

PROTESTANT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

11 Dec 2023

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

Rose McConnell, PWOC

Tom Ward – MOC

Keith Purvis – Children’s Church, absent

Samantha Odle – Youth, YFC, absent

Senior Saints (Vacant)

Jim Harbridge, OCF

CH (MAJ) Dan King, absent

CH Chris Weinrich

1. Opening Prayer and Devotion – Tom Ward talked about an advent reading series called ‘The Grand Miracle’, daily reflections for the season of Advent. He shared today’s reading by C.S. Lewis.

2. Review of Nov Meeting Minutes (attached). Motion by CH Weinrich and seconded by Jim Harbridge. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Updates. Will talk about at the end.

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

-Senior Saints. No report

-PWOC. Rose reported that they had 75 at their December program, and 15 at the evening program. PWOC will take a break over Christmas and start again on January 23 with a Spring Semester Kickoff. This is a date change from what was reported last month.

Very grateful for all the Chaplain and staff partnership with the PWOC ministry.

PO’s are going in for a Spring Retreat offsite the weekend of March 22nd.

-Lay Ministry (Neighborhood Bible Studies, OCF Discipleship Breakfast, etc.). DTB resumes 2 January.

-MOC.

-DRE. No report.

-Youth of the Chapel

-Sunday School

-Children’s Church

-AWANA

-Financial Peace University

-Music

-Worship (Ushers, etc.)

-Others

5. Review of other old business

-- Any support needed for these holiday activities?

- December 24th -- 0830 Traditional Service (4th Sunday of Advent); No 1100 Contemporary Service

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:

- 1700 Contemporary Service (in Pioneer)
- 1900 Traditional Service (in Pioneer)

Ch Weinrich said the candles are available for both services.

CH Grimes pointed out that the connection card reminder is now made after the offering, so we need to find a box for connection cards/prayer requests. If no box, will use an empty offering tray. Rose said that PWOC has a box that we can use for that purpose. Andrew mentioned that for the long term will be put the connection card in the app.

-- Were any new Christmas ornaments purchased? Order needed to be in by 17 Nov. Need to ask CH King if we can do this. Comments were that the blue looks like Hannukah or even secular. Will need to count how many ornaments we need to replace.

-- Budget hand-out – when? Last month from CH King regarding budget authority. We have \$30,000 more this year because offerings have increased. CH King said that he would work on this for the 0830/1100 services. CH Grimes said he talked to him about this. CH Muilenburg said that we can currently see the giving as well as the budget authority and what has been spent against it. OS56 doesn't show the POR amounts.

CH Grimes asked what would best serve this committee in bringing all these financial pieces. David responded that how much money we have to do ministry. What is the bottom line we have after expenses and contracts with offerings? Rose suggested we provide a quarterly insert with financial updates. Will include a weekly snap shop with weekly amounts and year-to-date amounts in the bulletin.

6. Pastoral Guidance. CH Grimes shared where he intends to go with the sermons for the next few months. After the new year 31 December message will be a stand alone message. The 7th will be looking ahead to the new year. Spring to graduation will be looking at what it looks like to grow in holiness. CH Grimes is asking us what it looks like if we become a praying congregation, not just a bunch of people praying. Wants to create the 'desire' and 'hunger' for God. Could take many forms.

7. New Business

-- New Outreach Representative: Jeff Smith. Jeff will be here next month. He is under the weather tonight.

-- AARs:

- Greening the Chapel, 19 November. Jim mentioned that we need to be better organized in Frontier Chapel. Christina is working on getting this done. CH Weinrich suggested having the pictures projected in the chapel. Would be helpful to have a point person for each chapel. Josh suggested we have a clipboard signup like we recently did at 1100 which was very successful. Rose suggested that the coordinator for next year be designated at the end of this year when decorations are taken down, and also that the coordinator can serve for only 2 years. De-greening clip boards for January, and also have line for 2024 coordinator. Start this week. De-greening is 6 January after the Catholic epiphany service.

- Thanksgiving service, 21 Nov

- Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

-- De-Greening the Chapel – 6 Jan?

-- Volunteers: Still need Senior Saints, Fellowship and Stewardship. David has asked 3 people to do senior saints and other position, but no one has said yes. Jeff Smith approached David, thankfully. Fellowship really should be renamed to hospitality.

-- Opening Prayer/Devotions volunteers: Jan-May

Jan- Carl

Feb-Chris

March-David

April- Jim

May-

8. Upcoming calendar

24 December Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: 1700 (Pioneer), 1900 (Frontier)

6 Jan – De-Greening the Chapel

23 Jan PWOC Kick-off

9. Next Meeting: 8 Jan 24

10. Closing Prayer. CH Weinrich closed in prayer.