

## PROTESTANT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

14 Aug 2023

1700 hours

Frontier Chapel, Rm 158, Fort Leavenworth, KS

### Attendees

David Hunter-Chester, President

Chris Quinlan-Vice-President

CH(MAJ) Josh Grimes – 0830 Pastor

Carl Tillery – DRE

Kathy Kem – Secretary/Parish Coordinator

Charles Gray-1100 Ushers, Absent

Bill Reindl – 0830 Music, Absent

Rose McConnell-PWOC

Tom Ward – MOC

Keith Purvis – Children’s Church, Absent

Samantha Odle – Youth, YFC

Senior Saints (Vacant)

Jim Harbridge – Lay Ministry, Absent

CH (MAJ) Dan King, Absent

**1. Opening Prayer and Devotion** – David spoke about 1 Corinthians 13:13, faith, hope and love

**2. Review of April Meeting Minutes (attached).** .

### **3. Financial Updates**

-Current Tracker. There was no financial report available.

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

-Senior Saints. Vacant. Kathy & Josh gave an update on the Chadderdon’s. They are getting settled in their rental house. She is still experiencing confusion. They were not clear on their food situation. Doug Lathrop is now out of the hospital. Kathy & Jack visited the Wells yesterday. She is recovering from her fall, but otherwise is doing pretty well. It was suggested that Linda Stephens may be a candidate for this position. Carl will ask her if she is interested.

-PWOC. Summer session attendance 34-44 women, 22-35 school age children watched by adult and teen volunteers.

Fall Kickoff August 22 – 8:30 am and 6:30 pm CH Wead will attend and pray at the kickoff.

Planting Roots event being worked with CH King through the community fund. Scheduled for October 13-14.

Bible Studies will run from August 29 through December 5. Program days October 24 and December 12.

Chaplains are welcome and encouraged to connect with PWOC women on Tuesday mornings, we’ll be glad to schedule time for you if you give us a heads-up. One of my goals is to connect with chapel/chaplains more, as many of the PWOC attendees come from churches in town.

-Lay Ministry (Neighborhood Bible Studies, OCF Discipleship Breakfast, etc.). We started DTB again in July and have great mix of retirees, permanent party, and students (Army, USAF, USMC, and Space Force). Averaging about 35 so far.

Holy Smokes (men’s study and fellowship) started two weeks ago led by COL Kris Howell at his house. We meet at 1830. We are using “Every Man a Warrior” to guide discussion. 7-10 men both weeks. Kris will be traveling this week so no meeting.

Kick-Start (sort of an OCF ministry, and not sure who else will report it) started this morning. It is a 30 minute devotional and prayer time in the Faculty Lounge of Lewis & Clark Hall. I am still waiting for results of today’s meeting.

Mentoring: We are starting to connect individuals for year-long mentoring relationships. I have connected with one, and more will develop.

BBQ Bonanza is scheduled for 29-30 September. We are starting to advertise via social media and will have advertising in the bulleting and announcements soon.

**-MOC Meetings:** Every Thursday, 0600-0700 in Pioneer Chapel Activity Room (06, 13, 20, and 27 JUL)

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

**Average attendance:** 9 (usually 3 or 4 via ZOOM link). 27 JUL attendance was 7.

**Recent activity:**

- a. Bible study group well into 2 Samuel (Chap 6).
- b. Book study group.
- c. In July, we voted to change the name of the group to "Men of the Chapels" (with an "s"). It more accurately describes who we are (not just Protestant MOC).
- d. Neil Sleevi continues to prepare breakfast for the group. (We're eating well, especially for a bunch of men...)

**Notes:**

WiFi connection through the router in the activity room is working, but we can't connect to the internet. This means we can't connect remote attendees, either. This appears to be a building-wide problem.

**-DRE.** Secured the funds for youth camp for next year. Otherwise, see the report. VBS went great this year with 310 attending. Comments were glad it was back at chapel this year. Sunday School kicks off Sept 10th. Looking for teachers still. Awana kicks off Sept 13th.

**-Youth of the Chapel.** See report. Kickoff this week. Need help setting up on Wed afternoon at about 3:30 pm. July was a slow month for ministry activities but busy in ministry planning. The entire year is planned out with Club, events, Bible studies - so many fun things for our students! We did have a pool party on July 22 for our youth that was very successful. We had about 48 attendees, almost hitting our max amount of people allowed.

August already has been, and will continue to be, very busy for ministry! I volunteered at VBS along with many other adults and teens. Several of the teens that attend Club regularly volunteered at VBS and it was great to catch up with students after the summer break. I am holding an adult volunteer training for my Leaders on August 9 to prepare for this school year of ministry. Our kickoff event is on August 16<sup>th</sup> and we are having WATER WARS! There will be fun games, such as human battleship with water balloons and kick ball slip & slide. I will also be attending several events to meet and recruit students and parents.

**Total Participation:**

Cumulative Jr High

Attendance: 30

Cumulative Sr High

Attendance: 8 Total

Volunteer Staff: 6

**Financial Report:**

Youth For Christ Funds:

\$100 Appropriated

Funds: \$0

Non-appropriated Funds: \$1509.98

-Music. No report

-Worship (Ushers, etc.). No report.

-Others N/A

**5. Review of other old business**

- Publishing Council Minutes – Kathy will post outside her office.

- Opening prayer and devotion for upcoming meetings:

SEP – (12 Sept) Chris

OCT –

NOV – Carl

DEC – Tom

**6. Pastoral Guidance-See below.**

- Andrew Muilenberg has been helping out with the AV in Pioneer. He has also agreed to act as Josh's executive pastor.
- Luke 15 series then Jonah, then Thanksgiving are the planned sermons moving forward before Advent.
- Christmas Eve is on a Sunday. Likely will have morning service and then Christmas Eve service (one is planned for the moment but may move to two if the current numbers hold).
- Need to encourage people regardless of what service, or what ministry they attend or don't attend. One body, one congregation because of Whose we are.

**7. New Business**

- Name Change. CH Grimes shared that the CPBAC did not approve our name change to Ft Leavenworth Community Chapel. First, there was a procedure that we did not follow get to it changed. Secondly, the proposed name causes confusion. At first glance it could appear that we represent all the chapel, which we don't. General Protestant Community Chapel? It's suggested we have a subcommittee look at various options. Carl made a motion to look into this at Josh's discretion, Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- VBS AAR. Attendance was right at 310 counting kids and volunteers. Great volunteers! No major issues.

- PAIR Day. The protestant community has two tables. 0900-1300, can setup at 0800.

- WiFi in Pioneer Chapel. CH King called the NEC and they are checking on it. CAC provides us with internet, and the NEC installed it. They are going to call out Spectrum to find the issue. There is no issue in Frontier Chapel, just Pioneer. Likely a hardware issue.

- International Military Student Welcome (September/October?). There does not seem to be any information on this right now. Doesn't seem to be on anyone's radar.

David suggested on behalf of Kay that we include the greeting in the bulletin. Kathy will add 'Greet Your Neighbor' in the bulletin.

### **8. Upcoming calendar**

16 August	Youth (Campus Life) resumes
19 August	PAIR Day
22 Aug	PWOC Fall Kickoff
13-14 Oct	Planting Roots

**9. Next Meeting:** 12 Sep 23

**10. Closing Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 6:20.**