

**PROTESTANT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

8 Jan 2024

1700 hours

Frontier Chapel, Rm 158, Fort Leavenworth, KS

**Attendees**

David Hunter-Chester, President

Chris Quinlan-Vice-President

CH(MAJ) Josh Grimes – Pastor

Carl Tillery – DRE

Kathy Kem – Secretary/Parish Coordinator

Charles Gray-1100 Ushers, Absent

Bill Reindl – 0830 Music, Absent

CH Andrew Muilenburg, Absent

Rose McConnell, PWOC

Tom Ward – MOC

Keith Purvis – Children’s Church

Samantha Odle – Youth, YFC

Senior Saints (Vacant)

Jim Harbridge, OCF

CH (MAJ) Dan King, Absent

CH Chris Weinrich

**1. Opening Prayer and Devotion** – Carl led the devotion from Romans 5:8.

**2. Review of Dec Meeting Minutes (attached).** Motion by Chris Quinlan seconded by Tom Ward. Passed unanimously.

**3. Financial Updates.** See further in minutes.

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

-Senior Saints. Vacant

-PWOC

Gratefully, looking at the weather, PWOC is not having our Kickoff until the 23th (we will plan to be in the chapel on the 16th for a Program work day, however).

We have another slate of classes ready to start on January 30th - 6 in the morning and 1 in the evening.

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

Discipleship Training Breakfast kicked the Spring Term last Tuesday, 2 January. We had 19 in attendance.

Neighborhood Bible Studies start back up Tuesday night.

We are beginning planning for Spring BBQ Bonanza, and will start publicizing Leavenworth Week at Spring Canyon (8-14 June) soon. Guest speaker this year is CH Grimes.

-MOC

**Meetings:** Every Thursday, 0600-0700 in Pioneer Chapel Activity Room (07, 14, 21, and 28 DEC).

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

**Average attendance:** December attendance averaged 8 to 10, and these are on site. The WiFi internet connection has been restored, but those who were attending virtually seem to have fallen out of the habit.

**Recent activity:**

- a. Bible study group: 2 Samuel (last session studied Chap 22, so we are just about to wrap this one up). Next study TBD.
- b. Book study group has not been meeting.

**Notes:**

None.

**Agenda items:**

None

-DRE. Most programs start back this week (weather permitting)

-Youth of the Chapel

December was a short, but fun month for Campus Life ministry activities. We held two official clubs, a game night Club, and our Christmas party. We spent the last half of November and the rest of December Clubs talking about the Descriptions of Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. These Club talks and small groups seemed to really impact the students, especially the ones on Jesus as the Everlasting Father and as the Wonderful Counselor. Our Christmas party went really well; we met at the bowling alley on post and had pizza and a couple homemade treats. We had almost 50 people in attendance!

In January, we will be starting Club back up on the 10<sup>th</sup> with our spring semester kick-off. It will be "super-size" theme, with every game and activity we do being with super-sized items - like six-foot beach balls and giant Jenga! Additionally, I will be headed to the Youth for Christ National Leaders Conference at the end of January, so one of my leaders will be leading Club the last Wednesday in January. Registration for YFC Camp at Eagle Sky of the Ozarks officially opens this month. I already have 32 Club students who intend to sign up, along with some non-Club students who are interested in going as well. (I will be prioritizing regular Club attenders before other students.)

**Total Participation:**

Cumulative Jr High  
Attendance: 109  
Cumulative Sr High  
Attendance: 24  
Total Volunteer  
Staff: 23

**Financial Report:**

Youth For Christ  
Funds: \$50  
Appropriated  
Funds: 0  
Non-appropriated Funds: \$1,909.60

- Sunday School
- Children's Church
- AWANA
- Financial Peace University

-Music

830 choir looking toward Easter. Not planning an Easter Cantata but have special music for Palm Sunday and Resurrection Sunday. Would like to open up a vocal development ministry that would begin 6:15, 15 minutes prior to choir. This would be a brief time of introductory vocal coaching and remove barriers preventing choir participation. Barriers: I don't read music; I can't sing, etc.

Bill's wife is organizing a group to go see the Chosen in the local theatre.

-Worship (Ushers, etc.).

-Others.

**5. Review of other old business**

-- New Christmas ornaments purchased?

Some ornaments donated.

Large tree in Frontier was trashed. Need to be replaced either with another large tree or several smaller (10') trees. Home Depot still had trees a few days ago. Need to consolidate list of items needed.

-- Budget hand-out – do we know when it will be published? Will we go with quarterly hand-outs?

Josh answered we will start doing the weekly for the prior week then will start doing a YTD from that. The first in-depth insert is planned for 28 January. Kathy mentioned that the offering last week had a mistake, but it has since been corrected. Offerings IMCOM wide are increasing, and they are also very interested in attendance.

-- Opening Prayer/Devotions volunteer: May - Samantha

-- Volunteers: Still need Senior Saints, Fellowship (Hospitality) and Stewardship

- Also need a point person or point persons for the greening and de-greening of the chapels. Any progress? No volunteers yet for this position. Kathy thanked Christina Harbridge for her work in organizing the decorations for Frontier Chapel.

**6. Pastoral Guidance.** CH Grimes talked about the launch of CrossRoads with a bulletin insert on the 21<sup>st</sup> with a brief what and why and how. Will address briefly just prior to the sermon in each service. Will let people know that if they have questions they can talk with him or other members of the council. From 21 January on, please start using CrossRoads in your conversations. Be intentional. Rose asked if CH Grimes will send her info about the launch. Will send branding package when it's ready (soon!). Received positive feedback from the leader dinner and in particular the students last night. CH Grimes reviewed the leader dinner. A period of thanksgiving after the dinner followed by moving into the sanctuary where he reviewed the history of the name change and logo. CH Grimes shared his heart in praying for big things and any quenching the spirit that we may not realize we are doing. Then CH McLean shared his support for all that we are doing.

**7. New Business**

-- New Outreach Representative: Jeff Smith. Jeff was welcomed to our council. Jeff said he was looking forward to serving the body.

-- Any other change-to-CrossRoads Protestant Community- as-congregational name actions needed? See above.

-- AARs:

- Christmas services. Keith mentioned that the Liturgical/Anglican services same time as one of the protestant services. There was an overlap, not sure if that was intentional or not. CH Grimes said that they had not decided to make it a candlelight service until about two weeks prior.

- De-Greening the Chapel. Went very quickly. Tom said that we also had a lot of fun. Jim agreed that the fellowship was great. When will be start asking for someone to head up greening/de-greening? Jim suggested as people start coming in (late summer/fall).

-- Transitions: chaplains, Council members.

-- Easter services. Will do a Good Friday service but will need to deconflict with Catholics. CH Weinrich will see if the Catholics will move their Good Friday mass in Frontier Chapel so we can meet in Pioneer. Ashes and Palms have already been ordered. Easter Lillys will also be ordered from Land of Oz florist.

Youth plan to do some kind of glow in the dark hunt. Will combine it with other games. Likely will do this the week before Easter.

Tentatively planning during SS time on Easter Sunday will have an Easter egg hunt. Keith Purvis will head that up. There is no SS on Easter Sunday. Carl will order the eggs for all the congregations.

David mentioned that if we are doing a Zoom call meetings will be recorded.

There has been a suggestion to put the greeting time in the order of worship in the bulletin. Kathy will make that change.

**8. Upcoming calendar**

23 January	PWOC Spring Kick-Off
22 March	PWOC Retreat
24 March	Palm Sunday
29 March	Good Friday
31 March	Easter Sunday
27 May – June 1	Youth Camp
8 -14 June	Leavenworth Week

**9. Next Meeting:** 12 Feb 24

**10. Closing Prayer.** CH Weinrich closed in prayer.