

Valdosta Kairos Advisory Council Meeting  
Saturday, June 14, 2008  
Carson McLane Funeral Home, Valdosta, Georgia

Volunteers Attending: Jim Boyle, Kyle Breeden, Rusty Griffin, Matt Martin, Tommy McNeal, Bill Newcomb, Richard Pye, Roy Sears, John Struzick, Dennis Weibrand, and Jimmy Whatley.

- Meeting began at 9:20 with prayer by John Struzick
- Tommy McNeal read Hebrews 13:1-3 group discussion followed
- John Struzick reported on the state of the ministry. Kairos is vibrant at both facilities, VSP and the Annex. There is concern the volunteer community is too heavily burdened by trying to continue to minister at both facilities. **The necessary action is to really get going with volunteer recruiting.** John commented on past Kairos support received from Valdosta Prison Ministry, Inc. (VPMI). VPMI will continue to support the local Kairos ministry at arms length just as it does Faith & Character Based Program initiatives and other ministry work with the incarcerated and their families.
- Tommy McNeal, Institutional Liaison, reported the relationship with VSP and Annex staff is strong.
- Roy Sears, Leader Annex #9 Sept. 11-14, 2008 reported team building is going well. Charlie Merwin has agreed to be the Observing Leader for this weekend. The search is on-going for a Coordinator.
- Wayne Fann was not present, but John Struzick reported for him that VSP #17 is beginning to take shape. Roger Quick is the Observing Leader for this weekend and Gene Crawford has stepped up to fill the role of Coordinator.
- Jimmy Whatley, Fund Raising Committee Chairman, suggested we hold a fund raising dinner in Tifton and asked Roy Sears to get 10 people to invite nine people each to the dinner. There was also a suggestion to hold a dinner in Valdosta. We may be able to use the facilities at Park Avenue United Methodist Church as we have done in the past. 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. John will make brochures and get them to the volunteers. Kairos uses this program successfully in other states.
- Recruiting/Outreach – no one on the committee was present at the meeting, but there was discussion about having more events like the one we had at Christ’s Fellowship Church (CFC) on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Jimmy Whatley invited everyone to CFC this coming Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> to hear Kasey Corbin preach at the 10:30 AM service. Kasey was a VSP resident and a member of the Kairos community a few years ago.
- Bill Newcomb, Food Control Committee Chairman, reported that standardizing the menu for Kairos weekends is in progress. He also reported that we are members of 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank and we have been using this resource. He also asked for input to get food donated. Rich Pye reminded the group that Tom Carroll of Sunset Farms in Valdosta has helped us a lot in the past.
- Richard Pye, Agape Chairman, reported that agape for other prison should now be sent directly to the community hosting the weekend instead of running it through the state agape coordinator.
- John Struzick, Financial Secretary, reported that the Kairos Donor software program for receiving donations will be loaded on a computer very soon. He reported that all Kairos weekends through spring 2008 have been completely funded to the Kairos of Georgia State Committee. The local Kairos community has no funds. There is one Kairos bank account in Georgia maintained at the State level.
- John Struzick reported on upcoming events: the Bible contest at VSP on June 16<sup>th</sup>, Georgia DCOR volunteer training on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, and the possibility of a Volunteer concert at VSP in the fall.
- John Struzick reported that the Advisory Council Chairman, Vic Jameson, will be leaving the area to relocate to North Carolina. His term does not expire until September 2009. The local community will elect a new AC Chairman to fill the one year unexpired portion of his term at the annual meeting in September. The group was asked to come up with names of candidates for this very important position.
- Jimmy Whatley closed the meeting with pray and all sang ***Surely the Presence***.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM