



KAIROS ADVISORY COUNCIL NORTHEAST CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX

JANUARY MINUTES (January 24th, 2026)

Attending Via Zoom:

Tom Egan, Jim Catt, Scott Hale, Jared Malone, Harry Ennis, Huge Johnson, Travis Lang, Michael Turley, Elgin Gonce

Excused:

Dean Yates, Greg Watlington,

Call to Order

Scott opened the meeting at 9:03 AM.

Opening Prayer

Michael began our meeting in prayer.

Spiritual Director Devotion

Michael led our spiritual devotion focusing on Luke 6:38. Jesus says that what we give, it will be given back. It is the measure we use that God then returns that measure to us. It is about judgment, mercy and forgiveness. Judgment is really agreement with accusation, when we choose law then the law governs us. We ask why things in our lives keep happening to us, but we need to check the measure. What comes from our mouth is what we authorize and unless what we say changes, what happens to us will not. Pour out love on one another and that is what we will get. Let us be reminded of this as we prepare for Kairos 46 and what we do in our ministry. We need to be quick to love and not quick to choose a side. A lively discussion followed Michael's devotion.

Approval of November 2025 Minutes

Tom previously distributed draft minutes of the November 2025 Advisory Council meeting for review. Tom asked if anyone had any issues with the draft minutes. No issues were raised and Tom asked for a motion to accept the draft minutes. Hugh made the motion and Jared 2nd. Motion passed without exception.

Financial Report

Hugh reported that he received \$2,035 in deposits. He 5 churches made donations in checks and \$60 in cash. Hugh highlighted the importance of talking with our churches to support our ministry. He recently talked with his church about Kairos, and they make a \$500 donation.

According to Harry's records, our bank balance is \$15,796. This does not take into account what has cleared with State. Fees that KPMI and State charge us total 15% of our deposits.

Harry reminded us that KPMI guidelines dictate that we cannot donate more than \$1,000 to any one church in a calendar year. We are currently at that limit with Bethany Baptist who provides kitchen support for our two Kairos weekends each year.

We are working with State in an effort to find a more effective electronic payment method for food purchases for our weekends. The current system involves cash which is cumbersome and creates inefficiencies and a lack of control. We are hopeful there can be some mechanism put in place that will help us in run our weekends in a more controlled and efficient process.

George reported that the Christmas Party last December in NECX served 360 people and cost \$1,330.58. We received a \$400 donation from First Christian Church.

Kairos Ongoing Ministry

No report provided.

Communications Coordinator

Jared is scheduled to speak at the Emmaus community meeting in Johnson City in March. Harry noted that he will have an information table setup at the Methodist Church Annual Conference in May. These will help spread the word for our ministry to attract volunteers and donations.

Scott highlighted that on Kairos 45 weekend last year, 5 or 6 of the volunteers on that weekend came from Emmaus and were on fire.

Kairos Outside

Scott reported that KO is healthy and is growing with new members.

Emmaus Liaison

Greg continues to be involved but could not attend today because he was sick.

NECX Liaison Report

Some of the members of the Council cannot open documents coming from Resy's Chaplin office. Jim indicated he will work on this and try to get them to export documentation in a .pdf format as a standard. Jim reminded us that any gatherings, outside of our normal Tuesday prayer and share meetings, need to be on the 2026 NECX calendar. This includes our Kairos weekends. We also need to add our Christmas Party and one-day Retreat.

We decided that leaders for Kairos 46 and 47 will add their weekends to the Calendar and we asked Jim to add the first Tuesday in December, December 1st, for our Christmas Party.

Jim reported that as of now, the current lockdown will be lifted for all units in NECX on Monday. Therefore there will be a full group of residents on Tuesday for prayer and share. He mentioned that there is concern as this is a tenuous situation and temporary, if any problems occur at the prison. A single incident could start another lockdown, so we all need to be cautious and careful.

We need to pray for our men and the situation inside all of the prisons in Tennessee. With a high number of gang members in the population, there are always concerns as the chance of violence is higher.

Data Coordinator

Travis is still being trained and is anxious to get involved in his new role.

Fundraising

Shawn is working on fundraising opportunities.

Old Business

Kairos 46 – Greg

Greg has indicated that planning on Kairos 46 is coming together nicely and unfortunately Greg is not feeling well and could not attend the meeting.

One Day Retreat

We need to get this event organized and scheduled. We need someone to step up and coordinate. Hugh reminded us that this is a very important event for our ministry as it brings weekend graduates back and gets them active again. We need to consider this

a high priority and never skip doing a one day event after every weekend. He said he is surprised that no one has stepped up to lead. It is not that difficult, especially since he will help and George has offered to coordinate the food, which is a major part of the effort. The weekend attracts approximately 60 residents, held in the gym, includes a simple lunch and runs from 9 AM to approximately 3 PM on a Saturday.

It was decided that we would get the one day retreat on the NECX Calendar for Saturday, July 25th and asked Jim to do that. Scott will work on getting it organized.

New Business

Scott is working with Barbara to get new Council members to attend Advanced Council Training, (ACT) in the near future. The training is on zoom and Scott will get details.

Harry asked if anyone can get him details and contact information for the Eisenhower House in Mountain City for his weekend in the fall. Jared will talk with Harry after the meeting and provide him that detail.

Prayer Requests

- Kairos 46
- Pray for the situation inside and that the violence disappears so that lockdown do not occur.
- Jared asked for prayers for an outing with his family today.
- Scott asked for prayers for Kairos at Mark Letro Prison in western Tennessee. The Kairos Council at that institution is operating outside of the riverbanks which could impact all of our weekends.
- Prayers for leaders who are scheduled for AKT that their travel is safe and they get the training they need to successfully let Christ lead their weekends.

Closing Prayer

Michael closed our meeting with a prayer.

Closing

Scott ended the meeting at 10:08 AM. (Good job Scott!)

Next Meeting

The next AC meeting is Saturday, February 21st, 2026.

Respectively submitted,

Tom Egan, Secretary

Tom