



KAIROS ADVISORY COUNCIL NORTHEAST CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX

JANUARY MINUTES (January 18th, 2025)

Attending:

Tom Egan, Rob Roberts, Elgin Gonce, Jared Malone, Jim Catt, George Fulwider, Harry Ennis, Scott Hale, Jody Mims, , Dean Yates, Greg Watlington, Michael Turley, George Fulwider, Harris Ennis, Ricky Poore

Excused:

Cody Paul

Call to Order

Scott opened the meeting at 10:01 AM.

Opening Prayer

Michael began our meeting in prayer.

Approval of December 2024 Minutes – Tom

Tom previously distributed draft minutes of the December 2024 Advisory Council meeting for review. Tom asked if anyone had any issues with these draft minutes. No issues were raised and Tom asked for a motion to accept the draft minutes. Michael made the motion and Rob 2nd. Motion passed without exception

Financial Report – Harry / George

Harry has completed financial recording through year end 2024. It shows we have a balance of approximately \$7,200. George's records show us with a balance of around \$6,200 but he may not have everything included, so feels Harry's number may be more accurate. Tom also received a 2024 donation of \$550 from his Church that he will deliver to George to include in our 2024 finances. George asked we send a thank you letter to Sugar Hill Baptist Church for their \$2,000 donation. One will be sent.

Spiritual Director Devotion – Michael

We just learned that Cory's wife, Summer is battling MS and has some lesions on her brain. Incorporating this into his prayer, Michael provided a powerful devotion highlighting our worship in Christ. Taken from Gospel of John, Christ told us that we will do the same things He has done and

greater things than Him. Michael lives his worship by being an instrument of Christ doing His work. He asks Christ to ensure his life reflects His works. This should be our guide.

Ongoing Ministry (Journey) Report – Cory

Cory was excused from our meeting. Later in the meeting it was reported that Cory was not able to attend all of our Tuesday meetings at NECX. It was approved that Jim Hawley runs our Prayer and Share and Reunions in Cory's absence.

Communications Coordinator – Jared

Jared met with Dean and spoke to the Pastor of First Christian Church in Mountain City who will provide kitchen support for Kairos 45. He is talking with the Freewill Baptist Church in Mountain City for additional support. Jared is also working on developing relations with the Methodist Church in Mountain City and a Church in Butler. Michael suggested that with everything we are doing in Mountain City area, we organize an evening of worship with each of these and other churches in the area. Jared liked that idea and will work with Michael on this.

Kairos Outside / Emmaus Liaison – Greg

Greg did not have a specific report on KO or Emmaus but did report that his recruitment efforts on K45 are doing well.

NECX Liaison Report – Jim

Jim indicated that our next LCRB meeting with Chaplin Resy and the wardens is February 11th. There have recently been a number of deaths of residents and their family members at NECX, which has kept Resy busy.

Jim reported that NECX is implementing new procedures at the gate for visitor clearance. Staff training for these new procedures has begun. The officer at the gate will now be required to enter each visitor into a computer system, in addition to the other procedures already in place. This will take a bit more time at check-in, but should not have an impact when smaller groups come into the institution. Our Tuesday evenings should not be negatively impacted. There may be an impact during our weekends where a large number of us are coming in at the same time. We will have to understand this and plan for it prior to K45.

Resy has the dates for Kairos 45.

Kairos 45 update – Dean

There are over around 40 to 45 volunteers signed up for Kairos 45. 11 of these are new volunteers to Kairos. Dean has updated his fundraiser letter and is ready to distribute.

Camp Placid has revised their rates for our team training weekend in March. The new rate is \$10 a day, regardless of whether the person stays overnight or goes home. In the past, if the person went home in the evening, it was only \$6 a day.

After some discussion, it was agreed to keep the recommended amount of volunteer donation for K45 at \$250 per volunteer. Although our Council is in a better financial position and it looks like we will have a good number of volunteers on the weekend, drop offs occur and we want to make sure that financially, the weekend will not be a drain on our resources. This does not include the weekend training at Camp Placid. That will continue to be a separate \$40 donation in cash from each volunteer.

Jared checked with the management at the Eisenhower Cabin and its availability for our weekend. There is someone using it now, but they are scheduled to be out by April. We are also planning to have people stay at First Christian but how many of the team it can accommodate, is a question. There is only one shower in the men's and one in the women's bathrooms. Staying at that facility will definitely make it easier, as our meals and meetings will be at the same location.

Ongoing Fundraising for Kairos Weekends – Jody

5 Guys

Jody is ready to go on implementing this fundraiser. He just needs for us to agree on a date. Jody reviewed the 5 Guys agreement and we will have no problem in providing their required minimum quantities to benefit from their fundraiser. The event will be at the 5 Guys in Kingsport and will run from 5 PM to 9 PM.

After discussing a number of alternatives, we decided to schedule it on the evening of Monday, February 10th. We will receive 20% of all of the revenue that evening, where the diner indicates they are from Kairos. Jody will be there early, but to be successful, we will need to have someone at the entrance to ensure our supporters know what they need to do when they order for us to get credit.

It is now up to us to get the word out to family, friends and our Churches so as many people as possible will have dinner at 5 Guys on February 10th. We also need to have Kairos tri-folds at the event to recruit. Tom has some left over from the fundraiser he did at his Church.

Jody is also working on another fundraiser with Little Caesar's Pizza.

New Business

Prayer and share meeting on Tuesdays at NECX

Cory told Scott that he cannot attend every Tuesday meeting at NECX and needs backup support to run our sessions. Jim Hawley has indicated he would be willing to be the backup. Everyone thought that would be perfect.

Kitchen Manual and Weekend meals

Jared indicated that Hilda maintains a notebook to support her role as kitchen leader and he recommends we build on that to develop a full kitchen manual for future weekends. In addition, he felt the menu used on Kairos 44 worked very well and could provide a

standardized menu for future weekends. Rob thinks we need to do more here and recommended additional research and discussion. The Road to Emmaus weekends have the same requirements we do with food and they have a kitchen manual, purchasing guidelines and standard menus for their weekend. This should be researched before we finalize. Scott will talk with the Emmaus Organization and get what they have. We will discuss further before we finalize.

Scott noted that the kitchen team cannot be responsible for purchasing. That needs to be a separate function with separate people.

Rob also asked our help in compiling a complete physical inventory for our Council, which is one of the responsibilities of his new role as Data Coordinator. He wants to make sure we have a list of everything either in our storage facility in Mountain City, or still at Bethany Baptist. He, later in the meeting, also asked if anyone has anything in their possession that is owned by Kairos, to let him know. If the item is being transferred to someone else, let him know that also.

NECX Advisory Council 2025 Budget

Harry has updated our 2025 budget and submitted it to State.

ACT Advisory Council Training

Scott asked if anyone, besides Cory, have not attended Advisory Council training. He is advocating that everyone should have attended this online course.

Prayer Requests

- Michael, Dean and Robert Fultz are planning mission trips in the near future and need our prayers.
- Summer Paul is have medical issues with her MS and lesions and needs our prayers.
- Harry's daughter is returning from a cruise and will be driving from Florida tomorrow; unfortunately, the forecast for travel tomorrow is not good.
- For Jesus' input and control to make K45 His weekend.
- For all the national disasters this country has been having in California, Tennessee, North Carolina, Louisiana, and Florida and for the people impacted.
- For the successful transfer of power next week in this country and for cooperation from everyone in leadership to make our Country a place conforming to the Father's will.

Closing Prayer

Dean ended our meeting in prayer, highlighting our prayer requests.

Closing

Scott ended the meeting at 11:29AM

Respectively submitted,

Tom Egan, Secretary

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