

Valdosta Kairos Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
1/16/2011

- 1) Opening Prayer Rusty Griffin

- 2) Welcome in 2011 Dennis Webrand
 - Dennis Gave a brief Welcome
 - Spoke on new Kairos Manual, (Red Book)
 - Recommended that all who plan to serve on a weekend in 2011 purchase and read the red Book
 - Mentioned that the term Riverbank is still in the new book
 - Reminded us of the importance to Stay within the riverbanks
 - Dennis spoke of a renewed call for **increased diligence** in:
 - Recruiting
 - Fundraising
 - Taking care of this ministry
 - Attendance

- 3) Spring Weekends 2011 Annex Jody Hall
 - Annex Jodi Steps down as Leader due to physical issues/illness
 - Question from Lee about how many calls Jodi had received from advising leader.
 - Jodi said he had received one, last week.
 - Brisk discussion. What are our options, what to do.
 - VOTE: Jodi Hall Observes for David's weekend
 - Call the question - Lee turner
 - Second Lonni Denton
 - VOTE:
 - Cancel Spring weekend
 - Call the question - Lee turner
 - Second Aaron Kostyu
 - Lee mentioned Weekend Planning Guide PDF
 - Both Jodi and David indicated they where aware of this and each had it.
 - Lee *suggested* all AC members read the [Advisory Council Operating Procedures](#).
 - Spring @VSP
 - Bob Ellis
 - Bob not present Loni D. spoke on his behalf
 - Expect to have 6 training sessions on Thursday Night @ Sunrise Baptist Hahira.
 - Weekend dates March 31 to April 3
 - Currently Recruiting team
 - Only has about 25 commitments
 - Need at least 42

- Please call Bob if you are interested in helping.
 - Music Leader Chosen
 - David Webb to lead music
- 4) Institutional Liaison Willie Joe Sims
 - Schedules for Weekends, Best Times to enter on Reunion Saturdays
 - Willie was not in attendance
 - No one was sure what the status of Communication with chaplain is.
 - Rusty recommends that the AC Chairperson meet with Chaplin at least once a quarter.
 - Also, Warden would like to hear directly from Chairperson before weekends
 - Dennis indicated that he did have all contact information and would follow up on Rusty's suggestion.
 - Lonni mentioned that the Chaplain has been much more visible at the Monday night meetings.
- 5) Food Control Coordinator Matt martin
 - How can you help with Spring Weekends, Needs List?
 - In kind donations would dramatically cut down on expense of a Weekend.
 - It was noted that the price of goods are increasing again and we may not be able to fit this into the \$2500 budget.
 - Matt was not in attendance
 - Discussed value of a reoccurring needs list
 - Donations really help!
 - Each donation cuts our cost down
 - Ensure vendor gets recognition for all donations
 - Dennis requests list to be attached to minutes.
 - Dennis will coordinate with Matt and get me a consolidated needs list.
 - Dennis suggested we consider lining up coordinators ahead of time so as to not have a last minute rush.
 - Suggestion was made for Matt to put a recruitment list together.
 - Brief discussion about benefit of establishing vendor relationships and maintaining a current document relative to best practice of contact and request for each vendor and need type.
 - It was observed that if we get into a predictable pattern of needs, requests and vendor contact that we would likely get the best support from our vendors.
 - Dennis will request Matt establish a committee with the focus of getting a greater volume of regular and re-occurring In Kind Donations.
- 6) Outreach Coordinator-Heath Sellars and Fundraising/Sponsorship Charlie Merwin Plans for first Quarter of 2011
 - Where are we being scheduled to speak, Churches, Civic Clubs, Radio?
 - Emmaus Closing at Men's Walk, Emmaus Gatherings, Journeys
 - Heath lost mother this last weekend.
 - Clay shoot fundraiser was mentioned

- Not sure what percentage of fundraising we could expect to come to Valdosta Kairos.
- Rekindle the VPMI Church program
 - Invite business, political and church leaders to come to a breakfast, lunch, church service etc.
- Rusty will get the Kevin McCoy DVD to Lee
 - Lee will get this on the Website
- If you are a member of or aware of a Civic organization that needs to know more about Kairos please let Heath know.
- Brief discussion of necessity to fundraise
 - Lee stated that in 2010 only about half the cost of each weekend was raised from attendees of the weekend.
- Rusty – Lee and I have identified 20 some churches that have Kairos people in those churches. We need heaths committee to approach the individuals in these churches and arrange a to have someone for Kairos come out and speak to their congregations. This can be anything from a full service to 5 min on Wednesday night. This list went out in the minutes two meeting ago.
 - Summary: List exists: We need Heath and committee to commit to touching each of these churches through the embedded Kairos folks and get a Kairos program on the calendar.
- Rusty mentioned that getting volunteers was currently a bigger need than the fundraising. We must aggressively and intentionally go after volunteers or this organization will die a slow death.
- Consider getting Kairos member and Chaplain on the Scot James show.
- Dennis and Ladson Golden will commit to pray weekly for Kairos to penetrate churches with an emphasis on African American churches.
- Aaron Kostyu will commit to pray weekly for Kairos to penetrate churches with an emphasis on Latin American churches.
- Recruitment is one thing, retention is another issue.
 - We agreed that the best way to keep people is the get them involved in service. To get ownership in the organization.

7) Agape Coordinator Rich Pye how are we doing on collecting Agape for Spring Weekends including State Agape.

- Dennis communicated the difficulty of retaining an inside Agape coordinator at the Annex due to the nature of the lower term and higher turn over of the Annex.
- Richard will contact the state team to get more Agape.
- Lee mentioned to ensure you are using the appropriate weekend numbers for Agape.

8) Secretary Aaron Kostyu what is the best way to communicate information to the community? What type of Lead-time do we need? State Advisory Council Report?

- EMAIL: Please include the work KAIROS in all caps in any email you send to me for relay to group. Please send any requests to akostyu@gmail.com

- If you see that it has not gone out in the next day or so please follow up with a phone call 229.563.5607
- Google Groups:
 - Still only have 26 people using this group.
 - Any one can go to <http://groups.google.com/group/kairos-VSP>
 - Lee made suggestion that each time a team application is submitted you are auto entered into our Google groups
 - I did look into this and this is achievable
 - We will need to include a note on the team app stating this is our policy. Lee Please look into this.
 - Rusty made suggestion that all emails be reviewed by Administrators
 - Aaron Suggest that every AC Chairman be an Administrator
 - Include a link and instructions to opt into Google Groups
 - ONLY BCC do not show addresses
 - This is ultimately the preferred method of communication for the community.
 - This is a better way to maintain a current list
 - This gives better visibility to communication within the community.
 - This would give you another place to go and look for any communications that have gone out to the community.
 - David P suggested an email go out to community in regards to cancelations.
 - Lee - look at state web site for correct AC form to send AC report
 - Aaron Needs a list of current officers
 - I cannot submit report to state until I have this.
 - Email corrections
- Dennis will send me an email announcement to send out to group relative to the cancelation of the spring Annex weekend.

9) Financial Secretary Jody Hall

Treasurer John Holt Are all things in place to handle donations & team Team monies?

- John Holt and Jodi Hall to make deposits.
- For 2010 we where in the hole \$1425 had VPMI not written their check we would have been in the hole \$4425.
- Lee Turner spoke on how our account was covered by the State, which means that Our bill was paid by one of the other advisory councils that raised more monies than what they spent.
- Where it not for VPMI we would have been second or third from the bottom in fund raising out of 23
- Discussed several bad email addresses that need to be corrected.

10) Music Coordinator David Peterson Music leader for 22 David Webb

11) State Representative Lee Turner

- Big issue is a vote to eliminate State observer program.
- Heated debate ensued.
 - Our official recommendation as an AC was to keep the State Observer program. Lee will carry this recommendation to the state on our behalf.

12) General Concerns Fall weekend Leaders? 2012 weekend Leadership.

AKT training?

- Fall VSP no Observing Leader
- Rusty recommended a small committee, (nominating committee).
 - To identify a few nominees.
 - Bring to Council
 - We will vote on Leaders

13) Other Comments working on a schedule to line up both prisons

- Mirroring out Mid-week programs at both institutions
- Next meeting March 20th we will continue after this every other month.
- Lee can share a Valdosta Kairos Google calendar he can share with any who ask.

14 Closing Prayer Lee Turner