

PROTESTANT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

10 April 2023

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

Frontier Chapel Rm 158 Fort Leavenworth, KS

Attendees:

Brandon Chase-President

Kris Howell-Vice-President, Absent

CH(MAJ) Josh Grimes – 0830 Pastor

Carl Tillery – DRE

Kathy Kem – Secretary/Parish Coordinator, Absent

Charles Gray-1100 Ushers, Absent

Cindy Hornbaker-PWOC

Tom Ward – MOC

Keith Purvis – Youth, Absent

Samantha Odle – Youth, YFC, Absent

Karen Voorhees – Senior Saints

Jack Kem – 0830 Music , Absent

Jim Harbridge – Lay Ministry, Absent

CH (MAJ) Dan King, Absent

1. Opening Prayer and Devotion – Karenn; read and focused on John 14:23-31. We get caught up in our day-to-day business and angst and need to focus on the peace that is given to us through God.

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

3. Financial Updates

Current Tracker.

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

-Senior Saints. (Karenn Voorhees)

The Senior Saints are okay, although we have had some hospitalization this month. Marsha Chadderdon had a stroke and was in the hospital. She is home from the hospital now and she feels like she's doing better cognitively. Chad will be taking her to rehab in Smithville, probably daily. This is good though because she gets to stay home, otherwise, she would have to stay in a rehab facility. She requests prayers that she continue to recuperate and get well. DK Clark had some medical procedures scheduled this past week but AFIB prevented them. He is home also now having to monitor his blood pressure and pulse three times a day until his next appointment on the 20th. He has had some medications changes as a result of the AFIB. Please pray for him regarding these medical prescription changes as well as the direction the doctors take in treating him going forward.

Chuck Owen continues to get better and, I believe, rang the bell, or is going to ring it signaling the end of his chemotherapy. He and Lynne may stay home instead of attending chapel in person for awhile because of Chuck's lowered immunity. They plan on returning, however, as he gets stronger. Sam and Ella Young seem to be fine and Tom and Judy Wells continue with Tom taking care of Judy at home. They have received a lot of help from chapel friends and are very grateful. JoRene Rothwell is very well! She seems to always be in good spirits. She is grateful to be able to live in her own home on her own, wishes she could drive.

-PWOC. (Cindy Hornbaker)

PWOC is doing well! We have our spring program this Tuesday and then continue Bible Studies until last week of April. May 2nd we will welcome the new board. Please continue to pray for leadership selection committee as they interview people for next years board.

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

I will also not be here again this month. I will be at Emily's soccer game and then James' soccer practice. All Neighborhood Bible Studies are still meeting. Our numbers for DTB have stabilized at about 25. We will have our last DTB on 30 May. It will be our Spiritual Commissioning as the final part of our send out.

Leavenworth Week at Spring Canyon Conference Center (Buena Vista, CO) is 10-17 June. There are still spots available for families. I truly believe that this is an opportunity perfectly suited for CGSC families on their way to a new duty station. Please spread the word, if you know families who could use a week of Christ centered-rest and fellowship.

Naming in-put. I read and understand the concern that Tom has with Family. It is a legitimate consideration, but I remain convinced that Family is a helpful name. I am happy to move forward with whatever is decided. Whatever name is selected will only be as successful as all of us, and the rest of the permanent party/retiree community make it. We need to use it to convey a welcoming and active community for people arriving to.

- Side Note: we invited two CGSC families to Sunday School after the Easter Egg Hunt, and they attended after we helped them get kids into child care. Both expressed the they "wished we had known about this all year." We will see if they come back this weekend, but initially, it looks like we somehow missed the mark on the messaging to them in the summer.

Officer Nominations: Both have agreed serve, if selected.

President: David Hunter-Chester (0830)

Vice President: LTC Chris Quinlan (1100)

-MOC. (Tom Ward)

Meetings: Every Thursday, 0600-0700 in Pioneer Chapel Activity Room (02, 09, 16, 23, and 30 MAR)

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

Average attendance: 15 (usually 3 or 4 via ZOOM link). 30 MAR attendance was 8.

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:

I stopped by to visit Sam Sanford Saturday AM @ Twin Oaks rehab RM 317. The news is not quite as upbeat as for Marsha Chadderdon. Sam was sitting up in a chair and appeared to recognize me. We were able to shake hands. He is unable to communicate except to shake his head up and down, but he is doing that in response to questions, so I believe there is a lot going on inside, even if he can't express it. Conversation was pretty much one way, so I didn't stay long. We prayed together for his healing and I left. I'm not a physician, but I have seen this sort of thing before. I believe his case and condition is similar to that of Judy Wells. We didn't have much hope for her immediately after her stroke, but she and Tom kept fighting, and she is now doing amazingly well. Barring a bolt of lightning miracle, this will be a long hard road for Sam and Linda. Regardless, keep praying for Sam. God is the great healer and we are all in his hands.

Agenda items:

Nothing new.

-DRE. (Carl Tillery)

Volunteer appreciate this Saturday please sign up
Most programs are coming to an end at the beginning of May.
No Childrens church 28 May - July 9th.
Youth Camp May 29-June 2nd
Save the date VBS August 1-3 back at the chapel.

-Youth of the Chapel (Keith Purvis)

No report given, representative was absent and not submitted.

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

-Worship (Ushers, etc.) No report

-Others

5. Review of other old business

- Future President / VP discussion - NSTR
- Lord's Prayer @ 0830 – great addition, no issues at all
- Youth Camp – still looking for a potential adult volunteer; we have approximately 20 youth
- Pushing information out (chapel / ministry events) – continue to discuss the various means of how to reach the community.
- Future president / vice president search update – nominees have been identified. President – David Hunter-Chester and Vice President – Chris Quinlan

6. Pastoral Guidance.

Thanks again for this, Brandon!

The only correction I see is in the "New Business" category --- I would like us to tally our top 2-3 congregation names at this coming meeting (not in May) and vote on our "fave." Aside from having had time to pray and chew on this for a month, I'd like to be able to present it at the 28 APR leaders dinner (as part of the "Look Ahead" to AY23-24 portion of the evening). I believe we can do this, especially given the great input and willingness to engage this issue at the last meeting.

COL Howell (and anyone else who will not be able to join us in a couple weeks) ---- please shoot me any additional names you may have thought of and we'll put them on the table. Here is what we came up with last time (and more context is in the email I sent on 21 March):

- Ft. Leavenworth (or Leavenworth) Family (or Community) Chapel
- Ft. Leavenworth (or Leavenworth) Family Fellowship
- One Flock One Shepherd Chapel
- Crossroads Family (or Community) Chapel

Thank you all for your desire to tackle this important issue!!

On a side note, I would appreciate your prayers as I am traveling down to LA to accompany the Lopez family as they bury their son/brother. I pray that Jesus' loving presence would be felt through me and that I would be given wisdom in how to best care for them at any given moment.

Leader's Council Dinner on 28 April – key personnel within the chapel to receive updates on where we are at and where we are going.

7. New Business

- What's here in the chapel community - outreach

We do not do what we do in the past, the level of interaction/communication with new personnel has decreased significantly. Because of this the engagement is lacking. Would like to get more tables/representatives at PAIR Day and VBS coming to the chapel will have an impact.

- Easter service AAR

Overall great attendance at all 3 services. Still have to figure out the sound issue for the 0830 service to be picked up through the MEVO to be broadcasted through our FaceBook page. Will continue to work the challenge. The 1100 service included 3 baptisms. Easter egg hunt the week before was a big success – will want to keep it this way going forward.

- Chapel name – vote on favorite

- Ft. Leavenworth (or Leavenworth) Family (or Community) Chapel
- Ft. Leavenworth (or Leavenworth) Family Fellowship
- One Flock One Shepherd Chapel
- Crossroads Family (or Community) Chapel
- Christ Community Chapel

Josh provided us to look at it through the lens of “we/I are part of....belong to....serve with” to help deciding the name. The council ensured we discussed the history with some of the names and compared them to some other churches in the area that may go against our values. Christ Community Chapel was crossed off the list initially due to how it can be confused with other chapels in the KC area. One Flock One Shepherd was next off the list due to the “flow” of the name. Discussion went to keeping Ft. Leavenworth as part of the name for marketing to help narrow it down and focus those looking that the chapel is located on post and not to get confused with those with similar names in the Leavenworth area. Through additional discussions the next one off the list was Family Fellowship to ensure we focus on worship and not as much as people getting together for the sake of getting together in potentially a non-worshipful manner.

Crossroads has too many connotations that could be confusing to describe and was taken off the list. The members present voted unanimously voted on Ft. Leavenworth Community Chapel.

Those not present had previously shared their opinion that shared the same thought. The name will be brought forth for the Leader's Council Dinner on the 28th. The plan is to officially have this name in use by after graduation.

- Nominating and voting for president / vice president

Nominations are: President – David Hunter-Chester / Vice President – Chris Quinlan

Conditions prevented a secret written ballot (as specified within the Council Constitution), the president then enacted the viva-voce election from Roberts Rules of Orders. Motioned by Tom and seconded by Carl. Both nominations were unanimously voted in by present council members.

8. Upcoming calendar

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

MAY - Carl

10. Next Meeting: 15 May 23

11. Closing Prayer. Cindy