

Kairos of Texas State Chapter Meeting

February 12, 2022

Attendees: Kevin Adkins, Paula Aitkens, Rick Allen, Amanda Anderson, Kathy Anderson, Pam Baker, Scott Baker, James Bell, Wendy Boynton, Julie Cole, Robert Cole, Nash Dowdle, Paul Draper, Audrey Duke, Michelle Edwards, Julie Dominguez, Sara Galindo, Jonathan Goodale, Roger Harbert, Lawrence Harrison, David Higgins, Bill Johnson, Dawn Jonas, Bettye Keefer, Edward Keefer, David Kerry, Kyan Kirby, Anna Leagans, C. Lloyd, Jerry Lykins, Susan Mannas, Tonya McClary, Andrew Miller, Richard Montgomery, Randy Moore, Steve Newton, John Osborne, Rose Mary Perez, Natalie Porteous, Wayne Radwanski, Lori Ray, Cinda Rose, John Schureman, Ray Sims, Sarah Sims, David Ross, Michael Sondergaard, Becky Terry, Jim Thompson, Staci Thorne, Dawn Tucker, Debra Usry, Clarissa Van Pelt, Scott Van Pelt, Steve Whatley, Marjorie Whitner, Mark Williford, Don Wineinger, Dawnya Wineinger, and Marcia Wiseman.

Units Represented in person or by Zoom: Allred, Beto, Boyd, Bridgeport, Briscoe, Clemens, Connally, Crain, Dalhart, Daniel, Estes, Ferguson, Hughes, Huntsville, Hutchins, Jordan, KO Abilene, KO Central, KO East Texas, KO Houston, KO Midland, KO North Texas, KO San Antonio, KO Wichita Falls, Lynaugh, McConnell, Memorial, Michael, Mt. View, Murray, Robertson, Stiles, Terrell, KT Giddings, Wainwright, Wallace, and Wynne.

Units not represented: Clements, Coffield, Coleman, Ellis, Estelle, Hightower, Hilltop, Hobby, KO Amarillo, KO Corpus Christi, KO Ft. Worth, Luther, Montford, KO Lubbock, Neal, Pack, Polunsky, Roach, Segovia, Smith, Stevenson, Telford, KT Amarillo, KT Katy, Torres, and Vance.

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

Ray Sims **welcomed** everyone and thanked all for coming.

Pastor Lisa Harbert, Alamo Heights Christian Church San Antonio, had the **opening prayer and devotion**. The devotion was from Galatians 5:22. Love is the theme for February. Among many things, our God is a God of agape love. Love the Lord. Love our neighbors. The love of God flows even in to the darkest places- prisons, outside the prisons, with our youth, etc. God asks for nothing in return.

Ray made the comment that our Kairos ministry is a ministry of love.

Kyan Kirby did **the roll call**. She asked for a motion to approve the November 6, 2021 minutes. Anna Leagans made the motion to approve the minutes and John Osborne 2nd the motion.

Minutes were approved.

Evelyn Lemly, KPMI CEO, had a message for us. This was her first time out this year and she added that to go to any Kairos event was amazing. She reminded us to not take anything for granted. We need to be thankful for everything, be patient, and trust God. Everything we do is ministry – call others, do God’s work, do ministry every day, do your best for the Lord. Be excited just like the first time you ever did something in Kairos. Reunite. All the “how to’s” are better than

ever if we let God in. Choices, make them the best we can. Opening new doors. Kairos is experiencing lots of New Starts! God is opening new doors. Do everything for God, and take it back to your AC. Share transforming love and forgiveness of God. Evelyn had so much to say in such a short while, you might want to go back and reread these things and meditate over them. How can we accomplish this continuing ministry?

Around the country from Evelyn: Some Corrections will not talk to us, “don’t call us.” Mask mandates have been extended in many states. We have had some prayer and share because of Corrections opening. We have had a few scattered Weekends. It is up to the facility. God has allowed us to do Continuing Ministry- SWAP, Prayer and Share, etc. Romans 8:28 says, “And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” As we reopen, we have retraining, new wardens, new officers, new training for newbies. We need to build new relationships. Prayer is so necessary. She suggests that we watch the “Until We Come Back Film Series” found on MyKairos.org/until-we-come-back.html. These also include some reunion type topics. We need to review the manuals for things we may have forgotten. We have lost volunteers so we need to gain new ones, and rebuild our communities. Go to a different church to recruit. Recruit from black and Hispanic churches. We need a place to meet, can we meet at one of their churches? We need to encourage and pray for Kairos. Ephesians 3:20-21, “now to him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, verse 21 Unto him be glory in the church without end. Amen.” To Him be the glory!

Ray reported on 2021 and 2022 ministry. The Kairos ministry went on. In 2021, we had 16 KO’s – sisters, keep up the good work. We were fortunate to have 4 KI’s- Huntsville, Bridgeport, Pack and Polunsky, death row. So far 2022 scheduled Weekends for spring are 18 KI’s, 7 KO’s and 1 Torch. For fall, 17KI’s, 6 KO’s and 1 Torch. All these are subject to change. Remember that having a vaccination rate greater than 70% does not guarantee that the warden will approve a Weekend. It is the warden's decision, and we need work with what is allowed. KI Land, get on with what you can. Liaisons, keep in touch with the chaplains and wardens. Last year, all four KI Weekends had food. If you can get 18 Participants without food, go for it. Have these men go in next time as food stewards. Be prepared and have the team ready.

Must haves from Ray. Please get everything scheduled and in Kairos Messenger, on the Kairos Kalendar, and to Julie Cole. If things are not in KM, there is no communication. The second "must have" is a completed and submitted Affiliation Agreement.

Treasurer’s Report from Bob Crane (Presented by Ray in Bob's absence).

Hotels: With Covid, we have not elected to require people to share rooms. And attendance is down with the Zoom option. So while room rates are not dropping, we are paying for fewer rooms. Marcia Wiseman made the **motion to not force shared rooms**. John Osborne 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Banking updates: KO Midland Wells Fargo Account fraudulently was attacked. The Account was closed, a new account opened, and all money was transferred to new account. So please continue to stay vigilant.

Accounts: We have 64 Texas Bank Accounts (63 AC's & KOT); 43 (67%) use Wells Fargo; 9 have requested a Deposit only ATM card; 62 of 64 have provided complete signature updates, 2 have provided partial updates; 32 (50%) of the accounts require signature updates, of these 30 are in-process or completed.

KOT Bank Balance: \$134,446.72 as of Feb 10, 2022, 2 outstanding checks = \$156.04

Reconciled balance: \$134,290.68 as of Feb 10, 2022.

Payment Status:

2021 Q4 KPMI Affiliation Fee: 8 of 63 do not owe any fees. 55 AC's owe fees; 37 have submitted payments.

2022 State Affiliation Fee: \$95,873 to be collected; 3 of 63 do not owe any; 60 AC's owe fees with 25 being submitted.

2022 KPMI Audit Fee: \$5985 to be collected; all AC's required to submit payment; 28 of 63 have submitted payment.

2022 Trailer Insurance: \$7,080 to be collected; 32 of 63 do not owe; 31 AC's owe for insurance, 7 have submitted payment.
We will have an audit in March.

Steve Newton did the **Financial Report**. First, he asked for prayers for KOT Clergy/ Spiritual Director, Pastor David Mosser who is in Belton Rehabilitation.

The Mission fund gained \$91.00 from October-December 2021.

Comparing P&L for 2020 vs 2021—Regular income is up 115% partly due to \$15,000 donation from Heart of Texas Foundation; Total income fell -27% attendance 2021; Interministry Training Cost up over 1,208% due to Annual Conference attendance in 2021; Program Expenses up 51% due to AKT and Annual Conference Travel Expenses; Total expenses increased 38%; Net income fell -95%.

State Dues invoiced for 2022 – \$95,633 (12%) – 2021 was \$79,367 (10%)

Balance Sheet Comparisons December 31, 2020 vs December 31, 2021--

Total AC 2020 bank balance - \$820,092, Total AC 2021 bank balance - \$845,864

Total KOT 2020 bank balance - \$95,054, Total KOT 2021 bank balance - \$60,714

Total Trailer 2020 bank balance - \$21,491, Total Trailer 2021 bank balance \$23,696

The Annual Conference this year will be at the **Hyatt Regency DFW International Airport**. If you fly into Love field, you are responsible for your own transportation to the Hyatt Regency DFW International Airport. The Co-Chairs from Texas will be Steve Whatley and David Ross.

Dates for the conference are July 26-30. You will need to arrive on Thursday July 28, dinner will be served. There will be a general session. Workshops begin on Friday and continue on Saturday. You can register online at MyKairos.org. On the left side of the page, you will find Annual Conference, click and register. KOT will pay the registration fee for 4 from each AC. Let's top our 90+ in Kentucky!

Michelle Edwards gave a KO Report from the last night's KO sub-committee meeting. What a joy it is to be a servant. Everyone is excited and working hard. Eight spring KO Weekends are scheduled. We want to be positive! If you have to cancel, have a Reunion, SWAP, fundraiser, etc. Get your KI men to serve on a KO team. Fundraising, think outside the box. Have birthday fundraisers, sell pies, etc. We need to look at the training on kairosoutside.org. Keep everyone in your prayers.

Debbie Van Pelt's KI report delivered by Ray. There are challenges with each facility itself as to what can be done. The Liaison must be on top of the situation. Pray.

Dickson de la Haye gave his KT report. Some Torch Weekends have been delayed. Torch Amarillo will be June 10, Torch Katy November 11, and Torch Giddings in July. Torch gives us the opportunity to mentor one on one with our youth. We also need volunteers to help with the Weekends and not mentor. KT Giddings will have 12 youth for the Weekend and 12 mentors.

Scott Baker did the Activity Report. The report is not presented to make people look bad; it is just a report. On the bright side, 100% of the Weekend and EI Reports are done! Some AC's completed all monthly minutes while others did not submit any minutes for the year. And some AC's have not submitted any AC minutes for multiple years. A minimum of 6 meetings per year is required. We have an opportunity to improve. Some need to focus more on attending quarterly meetings. They are on Zoom if you cannot be here in person. We need to also get in our election results. There was some discussion about what to do about AC's who do not comply. Steve Newton suggested we consider some enticement like not allowing the AC to perform a Weekend until they have done the basics, much as KPMI has done with holding back on issuing EZRA until an EI Report is filed. Those of you who have not turned in your signed Affiliation Agreements, please get them in.

Ray read us a message from Debbie Love Babb's Hilltop 5 update. God does not give us a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind 2 Timothy 1:7. This is absolutely one of my favorite scriptures and is what we are leaning on as we again prepare for Hilltop 5. We have waited patiently for almost 2 years to be able to go back into the unit to share God's love with the women in white. This Weekend was just 2 weeks away when the whole world shut down because of covid. Our new team is formed with a new leader. We have completed 2 of our 5 team meetings and everyone including our sisters on the inside are super excited and can't wait to see what God has in store for us all. As we ease back into

the new “normal” we know that God is with us every step of the way. We have a support team ready to prepare delicious food although we don’t even know if we can bring food in here but we are ready and able to make it happen “if the Lord says so!” Talks have been previewed, folks are signing up to bake cookies, prayer chains and are being made and the worship team is ready to usher in the presence of the Lord! We are expecting great things because we serve a mighty God! I encourage you all to trust Him and move forward in planning your weekends on the inside. “Don’t be skeered!” God will make a way and everyone will be blessed because of your faith and trust in Him! Press on y’all, God needs you!

Thank you for your servant’s hearts and your love for our Kairos peeps!

Debbie Love Babb
Hilltop UAC Chair

International Council reports.

Julie Cole reported there are 2 from Midland that are driving to Hilltop to be part of their KI. Julie is one of 5 on the KO subcommittee for her third year. They have a monthly Zoom meeting. She is very interested to hear from other KO’s about what they are doing. She also took this opportunity to remind everyone that Kairos Messenger and the Master List are two entirely separate things. Texas is the only state to have a Master List. You all need to send Julie all information that you put in Kairos Messenger (election results, names and addresses of your AC positions, dates of the Weekends, changes in dates of the Weekends, Leaders names, etc). It is so very important that Julie be updated on a regular basis because of the constant changes. Kairos Messenger does NOT go to Julie. Julie does update KPMI with Weekend change information.

John Osborne is on the Volunteer and Guest Recruiting committee. There is a Power Point presentation on KPMI. It is about what recruiting is and how to make it a simple task.

Roger Harbert is new to the KI subcommittee. There are 8 on this committee and 5 are from Texas.

Breakout session reports.

Amanda Anderson will be the new Agape subcommittee chair in June. She shared some information in the KO breakout with Michelle Edwards.

Marcia Wiseman, New Starts, had 8 people in her session. They were sharing ideas with each other about what is happening in their areas. Those areas were Giddings, Brownwood, Powledge, Gib Lewis Prayer and Share (transfer).

Jeff Coatney, State Trailer Coordinator, sent an email out on January 1 to all who use shared trailers. Invoices were for reimbursement for insurance. He suggested that everyone be sure and check the inside and outside of the trailers for damaged items and

replace everything that needed to be replaced or fixed. Several have already reported improvements that have been taken care of.

Scott Baker reported that the 6 in his **EI group** breakout had a productive session discussing the EI process and responsibilities.

Chair's Comments: Ray reminded us the next KOT meeting will be May 14, 2022. This meeting will also be Zoomed, so please be in attendance.

The AC chairs also have a Zoom meeting every 4th Tuesday of every month. Chairs, please be at these meetings. This is a time for Ray to share and pass along information from KPMI.

Meeting was closed in prayer.