



KAIROS ADVISORY COUNCIL NORTHEAST CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX

SEPTEMBER MINUTES (September 21st, 2024)

Attending:

Tom Egan, Rob Roberts, Jim Hawley, Elgin Gonce, Jared Malone, Jim Catt, Jeff Fannon,

Excused:

George Fulwider, Harry Ennis, Jody Mims, Scott Hale, Brad Wilson

Call to Order

Rob opened the meeting at 9:11 AM

Opening Prayer

Jim H. began our meeting in pray

Approval of August 2024 Minutes

Tom previously distributed draft minutes of the August Advisory Council meeting for review. Rob asked if anyone had any issues with these draft minutes. No issues were raised and Rob then asked for a motion to accept the draft minutes. Jim H. made a motion to approve, Jim C. 2nd. Motion passed.

Financial Report

George could not attend the meeting but informed the AC that we received \$875 in income last month; \$500 was from the one day retreat. Our cash balance is \$5,054.82. The expense for the bibles and crosses for Kairos 43 has not come through at this time. George received checks for Kairos 44 and our new sound system. They are being deposited, but it takes 5 days to clear through our banking system with the State. George will contact Scott H. to get team donations for Kairos 44 collected at the team formation weekend, so they can be deposited as soon as possible. Jim C. indicated that Scott H. turned over the funds collected to him. He will bring all of it to the final K44 team meeting on October 5th. Rob will contact George and see if he can meet with Jim C. this Tuesday at our NECX prayer and share meeting to get the funds earlier.

Spiritual Director Devotion

Jim C. provided devotion at the end of our meeting from the book of Ecclesiastes. It referenced that we worry about not knowing our future during times of uncertainty. What we need to know

is that during these periods, God is in charge. We have to take a step back and know God is in control. The bible is clear on that.

Ongoing Ministry (Journey) Report

Jeff reported that at our recent Tuesday meetings at NECX, an average of 12 volunteers attends. After our one day retreat, 65 residents attended that next Tuesday, which was higher than normal. Some of these men were a result of them attending the retreat. Last week, there were 45 residents attending and we will once again ask how many of our residents attended the retreat and are now coming to our weekly meetings. Our Tuesday sessions are going well and it is a strong part of our ministry.

Communications Coordinator

No report was provided.

Kairos Outside / Emmaus Liaison Scott H

No report was provided.

NECX Liaison Report

Jim H. noted that everything going very well with the Administration at NECX. The question was asked again whether residents from the Annex could attend our Kairos weekends in the fall and spring. This request was denied in the past but Jim will ask again as things may have changed. There are residents in the Annex who want to do a Kairos weekend, if they can.

Jim made particular mention that the staff supporting Chaplin Resy is doing a great job and should be commended. They will do a great job for Kairos 44. Resy is scheduled for surgery for kidney stones and will be out for awhile. Jim asked that we keep Resy in our prayers.

Kairos 44 update

Jared has his team in place for Kairos 44 and is comfortable with where he is in the planning for his weekend in October. There are volunteers committed to helping transport food to and from Bethany during the weekend. Jared noted that according to Hilda Shepherd, the kitchen team is forming very well. All of the tables for the weekend have been staffed; the music and the prayer teams are in place.

Jared just completed a team training weekend for Kairos 44 which went extremely well. He received Kudos from Jim H. and other AC members who attended. He noted that the donations received during the training weekend were good and will help cover K 44 expenses.

Jared is also planning to send thank you letters to those who made contributions of food for the weekend. Travis, who got his employer to donate drinks, Chic-Fil-A who donated a lunch and Food City who donated \$56 in groceries.

There is one more team formation meeting planned on Saturday, October 5th. Jared is open to additional volunteers and will offer his time to help with training these individuals if they can be

on the team. Everything is in place for Kairos 44 to be another wonderful and Christ filled weekend in October.

Jared mentioned that he is a bit confused how to enter the practice talk data into EZRA as we are now employing a team training weekend format, rather than individual team meetings. Jim H. will check with Michael Springer, who built EZRA, and see how the practice talk entry into EZRA should be made when a three day training session is used. (Subsequent to our meeting, Michael Springer was contacted by Jim H. and provided a work-around to enter training data in EZRA from a three day training session format.)

Rob reported that on Wednesday before the weekend, we will have a church service and dinner at Bethany Baptist as usual. Jim C. will do the service. Jim C. has his trailer parked in Mountain City close to Bethany.

Jared discussed issues that our planned move from Bethany Baptist church to First Christian Church next spring could cause on K 44. We need to let David South at Bethany know this and make sure we have a plan in place on Sunday to move what we have stored at Bethany to First Christian. This may be difficult as there is so much to do on Sunday with volunteers who are already exhausted. We should try and can get extra help to support this transfer. We also need to make sure we have adequate storage facilities at First Christian to store what we need.

Jared will also work with the inside team on 44 and make sure they do a complete inventory on what is coming out of NECX after our weekend. He will also work with the Dean, the observing leader, to ensure the transfer to First Christian is complete and we have a good inventory of what we need for Kairos 45 in the spring and where it is at First Christian.

Ongoing Fundraising for Kairos Weekends

5 Guys

Food Trucks

No report provided

Old Business

Recruiting for Weekends and AC

No report provided.

New Business

2025 AC Elections

Tom reviewed our 12/31/2024 Advisory Council election status. Currently only 1 member of our Council has completed his 9th consecutive year of service on the Council and cannot return in 2025. Unfortunately that member is Jim Hawley who has been the

foundation of our Council since joining it. It will be hard to replace Jim and he will be missed.

In addition, Jeff Fannon has decided not to seek another 3 year term and will not run for re-election in 2025. Scott Stodola has also resigned from the Council. This leaves us with 3 vacancies to fill in 2025. In addition, Brad has recently relocated to North Carolina and although has offered to provide support if we cannot find a replacement for him on the Council, we need to try to find his replacement. .

Therefore, we are planning to elect 4 new Council Members for our 2025 Advisory Council.

To begin the process, we asked Council members to provide individuals who they know in our ministry that are active, capable, share our Christian values and may wish to serve on the Council. The Council identified 7 candidates who we all felt would be great additions to the Council. We asked Rob to draft and send an email to these individuals telling them they are being nominated to run for our 2025 Council. We then identified a Council member for each who will contact that candidate individually and personally invite them to run for the Council. Tom will then conduct our 2025 election for our 4 open positions.

NECX Christmas Party

Jim C. has signed up to coordinate the Christmas party at NECX this December. Thank you Jim.

Kairos State meeting in November

The date for the State meeting in Nashville is Saturday, November 2nd, which is the same day as the Instructional Reunion for Kairos 44. We will verify that Scott H. is attending with his wife Barbara, who is now the State Deputy.

Prayer Requests

- Friend of Tom, Jim Myers had a serious stroke and is paralyzed.
- Pray for the success of Kairos 44
- Prayers for our Country and the upcoming election
- Pray that other churches in mountain city including Bethany Baptist and first Christian open their heart to provide support for Kairos weekends
- Pray that our brother Robert Frederickson go through his cancer treatments beginning after Kairos 44, without incident and that he return to good health
- Prayers for Phyllis, Hugh Johnson's girlfriend that her health improves
- Prayers for Resy's kidney stone surgery and a quick recovery

Closing Prayer

Tom closed our meeting in prayer highlighting prayer requests.

Meeting Ended

Rob closed the meeting at 10:16 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Tom Egan, Secretary

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