

**PROTESTANT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

9 January 2023

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

Frontier Chapel Rm 158 Fort Leavenworth, KS

**Attendees:**

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

**1. Opening Prayer and Devotion** – Brandon. ‘The Power of One Team with One Mind.’ One mind with Jesus on Jesus’ team.

**2. Review of December Meeting Minutes (attached).** Motion by Keith Purvis and second by Jack Kem. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Financial Updates**

-Current Tracker. No new report is available yet.

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

-Senior Saints. Karenn reported that the Senior Saints are doing fairly well right now. Everyone is managing the challenges they face with no known emergencies at the moment. Some choir members and myself were blessed to sing carols to Tom and Judy Wells and also to Jan Frazer before Christmas. Prayer requests would be for Judy to be able to eat and drink better, Chuck Owen still needs heart repair surgery which was supposed to have been done last month, JoRene is planning on moving to Oklahoma and needs prayer on that, Marsha and Chad continue also to need prayer for their health struggles. Sam and Ella are doing well and DK is doing very well also. JoRene is not moving as quickly as she thought.

-PWOC. Cindy reported that PWOC finished the year off well with our Christmas program at beginning of December with 85 women and children in attendance. We will start back on January 24th with our kickoff and 8 new Bible Study for the ladies to choose from. We are currently praying and seeking someone to lead our leadership selection committee if you all could join us in prayer for that position to be filled. For February and March I will not be able to be in attendance to the meetings as I teach a class on Monday nights. Alissa Chase will be representing PWOC those months. Please also be in prayer as the board meets over the next two weeks to prepare for this semester of PWOC. Cindy will not be here for the next two months but will have someone else here in her place. Need prayer for leadership committee chairperson.

-Lay Ministry (Neighborhood Bible Studies, OCF Discipleship Breakfast, etc.)

Jim reported that we started back to DTB last week, and as Leon announced to the congregation on Sunday, No Chaplains were in attendance. Neighborhood Bible Studies are back at it. We continue to support MOC with Zoom support, and leading the online study. Upcoming, I am planning a 50th Anniversary dinner to celebrate the 50 year partnership between OCF and the Protestant Chapel Community. It is tentatively planned for the last week in Feb, but details still need to be finalized.

-MOC

**Meetings:** Every Thursday, 0600-0700 in Pioneer Chapel Activity Room (01, 08, 15, 22, 29 DEC)

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

**Average attendance:** 12 (usually 3 or 4 via ZOOM link). 29 DEC attendance was 9.

**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...)
- d. 22 DEC meeting held virtually, due to weather and the Post's "essential personnel only" message.

**Agenda items:**

- a. Christmas movie matinee, 4 DEC 2022 @ 1400 in Frontier Chapel. Attended by 10 people, and that includes the sound board operator, Chaplain, 2 MOC guys with spouses, and Chapel council rep (with family). This was not a successful experiment.

Tom saw Sam Sanford last Saturday and appeared to be OK. They are still unsure of exactly what happened regarding his health. Jim said he saw an update that he believes he had a stroke that is affecting his right hand. (Unverified report)

-DRE-See below

-Youth of the Chapel. "The month of December was of course a short month for youth ministry, but we were able to meet with students for a few activities before the Christmas break. During our last event, our students and leaders enjoyed a celebration of Christmas together at the bowling alley. This event not only included bowling, pizza, and cake, but also a discussion about what makes a perfect gift, and how Jesus' birth met all the characteristics of a perfect gift. We are grateful for all our chapel leaders who helped make this a successful Christmas Club, and are grateful for all who have given time, donated snacks, and provided prayer support for our youth during this past semester!

We look forward to starting back with our regular activities on 11 January, and will continue our "Unfiltered" series during Wednesday small group discussions. Not only do we plan to continue our regular ministry schedule, but we also will begin a biweekly Bible study on Sunday afternoons/evenings for high school and middle school students who would like to go deeper in their faith and understanding of the scriptures. These Bible studies will meet at our YFC office but may need to move to one of the chapels should additional space be required. Our high schoolers will be conducting a survey of the books of the Bible, while also focusing on some apologetics topics. Our middle schoolers will be studying the Sermon on the Mount to discover how Jesus describes His followers. We hope to be able to serve students a simple dinner during these Bible studies, so we would appreciate any who would be willing to help with these."

Carl reported that Samantha is the new (YFC) leader will start the beginning of February and Bryan will continue to the end of summer.

Carl reported that he didn't have much of an update. All programs start back this week. Everything seems to be going well.

- Sunday School.

- Children's Church

- AWANA

- Financial Peace University. Leaders are deciding now when the start is. Likely mid February.

Zach Mundel and Casey Rendon and one other person will be the FPU leaders.

- Music. Nothing new. Coordinated caroling to Jan Frazer and July Wells. Undecided if we will be doing a cantata on Palm Sunday.

- Worship (Ushers, etc.).

- Others. JoRene said that she is having some issues with sound during 0830 where some may not be close enough to the mike. Rhoda said that the Christmas Eve service was fabulous. Brandon said he was asked why we don't have a cross on the spire. Jack said that it was against regulation. The chapel was built with appropriation funds so it's not allowed.

## **5. Review of other old business**

- Christmas Eve/Day Service Discussion. More participation on Christmas day than expected. Overflow was not needed on Christmas Eve. It was very cold and the snow likely kept some people away.

- Designated offering-/see new business.

- Chapel name discussion? (May) / description of services.

- Conditioning of pews/carpet in Pioneer. Jack said the last time we did this it was a grant from Chief of Chaplains. Will need a report from CH Koeman.

## **6. Pastoral Guidance.**

Naming of the service. CH Grimes shared his perspective. No decisions have been made yet. Having a unified identity with one congregation, two services. How to make this clearer for our transient folks, not necessarily for our older folks since they already identify here. Questions?

What does the general protestant service convey as an identity? Service type, time and denominational range. Do you belong or do you attend a service type? What does that mean to us? What is our identity now? What do we want our identity to be? And what words capture that?

Keith asked if we would be one congregational (two times) name? Josh said that's the question. Jack said that the congregation is more than two services, includes all the other ministries. Doesn't want us to be worship service centric. Keith said he looked at a bunch of chapels and looked at their names.

Some of those you can guess what kind of service they are, but not always. Josh said our primary identity is not the service, but a community. How do we capture that? Aside from messaging, we need to capture this special atmosphere. Jack said he thought that we should 'limit' it a bit to perhaps along the lines of apostles creed. General Protestant also includes LDS per the Army. Josh said he would follow up with an email with these brain storming questions tied to the statement of faith. Would like to have this figured out by the end of this school year. Kris mentioned that sometimes there is inconsistency between chaplains and it shows itself from the pulpit. This would provide some common things through the services.

## **7. New Business**

- Christmas Eve / Day Service AAR. See above.

- Ministry for designated offerings (Planting Roots – Feb; OCF-May, Gideons – Aug; need one more) Feb 12 for Planting Roots

- Easter service prep. Leon Buchanan will be the OIC for this event. Sunrise is 6:52 am on 4/9. Considering doing regular service times in addition to the sunrise service. Council agreed to keep the sunrise, 0830, gospel, & 1100 services. Easter egg hunt will be by congregations. Keith will not be here for it, but will help coordinate it. Carl will assist in coordinating. Gideons will provide testaments for the kids since it will be on chapel grounds.

- Christmas banners purchase? Can we look at purchasing new Christmas season banners (different color of purple).

-Jim asked about the bring in, build up and send out banners. Kathy talked with CH Koeman this week and she said that he was working on it this past week.

- Chapel name – marketing. See above.

### **8. Upcoming calendar**

2 FEB – Prayer Luncheon. Tickets available soon.

### **9. Devotion / Opening Prayer Calendar**

JAN – Brandon

FEB – Keith

MAR – Jim

APR – Karenn

MAY - TBD

**10. Next Meeting:** 13 FEB 2023

### **11. Closing Prayer**

Kris closed the meeting in prayer.

Meeting adjourned 6:25 pm.