

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

James V. Allred Unit

January 27, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

David Reece	Tom Venhaus	Carole Venhaus	Karen Delk	Charles Berry
Steve Newton	Mike Stumbaugh	David Ford	David Ross	Walter Watson
John Sweeney	Jon Eckstein	Dave Allred	Bradford Sylve	B.B. Stumbaugh
Gail Longell				

OPENING DEVOTION: Jon opened the meeting with a devotion about servanthood and Kairos. Jon followed with prayer.

MINUTES: The minutes of the December meeting had been sent out to the Council in December and no corrections were suggested. They were then sent to Steve Newton and Ray Sims. The Council minutes for December were approved for recording in the Secretary's minutes book. For the rest of the year, the minutes will be sent out to the Council members within a week of the meeting for review. Adjustment will be made as needed and will then be sent to State, namely Steve Newton and Ray Sims.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2018: Approved by the Council

April 28

June 23 PM meeting (all others will be AM meetings)

August 18

October 20

December 8

AD COUNCIL ROSTER: Gail handed out copies of the roster and naturally changes will have to be made. An updated roster will be EMAILED soon.

KAIROS MESSENGER: Gail introduced the new facet of Kairos called the Kairos Messenger. At this time, it includes information about the Council members only and is available only to Gail. Please note on the roster there is a place for "Class of". In the past, "class of" meant the year at the end of your tenure on the Council. So that we are on the same page as KPMI, "class of" means the first year you were voted onto the Council. It is intended that Kairos Messenger will have all information on anyone who has served a Kairos Weekend. Eventually, everyone serving will be able to access Kairos Messenger.

ALLRED UNIT: Tom Venhaus shared with us that Warden Mohamed Sarhani is no longer at Allred. At this time, the chaplaincy is in charge of its own program.

*The only time the Warden is involved is if it involves security. Chaplain Lawlor indicated if there is something Warden Franco is concerned about that he will go to Warden Richerson.

*There is the issue of an impending lockdown. Chaplain Lawlor addressed this with Warden Richerson, reminding him that #33 was cancelled and he would not like that to happen again

*Before #33, there will be a meeting with Warden Richerson because a new assistant warden will probably not be named by that time.

*Regarding future candidates for the Weekend: our rule now is the offender cannot have a major case against them for one year nor a minor case for six months. Tom suggests we eliminate the minor case requirement so that we have more candidates available. Walter Watson explained the minor case can be trivial. The motion was made, second, and voted on to remove the minor case rule from the requirements for participation.

*Chaplain Lawlor is the Senior Chaplain. Gary Redwine is the new assistant Chaplain. There will be a third Chaplain that will not be on the unit until March.

*Tom has the plaque for Chaplain Hartwell. The idea of giving it to him when a group of Kairos team members are together is highly probable; the decision was made for Tom to give it to him the next time Chaplain is in town.

RECRUITMENT: Benny, our recruiter, has had surgery and needs our prayers. He will be out for several months and it was suggested someone take his position until he can come back.

*It is the responsibility of the entire Council to recruit, not just Benny. We all need to step up and recruit.

*Daniel Robertson, clergy, will be joining team #33. Because of their schedules, clergy need to be recruited as early as possible (9-12 months in advance). There must be a minimum of 3 clergy to have a Weekend.

*David Looney has recruited someone for this team, however David will have open heart surgery on February 9. Prayers are needed for David.

*What we need is a well-structured outreach program. There is instruction at the state meeting to help, but there is also a section on the KOT website that has ideas for recruiting. Some of the suggestions are:

- 1.) Need to be more organized.
- 2.) Bring people to Closing.
- 3.) Need to have more presentations in churches. There are many churches in the area that have not been contacted.
- 4.) How to get minorities on the team.

KAIROS EXPANSION: Steve Newton says there needs to be more new starts in 2018. There are several prisons in the same area as Allred. Bridgeport Prison is one that Steve would like to have a start up program.

*His idea is to contact those who have served on the Allred team and have become inactive but would like to be on a start up team with a new facility. Steve would like to have an ad hoc team willing to meet with him and approach the Bridgeport Unit to present Kairos as something new for the Unit.

*This start up program is highly structured and would include inactive team members from other Kairos teams in our area. There needs someone from this Council who is willing to go through the data base and contact those inactive persons to see if they are interested. (We are not stealing from the active Allred team.)

*David Ford agreed to draw up an email to send to the community concerning startup at the Bridgeport Unit.

*A motion was made, seconded and voted to form a steering committee to help with a start up at the Bridgeport Unit.

FUTURE WEEKENDS: The following dates are possible for these weekends:

Weekend #35 April 4-7, 2019

Retreat June 8,15 2019

Weekend #36 October 3-6, 2019

Retreat January 12,19 2020

*These dates need to be verified by the Unit and the Camp. Deposit for the Camp of \$1600.00 will need to be paid to retain those dates at the Camp.

LEADERSHIP TRACK: The track for #33 is set as is #34. Walter Watson is the leader for #33 with Zeke Guerrero as the support team leader.

*Number 34 will be lead by John Sweeney with Karen Delk as the support team leader.

*The leadership track for the inside team is lacking names. Since there is a leadership track to follow to becoming a weekend leader, more men are needed to fill in the gaps. Names suggested for leadership are:

Chad Brown has been asked to lead #35 but has not committed

Gene Brown

Raymond Burns

Micah Thurman

Alvaro Silva

Zeke Guerrero - his cousin is presently at Allred but should be out this year.

John Tomlinson

Charles Berry

*Those asked need to be aware that this is a 2-year commitment. A leader for #35 is the key issue. David Reece will contact them. Support team leadership is set for the next 5 weekends.

WEEKEND #33: There are 6 clergy committed to the Weekend. Because there is little change on #33, there will be more spiritual focus at the team meetings. The first meeting is February 3 at Lifepoint Church. The support team is ready for the Weekend.

*Dates for training and for the Weekend are set. The candidates for April are the same as the ones for October.

WEEKEND #34: John Sweeney is the leader with Barry Hanson doing the music and Tony Perez in charge of agape. Tentative dates for team meetings need to be set with the locations and we should have those by our next meeting.

*There is some concern that our team meetings are on the same day as prayer and share. Every effort to eliminate the overlap should be made.

MANUALS: Council members were sent an email with a copy of the Advisory Council manual and the members need to read their job descriptions. There are changes in the manual.

*Every team member needs to have a silver manual.

FINANCIALS: According to Dave Allred, there is about \$10,000 in the account.

*We have one bill for about \$1500.00.

*Two computers and one printer have been purchased. An existing printer will be used for #33.

CALENDAR: The calendar will be updated and sent out soon. It will be on the website.

STATE MEETING REPORT: Very important to read your job description on the Council.

*Encourage attendance to quarterly meetings.

*Encourage softer approaches to recruit new members through social media.

CLOSING: Jon closed with prayer.