

PROTESTANT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

20 March 2023

1700 hours, **In-Person and Zoom**

Frontier Chapel Rm 158 Fort Leavenworth, KS

Attendees:

Brandon Chase-President	Cindy Hornbaker-PWOC (Alissa Chase)
Kris Howell-Vice-President, Absent	Tom Ward – MOC
CH(COL) Scott Koeman – Garrison Chaplain, Absent	Keith Purvis – Youth
CH(MAJ) Josh Grimes – 0830 Pastor	Samantha Odle – Youth, YFC
Carl Tillery – DRE	Karen Voorhees – Senior Saints
Kathy Kem – Secretary/Parish Coordinator, Absent	Jack Kem – 0830 Music , Absent
Charles Gray-1100 Ushers, Absent	Jim Harbridge – Lay Ministry, via Zoom
	CH (MAJ) Dan King, Absent

1. Opening Prayer and Devotion – Jim; forgot to have devotion prepared.

2. Review of February Meeting Minutes (attached). There was a motion Keith by and seconded by Carl to accept the minutes as presented. Approved.

3. Financial Updates

Current Tracker. January DAFS statement shows a balance of \$35,861.65 February DFAS statement shows a balance of \$59,737.23 (We had a large donation that month)

My current tracker shows a balance of \$58,967.68.

4. Ministry Reports (Including updates on budget execution and planning)

-Senior Saints. (Karenn Voorhees) Hi everyone, Senior Saints are doing well, no emergencies currently. I have heard from two of them regarding the live streaming of the 8:30 service. It is still has problems, whether it is cutting off altogether or the audio isn't adequate. One couple has given up and is listening to other sites and one is still trying but frustrated. I know this has been an issue continually and I don't have an answer to correct it. I just want to let it be known. Blessings, Karenn

-PWOC. (Cindy Hornbaker) PWOC is doing well! We took last week off and are looking forward to getting back to Bible study this week. This weekend we have a retreat with 30 ladies going to enjoy a time of rest and wilderness. The leadership committee team is still seeking people to be on the board for next year. Please be in prayer for this as we are learning so many of the permanent party are leaving this summer as well making it even more challenging to get together a board of people. Please pray for someone to step into the role of being President. Thank you for your prayers.

-Lay Ministry (Neighborhood Bible Studies, OCF Discipleship Breakfast, etc.) (Jim Harbridge)
We continue with all NBS groups still meeting, and the Puraths continue to pour into leaders monthly. DTB has settled at about 25 participants each week. Our Spring BBQ Bonanza is 31 MAR-1 APR in Frontier Chapel.

I will not be at this months or next month's meeting due to conflicts with coaching James' soccer team. I will try to log on as long as I can until practice starts. For this month, I concur with the recommendation put forward by Tom and Keith.

Congregation Name:

I think it is time for a name that unifies more than just "0830" and "1100" or "Traditional" and "Contemporary". To do the things that Josh suggested, I think we should emphasize family. The family provides a mental picture that includes a place for everyone. It also provides a mental picture of gathering together (family dinner and/or Sunday school between services), laboring together (working a family farm, preparing for a holiday celebration and/or working together in ministry to Bring In, Build Up, and Send out). I think family offers an appeal to young CGSOC families who are here for a year in a transition point in their professional and personal lives, and are away from family support. It should also appeal to permanent party families who seek community with other believers. That is all a little rambling, I'm sure, but happy to try and clarify in person. I recommend something like "Fort Leavenworth Family Chapel" or "Fort Leavenworth Family Fellowship."

Concerns:

1. We do not pick a name and get it socialized/explained effectively to permanent/long term folks before the next class arrives. Failure to do it will make it harder to share the vision effectively with new families.
2. The Shadows of "Christ Fellowship" (Division) and "Pathways (Confusion) loom large. Those of us here for those have strong feelings based on those experiences. It makes strong Pastoral leadership in explaining the change important. It also makes it twice as important for lay leader support. It is also why it has to be a very descriptive name that makes sense even before you have the whole vision explained. The words need to mean something. It is popular at many posts to have one word names (ex. "Agape Ft. Carson", "Crossroads Ft. Campbell"). They even seem to be pretty vibrant, but they are one congregation services. We are trying to do something unique and special. It has to be more clearly named, and the vision and mission clearly understood and conveyed by all.
3. Resistance. Some will just resist because it isn't what they do in their denominational background, or it isn't the way we have always done it here, or they just don't like it. We must be prepared to deal in love and demonstrate the benefits.

Again, I think it is good and necessary to make a name change. It should be descriptive and easily understood in one reading of the name. I recommend some connection to the family.

-MOC. (Tom Ward)

Meetings: Every Thursday, 0600-0700 in Pioneer Chapel Activity Room (02, 09, 16, 23 FEB)

Activity: Prayer praises and concerns, Bible & Book study, fellowship

Average attendance: 15 (usually 3 or 4 via ZOOM link). 23 FEB attendance was 14.

Recent activity:

- a. Bible study group studying 1 Samuel.
- b. Book study group.
- c. Neil Sleevi has been preparing breakfast for the group. (We're eating well, especially for a bunch of men...)

Notes:

- a. Sam Sanford is in rehab @ Twin Oaks. Progress is VERY slow.
- b. We haven't seen Chad Chadderdon in quite a while. He's tied up looking after Marsha in the early morning.

-DRE. (Carl Tillery) AWANA ends May 3, Sunday school (adult and childrens) ends May 14th. Children's church ends May 21st and resumes July 9th. Youth high school class will assist with Easter Egg hunt on April 2nd. On, April 15th, volunteer appreciation through Garrison at B&B theaters – three screens have been reserved. Financial Peace will not occur this spring, will pick back up in the fall.

-Youth of the Chapel (Keith Purvis)

"The month of February was busy with weekly Club and Bible studies two Sundays per month. We have been going through our "Unfiltered" series, discussing on God and the misconceptions that many people have about God and the church, then focusing on the truth of God's unfiltered love for us. Our high school Bible study is doing an Old Testament survey study which includes some apologetics. Our junior high Bible study is going through "The Sermon on the Mount." These Bible studies also include dinner and a game for the students.

March is an exciting month for us! We are kicking off the month with a "Tough Questions" panel in which a few chaplains answer questions the students have about various things relating to Christianity. We are also having a two-day watch party for The Chosen. Students get to bring something comfortable to sit or lay on so they can be more content during the viewing and bring a friend if they'd like. Meals, snacks, and drinks will be provided. We will also be holding two discussion groups each day to discuss the series. We anticipate about 40-50 participants!

We are also busy planning for Eagle Sky Christian Camp of the Ozarks at the end of May. This camp is exclusively for military youth and teens over eight installations across the Midwest. We anticipate about 200 students attending this camp in total!"

Cumulative Jr High Attendance: 162

Cumulative Sr High Attendance: 48

Total Volunteer Staff: 46

-Sunday School. See above

-Children's Church. See above

-AWANA. See above

-Financial Peace University. See above

-Music. No report given (representative was absent).

-Worship (Ushers, etc.) No report

-Others

5. Review of other old business

- Easter service prep; CH Buchanan is leading the sunrise service, the normal worship services remain. No Sunday school or kids church on Easter.

- Child care signage, no update from last month.

- Christmas banners purchase

- Future President / VP discussion – have one candidate say they are willing to serve.

- Conditioning of pews/carpet in Pioneer – DPW has come to start the process.

6. Pastoral Guidance.

Thanks for this! While its already on the agenda, since I will be physically present for this meeting (pending the plague doesn't cycle back through our family), I want to re-engage the chapel name discussion --- I am happy to revisit that during the pastoral guidance portion.

In prep for that, would you all please come ready to share the following?

- Your reasons/feelings for a unifying name for the congregation
- Your concerns/hesitations with implementing a name
- And some ideas of names that might emphasize the nature of our congregation that is very family/community oriented and seeks to pour into those who "come through here" (bring in/build up) so that they are strengthened in Christ when they depart (send out)

As a general reminder, a name is for:

- Helping to further unify a two-service congregation under one identifiable "banner" that is specific/contextualized to this community/garrison, that then also provides a context people can personally invite others to be a part of; while I believe furthering the unity of our congregation will take more than a name, it is an important element nonetheless.
- Provide a level of theological protection/guardrails for a congregation that holds to historic Christian orthodoxy, while serving two different worship styles (with respect to Sunday services) --- better than what the Army's broad use of "General Protestant" provides.

Josh was discussing with Kathy regarding the future Christmas Eve service this year if we are going to have a regular Sunday service along with a Christmas Eve service on one day. April 28th will be a leader appreciation dinner, to show thanks for all the things leaders are doing. Discussing the need for projecting certain items such as sermon series, potential events, and name for the chapel to help get the message out. Focusing on the vision casting across all ministry efforts to make sure everything aligns. Josh begun to lead a discussion on the chapel name, we want to be able to use the experiences that people have while attending the chapel during their time at Ft. Leavenworth.

Josh led a quick planning exercise on several of the potential names. We discussed some of the history and scar tissue with past events and issues that have created division within the chapel community. Some of the potential suggestions: Protestant Ecumenical Congregation, Ft. Leavenworth Family Chapel, Ft. Leavenworth Family Fellowship, Crossroads Family Chapel, One Flock One Shepherd Chapel, Protestant Community Chapel. Priorities for naming will focus on the family / community connection to help present a welcoming aspect for all to attend. The descriptor part will be key in helping to solidify the name.

7. New Business

- Chapel marketing – see above

- Chapel name? (May) / description of services – see above

- Pushing information out (chapel / ministry events) – the RSO page needs to push out more information, especially for large ministry events and big Sunday services. Will be talking with the PAO to make sure the information is getting pushed out.

- Lord's Prayer @ 0830 service – We used to, has more to do with the traditions of the chaplains. Will need to include it inside the bulletin.

- Youth Camp – the youth funds within the chapel (\$2,500) will assist garrison in helping pay for the adults to go to the youth camp to help out. We will also be providing the bus to transport the campers. Currently have about 25 signed up.

- Future president search update; the search committee has made progress, but is not ready to make a suggestion at this point.

8. Upcoming calendar

22 March	Lenten Lunch
26 March	Baptism Class
29 March	Lenten Lunch
31 Mar – 1 April	BBQ Bonanza
3 – 8 April	Holy Week
2 April	Palm Sunday
7 April	Good Friday Service,
9 April	Sunrise Service, 0700, Pioneer Chapel
15 April	Volunteer Appreciation Service
21 – 22 April	Stepfamily Bootcamp
28 April	Chapel Council Dinner
29 May – 3 June	Youth Eagle Sky Camp
21 May	Send Out Bowling Event
25 May	SAMS Graduation
29 May	Memorial Day
9 June	CGSC Graduation
10 – 17 June	OCF Leavenworth Week at Spring Canyon

9. Devotion / Opening Prayer Calendar

APR – Karenn

MAY - Carl

10. Next Meeting: 10 April 2023

11. Closing Prayer. Carl