

# Valdosta Kairos Advisory Council

## *Meeting Minutes*

Sunday, December 5, 2010

Carson McLane Funeral Home, Valdosta, GA

The regular monthly meeting of the Kairos Advisory Council was held on Sunday, December 5, 2010, at 3:00 pm, in the meeting room at Carson McLane Funeral Home, the President being in the chair and John D. Holt, covering for the Secretary being present. The minutes of the last meeting were not read or approved due to the Secretary being absent.

The meeting was opened by the President, Rusty Griffin, with an overview of business and general topics of discussion. The President called upon Tyson McLane to open the group with prayer.

Next, the President gave a summary of the agenda, which included Nominations for officers for 2011, weekend leadership update for 2011, financial report, report on institutional relationships, etc.

Nominations were as follows:

1. Dennis Webrand as Chairman.
2. Tyson McLane as Vice Chairman.
3. Rusty Griffin would serve in a new position known as Past President.
4. John D. Holt for treasurer.
5. Jody Hall for Financial Secretary.
6. Willie Joe Sims as Institutional Liaison.
7. Matt Martin as Food Control Coordinator.
8. Heath Sellars as Outreach Coordinator.
9. David Peterson and Charlie Merwin as Co-Fundraising/Sponsorship Coordinators.
10. Richard Pye as Agape Coordinator.
11. Aaron Kostyu as Secretary/ Administrative Coordinator.
12. David Peterson as Music Recruiter/Coordinator.
13. Lee Turner as Data Coordinator.

All nominations were seconded and carried unanimously.

Chaplain Miller arrived and was recognized by the President with appreciation due to his commitment in helping Kairos. Chaplain Miller discussed the current trend in corrections toward stratification and fact that the process was counter-productive to rehabilitation. He stated that Kairos needed to be the one guide post that guys in the midst of chaos and upheaval could turn to. He reported that tensions were particularly heightened at this time as there were more stabbings in the last three weeks than the previous three years. He mentioned that he could be most helped in the management of the Cadre of inside Kairos Volunteers. He estimated 2-3 hours per week from someone on the outside to help do paperwork would be a great assistance to him. He also wanted to organize an anointing of each building with oil between the meeting and the end of the year.

There was discussion of a Christmas package for inmates and Jimmy Whatley was to work with the Chaplain to coordinate.

Next the discussion turned to dates for next years weekends which are as follows:

- Jody Hall is to lead a Weekend at the Annex on Feb. 10-13.
- David Peterson is to lead the Weekend of Oct. 13-16 at the Annex.
- Bob Ellis is to lead the Weekend of March 31- April 3 at VSP.
- John D. Holt is to lead the Weekend in the Fall of 2011 at VSP.

The discussion then turned to Finances. The President delivered the financial report which consisted of a report of finances for the 2010 finances year to date. A preliminary budget was discussed

based upon the prior year and the fact that we had 4 weekends scheduled for 2011 as opposed to 3 that we had in 2010. Rusty discussed the need to increase Contributions from Churches as we only had \$1800 in contributions in 2009 versus \$5,100 in 2009. We felt like that was an area we could improve and it would assist in meeting budgetary needs for 2011. An action item was stated for Rusty to get with Lee Turner to get a list of members tallied for local churches so that we could identify Kairos members at each church and seek donations.

Rusty passed around a proposed budget for 2011 and after discussion Jimmy Whatley moved to approve the budget for 2011, which was seconded and passed without opposition.

Jimmy Whatley on a related matter reported that a video had been made that we could use in the Churches to raise funds for the Kairos mission. He introduced a guest, Kevin McCoy, who was released and a former inside member.

There was mention of a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary upcoming for The Walk to Emmaus Community and it was discussed that we would contact Heath to seek to get on the agenda.

The meeting was closed at 5:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John D. Holt  
Treasurer  
Valdosta Advisory Council

#### Attendance

**Rusty Griffin - Chairman**  
**Tyson McLane - Vice Chairman**  
**Charlie Merwin - Vice Chairman**  
**Dennis Webrand - Financial Secretary**  
**Willie Joe Sims, Jr. - Institutional Liaison**  
**David Peterson - Music Coordinator**  
**Wayne Fann**  
**Ladson Golden**  
**Lonnie Denton**  
**Howard Goldstein**  
**Jimmy Whatley**  
**Chaplain Miller**  
**Roger Mathis**  
**Richard Pye**