had a great recovery with 90 Weekends in 2022. So far in 2023 we have 21 Kairos Weekends in the books with 340 new volunteers! Thriving and perseverance is what Wainwright has had. 3 ½ years since they had a Weekend. They have trained 5 teams, 5 team members have died, and 2 weekends ago they had a Weekend!! Kairos is getting better; thank you all for serving.

Steve Newton gave an update on the Annual Conference and reservations.

Please send flight information to Steve. Ground mileage must have a google map with it for reimbursement. Reimbursement is round trip @ \$.30 a mile.

Steve Newton gave the KOT Financial Report. Comparing P&L for end of March 2022 KOT 2022 vs end of March 2023 :Regular Income increased by 77 %; Interministry Blessings Paid increased 155%, Total Program Expense increased 163% and the Net Income increased 94%.

Balance Sheet comparisons from December 31, 2022 vs March 31, 2023 are as follows:

Total Ad Council bank balance \$869,456 vs \$904,617 = +\$35,161

Total KOT bank balance \$77,521 vs \$162,224 = +\$84,703

Total Trailer bank balance \$6,714 vs \$13,068 = +\$6,354

6 Ad Councils had less than \$5,000 at the end of December 2022.

9 Ad Councils had less than \$5,000 at the end of March, 2023 (5 KO's, 2 KI's, 2 KT's)

13 Ad Councils had more than \$20,000 in the bank at the end of March 2023 (down 3)

Word from KPMI is that as Audit is imminent. Not sure when, but it will be similar to previous ones.

All chairs should encourage a thorough review of the financial status. Advances must be reconciled within 30 days after a Weekend.

Steve pointed out a few other things. It is a little early for a good reflection of the P&L Budget vs Actual – KOT. In summary, expenses increased \$114,450 and income increased \$374,028. It is critical that AC's with money are not sharing with others. Be sure original signatures are on all documents- checks and deposits. Receipt logs must have 2 signatures. AC's need to look at strengths and weaknesses.

Julie Cole told us we have 54 Weekends listed between July and December!

Bob Crane gave the Treasurer's Report. 2023 Trailer Fees (due March 1, 2023) 34 AC's owe trailer fees, 30 have submitted. 2023 State Affiliation Fees (due March 1), only 1 AC remains outstanding. 2023 Q1 KPMI Affiliation Fees (due April 20, 2023) 41 AC's submitted, 16 remain outstanding.

Reminder about **Interministry Blessings. Record in Donor** as a Blessing received so the funds are not subject to the 15% KPMI Affiliation Fee.

Hotel Coordinator for KOT meetings will be Richard Lauzon beginning with the August meeting. Hotels require 3 weeks in advance. Notice for August will be out

in June. **Please submit your requests before the deadline or a room may not be available.**

Be sure to turn in mileage forms **before leaving the meeting with your route map.**

Becky Terry gave the KO Report. KO has had 6 weekends and have 7 more scheduled and approved. Our average guest attendance is 16. KO needs to be at every KI closing. They need to be sure and attend an ACT training. We need to get more Guest registration forms into the prisons. On the Pando app. In the prisons, I wonder if we could have a Kairos channel?

Debbie Van Pelt gave the KI Report. KI's are having some Weekends. Some of the KI's still have no Prayer and Share, Weekends or reunions. Some have had 1 day reunions. Continuing Ministry has been a problem mostly due to lack of officers. Lynaugh-N5 has 17 team members, with 4 tables to go into N5. We all need to recruit more, find your replacement before you leave. Many are not utilizing Kairos Messenger correctly. It is downloaded from Ezra. The Secretary and Data Coordinator need to finish KM. Be sure that all inmates are in KM. On the EI reports, be sure they are complete, and complimentary. Be sure and add comments. Our Weekends are producing disciples. The inmates can start prayers, etc. through their tablets. Leader reports, be sure and SAVE, login where you left off, do not redo.

Dickson de la Haye gave the Torch report. We have 3 Torch's. Praise report is that we have a new chair for Amarillo, Tim Whitaker. His wife has been in Torch a while now. Katy will have a Weekend in May and Giddings June 1.

TJJD wants us in every facility. David Ross is working with Gainesville. Others are working in Brownwood, Southeast of Dallas, and in the valley. Recruiting mentors for Torch is tough. Kairos is the Torch backbone. We appreciate Kairos people getting involved. Look at the Torch website, serve on a team. KI and KO in Amarillo need to help Amarillo Torch get off to a good start!

Michelle Edwards suggested to send Scott or her an email if you need AC training. She gave an Activity Report that all chairs will receive. Some Weekend Leader reports have yet to be turned in, so please do so. We need to get the monthly minutes sent in within 2 weeks of the meetings. Chairs, we need you to be in on

the **chair calls** so you know what is coming up and what is going on so you can report back to your AC. Each position on your AC should have a report about what they are doing or planning in their area. This should be done at each AC meeting. Be sure and check the Master List and send any new Leaders, changes in officers, Weekend dates, etc. The Advising Leader is responsible to see that the EI Report is done and take it back to the AC.

Julie Cole reported about the Weekend approvals. She needs the Leaders for each Weekend with name, address, phone numbers, emails, and Spiritual Resume along with the dates and Weekend #. The Spiritual Resume can be found on kairostexas.org. The leaders are supposed to have AKT training 12-24 months prior to their weekend.

International Council Reports.

Roger Harbert suggested for KI to look in the gray manual for details about the **job assignments**.

John Osborne needs testimonials for videos. First send a written testimonial to John for selection. The committee will decide on which ones they will have professionally done.

Susan Mannas and Scott Van Pelt are on the Excellence Initiative subcommittee. We are to use the EI as a tool to make the next Weekend even better.

Agape. Amanda Anderson needs more agape from each unit so she can distribute it to all units.

Outreach, Anna Leagans requests that you check the Master List to be sure all emails and phone numbers are correct. She has sent out email of people interested in Kairos. Torch Amarillo and Torch k

Marcia Wiseman gave a New Starts Report. June 2-4, Sarah and Ray Sims will lead Giddings #2. Richard Lauson is interested in starting something at a Federal Prison in Bastrop. We have 4 units in New Start -Ellis, Pack, KOFW, and a Torch We have 4 restarts to also keep in prayer- Ferguson, Hobby, Torch Amarillo, and Torch Katy. We have 2 more Torch's in progress. Steve Whatley is interested in Thomas Goree, Lindsey State Jail, and 2 units in Bonham.

Driskoll Tubbs had 6 KO's in Continuing Ministry. They discussed a 1-2 hour Zoom meeting every month or every other month and an article in the News Letter. Every Prayer and Share, SWAP, Reunion, Instructional Days, and every event with KI, KO and Torch need to be in Kairos Messenger. We need numbers and dates. Everyone is not recording in KM.

Scott Baker with his Chair Comments. Be sure and register for the Annual Conference July 27-29. KOT will pay the registration fee for 4 from each AC. The deadline is June 15. We presented Ruby Burris with a gift of appreciation. The next KOT meeting will be August 12, 2023.

Pastor Lisa did our closing prayer emphasizing we are the church.