

CROSSROADS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

9 December 2024

1700 hours

Frontier Chapel, Rm 158, Fort Leavenworth, KS

Attendees

Chris Quinlan-President
David Bodde-Vice President
CH(MAJ) Andrew Muilenburg– Pastor
Carl Tillery – DRE
Kathy Kem – Secretary/Parish Coordinator
Charles Gray-1100 Ushers, Absent
Bill Reindl – 0830 Music, Absent
Amy Quinlan, PWOC
CH (LTC) Jared Vineyard

Tom Ward – MOC
Keith Purvis – Children’s Church, Absent
Samantha Odle – Youth, YFC, Absent
Senior Saints (Vacant)
Jim Harbridge, OCF
CH (MAJ) Abraham Kim-Absent
CH (MAJ) Chris Weinrich
Jeff Smith – Outreach
CH (LTC) Nate McLean

1. Opening Prayer and Devotion – Chris Quinlan

2. Review of November Meeting Minutes (attached)

3. Financial Updates

Contracts: Our contracts are beginning to be awarded and that’s good. The big difference with the contracts this year is that I have worked with IMCOM to write these contracts as Base Contracts (1 year) with 4 Option Years. That means, no longer will the Garrison have to write yearly contracts (at least not for the next 5 years). NAF Contracts (such as WatchCare, Pianist, Organist, Worship LDR, etc.) can simply “roll-over” into the next year without having to be re-written, re-bid and run the risk of delay in being awarded. If the Garrison Chaplain (with advisement from his/her PAC) wants to renew a contract, it’s a simple Memorandum to CCBC and G9 to renew. That ensures no gaps or 120 days waiting. This is VERY good news that G9/IMCOM and CCBC agreed to write the contracts for us this way! However, if we want to forego a contract, we always have the option to not select the option for the upcoming year and re-bid the contract. But now, you don’t HAVE TO do it this way unless you want to or need to (if a contractor moves-on, etc.). I made sure we did all we could to change this process and our RM team worked extra to get it done. The hope is that for the next few years (when I’m long gone), you have seamless support from your contracts without having to write 11 each year. This is a better way and should service you and give you predictability (as much as you can get that in government work).

Next Contracts to be Awarded & RSO Process to Inform: I have made a process to inform those awarded contracts so that we can be immediate to notify, once we are notified a contract has been awarded. SSG Hughes will contact MSG Henderson and myself, and since I am out of office this week, MSG Henderson will be the one to call the person awarded the contract to let them know it’s been awarded. Right now, only Watchcare has been awarded – per our request that it come first. Next, I am told by IMCOM it will be Sherry, Bob and two others from other Services. As soon as we know, we will seek to call you and let you know. We are also happy to answer any questions you may have when we call. I expect all contracts to be awarded by Xmas – but you never know as it’s dependent on their office and manpower issues.

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

-PWOC

PWOC will hold its Christmas program/ final meeting of the semester tomorrow morning in celebration of the coming of the Messiah. We had a wonderful first half of the year and are grateful to be starting back up with the assistance of watchcare.

-The Lord has provided facilitators for all of next semester's Bible studies (9 daytime, 1 evening). We will hold a training meeting for these ladies on 9 January.

-Our Spring Kickoff program will be held on 14 January, and we hope to bring more ladies into the fellowship. We are looking forward to continuing to sharpen each other as we grow in Christ and serve the ladies the Lord has brought us this year. We recognize the spring is a very busy time when many ladies are tempted to give up meeting together as they look forward to upcoming PCSes. Our prayer is to love, serve, and exhort the body to stay committed to Biblical fellowship to the end.

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

DTB concluded for the semester on 3 DEC. Tom and Jean Schmidt presented their Couple's PDO as usual. We had one spouse attend (actually fiancé). Average attendance is about 25.

NBS: Chris and Amy Quinlan hosted a Leaders Get together at their house on Saturday. There were three additional NBS Leader couples in addition to the Quinlan's. IT was great, and so were Amy's Cinnamon Rolls!

Holy Smokes continues despite the travel schedule of MCTP and some cold weather. We are averaging 5 per weekly session.

Coffee Conversations continues weekly at Harbor Lights. The average attendance is five women and 5 children.

-MOC Short report: Studying 2 Peter, avg 11 attending. Special event (dining out) on 3 DEC. Bob can tell you all about it.

-DRE Sunday School/ Children's church on break Dec 22 , 29th. Last meeting for youth is 18 Dec until new year. 321 Christmas boxes were turned in to Samaritans purse this year.

-Youth of the Chapel

-Sunday School

-Children's Church

-AWANA

-Financial Peace University

-Outreach

OUTREACH Report:

Past 30 days

- Connect Cards Follow up. I was provided with 4 connect cards for followed up (all prayer requests).

Planning

- Community Outreach.
 - PX. 14 December 0900-1200. Will gather for prayer and training from 0900-0945 then transition to the PX where we will give away coffee and cookies as a means of engaging our community with the gospel. We will meet at the chapel Friday morning at 1000, to "paint" the cookies. Come join us!

- *Outreach team.* I plan to announce a date soon (possibly late JAN) and invite people to participate in an outreach prayer and planning session. Please be in prayer about this.
- *Local Missions.* Will meet with CH McLean to discuss a way forward once he returns from his MCTP support.

- Missions Sunday. (TBD)

CRU MILITARY Report:

Past 30 days

- Single Soldiers.
 - Thanksgiving Social: We were blessed to have 2 families join us. Although one of those families supports the single soldier ministry, we did not have any single soldiers attend. The positive side to this, for at least those whom we know through the SS Bible Study, is that they all had friends and or families to share Thanksgiving with; they did not spend the holiday alone.
 - *Prayer walk.* I continue to conduct a prayer walk each Thursday around the single soldier barracks (1215)
 - *Bible Study.* We conduct a Bible Study in the Single Soldiers Barracks with dinner, 1800-1930 each Thursday (average of 8 in attendance). We had 3 new SM attend last week; I am meeting with each of them this week to discuss the gospel. Please pray that if they are not Christians, that God would open their eyes and grant them faith and repentance.
 - *Core group mentoring.* Four of us continue to gather - albeit not all at the same time - at least twice a week for discipleship and planning.
- International Students.
 - Currently praying following OCF (every two weeks).
- Couples.
 - Support Garrison Date Nights. No support in NOV due to childcare.
 - We coordinate for small group Marriage Bible Study as requested. No support requested from November's event.

Planning

- Single Soldiers. We are planning to set up a table at the entrance of the DB on Christmas eve to meet soldiers during the shift transition. Our hope is to offer them a treat - (perhaps cookies or doughnuts) and seek to engage them with the gospel. At this time we are awaiting permission from the DB.
- International students. I've been meeting with a number of people who are also burdened to reach the international students, but no clear direction as of yet. I'm still hoping to set a specific date of prayer and brainstorming soon. (DTG TBD)
- New Recruits. Dylan and Leslie Sullivan are coming on board with Cru Military full time and will begin serving here, Lord willing, in the new year. Dylan served in the Army as an Infantryman in the early 2000s and he and Leslie have been serving with Cru in their campus ministry at KCCC for the past 12 years. Their primary focus will be to serve in the Single Soldier ministry and support the other LOEs as needed.

-Music

-Worship (Ushers, etc.)

-Others

5. Review of other old business

- Greening the Chapel

- Thanksgiving Service / Pie Social

6. Pastoral Guidance I encourage us to remain in prayer about our ministries and that God help us to take seriously our repentance and love for Him. I hope God blesses us not so much in our numbers but with greater purity and love. Thank you for all you do and hope to see each of you in the next couple of weeks!

7. New Business

- Christmas Eve Service
- Outreach Event (PX) 14 December
- Leadership Training Event (Jan/Feb?)

8. Upcoming calendar

- 10 December – PWOC Christmas Program
- 14 December – PX Outreach Event
- 15 December – Christmas Cantata, 0830, Pioneer Chapel
- 22 December – No Sunday School
- 24 December – Contemporary Christmas Eve Service, 1700, Pioneer Chapel
- 24 December – Traditional Christmas Eve Service, 1900, Pioneer Chapel
- 29 December – No Sunday School
- 4 January – De-Greening the Chapel
- 5 January – Sunday School Resumes

9. Devotion / Opening Prayer Calendar

- Dec – Chris Quinlan
- Jan –
- Feb -
- Mar –
- Apr –

10. Next Meeting: 13 January, 2025

10. Closing Prayer