

**PROTESTANT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

16 October 2023

1700 hours

Frontier Chapel, Rm 158, Fort Leavenworth, KS

**Attendees**

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

- 1. Opening Prayer and Devotion** – Keith Purvis shared some thoughts on the Book/Movie “Jesus Revolution.” It was part of a 4<sup>th</sup> generational Awakening known as the Jesus Movement. Chuck Smith asked about the next spiritual Awakening said, “Are we desperate enough?” Vs. Is 64:1-12.
- 2. Review of Sep Meeting Minutes. Financial Updates.** The DFAS statements are not finalized. Last report is June, 2023 (approx. \$110k). Waiting to receive July, August, Sep statements. Changes from the Chaplain Corps Business Center (CCBC) create an additional hurdle for purchase requests.

- Discussion of Facility needs:
- WiFi router for the activity room
  - New Christmas decorations
  - New TVs in Chapel classrooms
  - New projectors
  - Organ cover

\*Rose mentioned concern about the AV booth. On PWOC days, the set up has changed, causing delays and confusion. Need to standardize use of the booth by all organizations using the sanctuary.

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

-Senior Saints. Vacant.

-PWOC. Attendance has dropped in the morning group to around 80. This can be attributed to uncertainty of full watchcare availability – lack of enough watchcare staff is a problem, but also illnesses going around, and the usual drop as people get into the busy of life. The evening study runs around 10-15.

Our next Program, “Encourage through Comfor” will be on October 24, both morning and evening.

Our December program may be adjusted based on other events scheduled. Our December Program, “Equipped with the Hope for Salvation” is currently scheduled December 12.

We are finding challenges with the sound system on Tuesday mornings. CH Weinrich has been working with us to try and come up with a uniform set-up and turn-off system.

-Lay Ministry – No report.

-MOC

**Meetings:** Every Thursday, 0600-0700 in Pioneer Chapel Activity Room (04, 11, 18, and 25 SEP)

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

**Average attendance:** September attendance averaged 10, and these are on site. The 3 or 4 who are remotely located and attend via ZOOM link have been unable to attend since the internet service to Frontier Chapel was interrupted. The breakout book study group that meets in ZOOM has also evaporated.

**Recent activity:**

- a. Bible study group well into 2 Samuel (Chap 13).
- b. Book study group (not meeting; no initial internet connection to establish a breakout group)

**Notes:**

The building has internet service, and the connection is live as far as the end of the cable in the activity room. WiFi connection through the router in the activity room is working, but we can't connect to the internet. The system administrator evidently will not permit connection of a router that was not purchased by the US government. Offers to provide a router that meets whatever requirements are necessary have gone unanswered.

**Agenda items:**

1. **Not our lane, but the organ in Pioneer Chapel needs a cover to protect it from dust and from mischief.**

Carl asked Tom to please send the attendance each week to him for his reporting.

-DRE: NSTR

-Youth of the Chapel. No report.

-Music. Bill would like to offer education/singing training for the choir. Praise, tuning the organ made a huge difference!

-Worship (Ushers, etc.)

-Others

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

3. - Name Change. Roll-out of the new Chapel name will be official 7 JAN, 2024. CH Muilenberg is helping with branding.

## **6. Pastoral Guidance.**

## **7. New Business**

- FY 24 Designated offerings. Discussion on increasing designated offerings throughout the year. Need to understand current balance and receive DFAS report before board can discuss options.

### **8. Upcoming calendar**

- Cantata practice, ongoing every Thursday
- Greening the Chapel, 19 November
- Thanksgiving service, 21 Nov
- Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
- December 24<sup>th</sup> -- 0830 Traditional Service (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent); No 1100 Contemporary Service
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:
  - 1700 Contemporary Service (at Pioneer)
  - 1900 Traditional Service (at Pioneer)

**9. Next Meeting:** 11 Dec 23

**10. Closing Prayer.** Tom closed in prayer