

PROTESTANT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

10 July 2023

1700 hours

Frontier Chapel, Rm 158, Fort Leavenworth, KS

Attendees

David Hunter-Chester, President	Rose McConnell-PWOC
Chris Quinlan-Vice-President	Tom Ward – MOC
CH(MAJ) Josh Grimes – Pastor, Absent	Keith Purvis – Children’s Church, absent
Carl Tillery – DRE	Samantha Odle – Youth, YFC
Kathy Kem – Secretary/Parish Coordinator -- absent	Vacant – Senior Saints
Charles Gray-1100 Ushers, Absent	Jim Harbridge – Lay Ministry, absent
Jack Kem – 0830 Music, Absent	CH (MAJ) Dan King, absent

1. Opening Prayer and Devotion – Samantha gave a devotion on contentment.

2. Review of June Meeting Minutes – Approved.

3. Financial Updates – David mentioned it would be good to have CH King talk to the Council about what chapel funds can be spent on.

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

-Senior Saints – no report.

-PWOC has had 3 Playground Meet Ups, increasing attendance at each. One more on July 20th. On July 11 PWOC started their Summer Session in the Chapel for 3 Tuesdays; PWOC had not had a summer session in the chapel for a number of years. The logistics of starting it up again has been initially challenging, but praise God with the support of CH Herring room schedule conflicts were resolved, and with the support of Carl Tillery & Samantha Odie, staffing for the school age room is working out.

PWOC Kickoff is August 22nd.

PWOC may have an opportunity to bring in Planting Roots staff for an event (perhaps October time frame), we are requesting money above our budget for this event. If they bring a full team of 4-6 women, it would be in the \$3000 range, and it would be less if they just bring in 2 speakers, with us using our own music team and handling any food and logistics. They will adjust to the needs of our post, and we could potentially ask them to add another time to speak specifically to Active Duty women, perhaps geared for all female service members throughout post (MP's and others) or even specifically CGSC students, which would be a great chapel outreach.

-Lay Ministry (Neighborhood Bible Studies, OCF Discipleship Breakfast, etc.) -- Discipleship Training Breakfast kicked off for AY 24 11 July at 0600 in Pioneer.

Neighborhood Bible Studies recruiting has started. Met three families Sunday who expressed enough interest in helping start/lead a study to give me their email and phone number. We will start having these families to our house for dinner this week. I plan to submit the weekend of 5-7 August to CH Grimes as the time for our Chapel Small Group/NBS recruiting and training event.

We met with a woman, Rachel Martinez (former Army and current spouse of a DA Civilian), Sunday who was very excited about being the first female member of our Christian Mentoring pool of Mentors. This is a true answer to years of prayer! They just moved here from Japan. She is an experienced Mentor and excited. I gave her the details for PWOC on Tuesday, and she is planning to attend. Christina is going to introduce her to Kay Hunter-Chester there. She is excited for that, and we (Christina and I) really think that will be a great connection for both.

The summer has been interesting in that we have not had nearly the amount of social media interaction with interested families as we have the past few summers. SM is how we make most of our initial link-ups. Though they are down, we had a lot more people chat and sign up for ministry events after the 1100 service this past Sunday, the 9th. I will be down at Pioneer after the 0830 service and back in Frontier after the 1100 this Sunday, the 16th.

-MOC is averaging about nine people. There has been a drop-off of some key people, though some may be traveling now.

-DRE – Most of the focus has been on preparing for VBS.

-Youth of the Chapel

-Sunday School

-Children's Church

-AWANA

-Financial Peace University

-Music

-Worship (Ushers, etc.)

-Others

5. Review of other old business

- Constitutional amendments vote – Passed, with one dissenting vote.

- Publishing Council Minutes – any change?

- Bring-In – any other discussion?

- Opening prayer and devotion for upcoming meetings:

JUN - Chris

JUL – Samantha

AUG – David

SEP –

OCT –

NOV –

DEC – Tom

6. Pastoral Guidance – No chaplains present.

7. New Business

- CGSC in-processing – role for us? We should ask about getting a chapel table back during in-processing.

- International Military Student Welcome (September/October?) No information.

8. Upcoming calendar

9. Next Meeting: 14 Aug 23

10. Closing Prayer