

Valdosta Kairos Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, December 11, 2008
New Life Baptist Church, Adel, Georgia

Volunteers Attending: Lee Turner, Ricky Mathis, Larry Holland, Charlie Merwin, Phil Merwin, Roger Quick, John Struzick, Bill Newcomb, Heath Sellars and Chris Wiggins

- Meeting began at 7:19 with prayer by John Struzick
- Larry Holland read Hebrews 13:1-3 and group discussion followed
- John Struzick reported on the state of the ministry. Kairos is vibrant at both facilities, VSP and the Annex. 1055 residents have attended a Kairos Inside Weekend at either Valdosta SP or the Annex. 130-140 residents regularly attend the reunions at Valdosta SP. 49 attended the last reunion at the Annex. The complexion of each institution has changed due to the large number of transfers; however, the new residents appear to be integrating into the community without any perceived friction.
- John Struzick reported on the state of the International and State Kairos ministry efforts. He stressed the need for State Certification Training for volunteers and briefed what was known about the upcoming Advisory Council Training opportunities.
- There was no Institutional Liaison report.
- Charlie Merwin, Leader Annex #10 February 26 - March 1, 2009 reported team formation is going well with 26 volunteers committed.
- Roger Quick reported that VSP #18, April 2 - 5, 2009 is beginning to take shape with 12 volunteer commitments.
- John Struzick readdressed the previous suggestion we hold a fund raising dinner in Valdosta and/or Tifton. John Struzick bought up the Kairos "Family Table Sponsorship Program" where volunteers / team members ask for donations of \$150 to support a resident on a Kairos weekend. Contributors could sponsor a whole table family for \$900. Kairos uses this program successfully in other states. Printed handout material is on the Kairos of Georgia website.
- There was no Recruiting/Outreach report.
- Fall 2009 Weekend dates and leaders were announced. Valdosta Annex #11, September 10-13, 2009 led by David Hendley and Valdosta State Prison #19, November 5-8, 2009 led by Lee Turner.
- John Struzick, Financial Secretary, reported that the Kairos Donor software program for receiving donations is loaded and being used.
- John Struzick reported on GDOC State Volunteer Certification training on Saturday, January 10, 2009 and the Advisory Council Training session on February 21, 2009.
- John Struzick presided over the Advisory Council Election process. The results are as follows:
 - Bill Newcomb was unanimously elected to fill the unexpired term of Vic Jameson as Chairman.
 - Tommy McNeal was unanimously re-elected to a 2nd 3-year term as the Institutional Liaison.
 - Roy Sears was unanimously elected as the Outreach/Recruiting Coordinator.
 - Lee Turner was unanimously elected as the State Chapter Representative.
 - Richard Pye was unanimously re-elected to a 2nd 3-year term as the Agape Coordinator
- Chris Wiggins closed the meeting with prayer and all sang *Surely the Presence*.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM