

PROTESTANT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

13 February 2023

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

Frontier Chapel Rm 158 Fort Leavenworth, KS

Attendees:

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

1. Opening Prayer and Devotion – Keith led the devotional on love. Tomorrow is Valentine’s Day, which seemed appropriate. Specifically, Agape love. Challenged us to show Agape love outside of our own circles. 1 Corinthians 13:13.

2. Review of January Meeting Minutes (attached). There was a motion by Jack and seconded by Jim to accept the minutes as presented. Approved.

3. Financial Updates

Current Tracker. Current net income is \$27,050.28 as of December 2022. This is our most recent DFAS report.

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

-Senior Saints. Hi everyone, Senior Saints are handling their challenges well. DK is having surgery on Tuesday. He is upbeat about it and his son Darren will be here to help. The surgery is an outpatient procedure that will last about an hour. Judy Wells has good news in that she has passed the swallow test. Hopefully, the feeding tube will be removed soon. She has a goal she’d like to reach of being able to walk again. Ella Young is doing well and will be having an EKG in the next couple of weeks to check for blood clots. JoRene continues to be upbeat and is able to get around with only a cane quite a bit of the time. Chuck Owen had a successful heart valve replacement and hopefully a stint placement went well also. He is receiving his last cancer treatments and hopefully will be able to get back to Chapel in a few months after his immune system is built back up. Marsha Chadderdon battles fatigue and pain. The bone marrow/blood cancer has made her bones very fragile. Prayers are always welcome and needed for all of the Senior Saints. The congregation is a blessing to them as you reach out in different ways to visit, assist and pray. Thank you, Blessings, Karenn.

-PWOC. This meeting and the next Alissa Chase will be representing PWOC. PWOC kicked off on January 24th with 88 ladies and children in attendance. We have 7 bible studies meeting weekly and one evening study meeting weekly with 15 ladies in attendance. We are currently doing a drive for baby items for the stronghold community food pantry through this month and next. The leadership selection committee has created applications for next year's board and will start taking those applications this month. Please be in prayer for them as they seek to fill the board for next year's PWOC.

Alissa mentioned that the PWOC ladies noticed there was quite a bit of stuff in room 115 where they meet to pray before meetings (bubble wrap, Christmas decorations, etc). CH Koeman will see that this is taken care of.

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

We have 6 Neighborhood Bible Studies. Attendance for Discipleship Training Breakfast has leveled off at an average of 26 each week. We continue to have great discussions. We announced Leavenworth Week at Spring Canyon (10-17 June) this week in both services, and will have an open house for interested families at our house next Sunday. We are ramping up preparations for Spring BBQ Bonanza (31 MAR-1 APR). I will have announcement slides for both this weekend. See you all later this evening.

-MOC. Meetings: Every Thursday, 0600-0700 in Pioneer Chapel Activity Room (05, 12, 19, 26 JAN).

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

Average attendance: 13 (usually 3 or 4 via ZOOM link). 26 JAN attendance was 12.

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:

- a. Sam Sanford has returned, but requires transportation. They're still trying to figure out what's going on (diagnostics)
- b. Dave Bodde has started attending this group.
- c. We haven't seen Chad Chadderdon in quite a while. He's tied up looking after Marshas in the early morning.

-DRE. The religious education programs are all doing well. We will introduce our new Youth for Christ leader tonight Samantha Odle. Everything is going well. Sunday School will end on May 14. On May 21 we will have children's church, then they will break till the Fall. Will ask for help with the Easter Egg hunt which will be on Palm Sunday. This Easter Egg hunt will be chapel only. FPC class is not yet scheduled. If you know someone who wants to teach the class, please let Carl know.

-Youth of the Chapel

Looking forward to introducing Samantha Odle, the new YFC-M Ministry Site Director, at tonight's Parish Council meeting. Please find below the January report for the Campus Life Military-Fort Leavenworth, with the summary here:

Samantha will be doing a watch party that will include all military affiliated youth and others on 3-4 March from 5pm-11pm on Friday and 8:30-4:00pm on Saturday. Looking at rooms 153 & 158 right now. Using two rooms to separate the High School from Jr. High kids. If too big, will need to look at putting them together.

Club resumed 11 January. The high school and middle school students started a bi-weekly Bible study. During these Bible studies, we fellowshiped with food and games as a group.

In February, our "Unfiltered" theme will continue at Club on Wednesdays, where our leaders are discussing God's unfiltered love for us. We are currently planning an ecumenical event in early March to invite teens to watch The Chosen series that will include meals and small group discussions.

Total Participation:

Cumulative Jr High Attendance: 191

Cumulative Sr High Attendance: 51

Total Volunteer Staff: 68

Keith shared that regarding chapel congregation or service name(s), he did not have anything specific to add yet, but after visiting Fort Drum, JBLM, and Fort Bragg last year for work, he saw a few different names for their Protestant Services (not counting the specific denominational, Liturgical, Gospel, etc.): Traditional (Patterned after many mainline denominations such as Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist faiths-Fort Drum's website) ChapelNext (Contemporary worship service similar to non-denominational with praise and worship songs-Fort Drum's website) Protestant (JBLM) Unplugged (JBLM. The Unplugged Service is created to serve the unique needs of their active-duty Soldiers and family members on JBLM and surrounding areas through contextualized ministry that is unplugged from traditional church models. Their vision is to spread the gospel through loving, living, and laboring within their community.-Their FB page) Summit Chapel (a Wednesday afternoon service). Fort Bragg's are listed more as their specific Chapel building, with ChapelNext included. He would recommend others that have experiences outside Fort Leavenworth provide their observations to others to help us see what is ongoing in the larger Army Chapel community to help us best define how we present ourselves. Of course, who we are, is who we are, and it doesn't need to follow anyone else's model or naming conventions, but this does give us context.

- Sunday School. See above
- Children's Church
- AWANA
- Financial Peace University. See above

-Music. Averaging 16-20 each week. Jack mentioned that the choir room is still being used as storage. CH Koeman said that Jack should put labels on things he wants gone and he will take care of it.

Josh said that immediately after Easter will do a series on the encounters with the resurrected Jesus (1-Witnesses (Matthew), 2-Road to Emmaus account, 3 will be on 30Apr when Jesus has breakfast with his disciples (John 21) (Also Mark Winton's last sermon), 4 on 7 May, Jesus and Thomas (also in John). Then Mother's Day will be an encouragement on 21 May as well as the Send Out message. After that we will likely do stand alone series until the fall. Jack said he will use the title and scripture in order to pick the appropriate music.

-Worship (Ushers, etc.) No report

-Others

5. Review of other old business

- Easter service prep. Sunrise will (Buchanan is POC) likely be at chapel grounds rather than Memorial. At 7am. Will not overlap the other services. Will have regular 0830 & 1100 services.

- Designated offering (Planting Roots – Feb; OCF – May; Gideons – Aug)

- Conditioning of pews/carpet in Pioneer. Ch Koeman said that DPW will do this as a contract rather than doing themselves, likely in the Fall when they can keep the doors open. Carpet replacement will be done by DPW, but no follow-up from them yet.

6. Pastoral Guidance. Josh said that the 'name' issue is still ongoing. This can wait till next month to further discuss. This is about identity rather than just a 'name'. Looking at 28-29 April to do a leadership retreat possibly at the Heartland retreat center off of Hwy 45. More to follow.

Ch Koeman said that we have received the ecclesiastical equipment and the installation of the new board was being installed beginning today. The speakers will go in at a later date. We have a 2023 ecclesiastical grant for a complete new system in rooms 153 & 158 and all the entry furniture in Frontier and the couch in Pioneer.

Jack mentioned the Bible in Pioneer. There is a process to have it rebound. Kathy is working on it.

7. New Business

- Prayer Luncheon AAR. All positive comments. All seats were filled. Jack was concerned about the first speaker, but the one in the end was spot on.

- Child care signage. There is a slide each week in the announcements, but need to have this as they come in, particularly for the new year. Alissa said that as new people come in, it would be best to have someone walk them to watchcare rather than just saying its in room In addition to taking them in person, employ multiple ways to convey that information. Sandwich boards, bulletin inserts, etc.

- Service banners purchase. Kathy mentioned that there were just purchased for Frontier, and they are exactly the same color as the ones we currently have for Pioneer.

- Chapel marketing. (Secondary to the chapel name process).

- Chapel name? (May) / description of services. Josh said as he was thinking about this, he wasn't thinking about trying to encapsulate all the different beliefs but more the nature of the family that exists between the two services. Tom said that he appreciated what Josh had put together. His recommendation was to keep it simple. He suggested using the word Ecumenical. Need to be prayerful about it. Keith said he thought the name is less important than the description, a descriptor that gives a better idea of the name. Tom suggested staying away from multi-faith.

- Future President / VP discussion. Brandon will not be seeking re-election for president because of too many unknowns. Kris said that he also has been gone more than he has been here, and definitely can't step into Brandon's shoes. He is however, willing to keep VP if his absences are acceptable. Keith said that if we follow the constitution, we need to form a 3 member committee to come back with nominations next month. Keith volunteered to chair the committee, along with Tom and Jim.

- Next meeting is during Spring Break (move to week before or after?)

- May opening devotion / prayer

8. Upcoming calendar

9. Devotion / Opening Prayer Calendar

MAR – Jim

APR – Karenn

MAY - Carl

10. Next Meeting: 13 MAR 2023 (?). Meeting moved to 20 March.

CH Koeman mentioned that we are in the process of working on CMRP for FY24 (March to May).

11. Closing Prayer. Jim Harbridge closed in prayer.