

## PROTESTANT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

13 May 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

CH Andrew Muilenburg-Absent

David Bodde

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

Jeff Smith - Outreach

**1. Opening Prayer and Devotion** – Samantha (she will be late this evening). David gave a devotion on what happened in the garden of Eden. First Question is from Satan. Do you believe what God said? Do you believe what’s in the bible? Second questions is from God ‘Where are you?’ They were separated from God spiritually. Where is your heart? Third question is from man (Cain). Am I my brother’s keeper? Do you believe?

**2. Review of April Meeting Minutes (attached).** Chris made a motion to approve seconded by Jim to approve with Tom’s addition below. Passed unanimously.  
Tom recommended we add Bob Meier to the attendees since he was here for MOC.

### 3. Financial Updates:

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

-Senior Saints

-PWOC. Installation is tomorrow.

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

Neighborhood Bible Studies are finishing up this week. Discipleship Training Breakfast continues until 28 May when we will do our Spiritual Commissioning. Holy Smokes continues weekly, depending on the weather.

Special Events:

OCF Sendout Celebration was 28 April. Great time of fellowship and deliberate prayer between those staying and those PCSing.

BBQ for PWOC. OCF is supporting PWOC's end of year event by smoking brisket and pork tonight. Will be ready to serve at 1030

-MOC

**Meetings:** Every Thursday, 0600-0700 in Pioneer Chapel Activity Room (04, 11, 18, and 25 APR).

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

**Average attendance:** April 2024 attendance average was 9 with 7 typically in person and 2 more coming in virtually.

**Recent activity:**

- a. Bible study group: Studying *More Than a Carpenter*, by Josh McDowell. Progressed through Chapter 4 by the end of March.
- b. We expect a visit in May from MAJ Caleb Bloom, from Staff Group 11B to share his personal testimony.

**Notes:**

None

**Agenda items:**

None

-DRE

All Religious Education programs end this week for summer break.

-Youth of the Chapel

April was a full month of ministry activities! We had four weeks of Club in which we discussed what it looks like to live a godly life. Our topics included pride vs. humility, being the greatest by serving others, preferring others above ourselves, and we concluded the month with our tough questions panel. We had four chaplains join us for the panel this year: Ch Grimes, Ch Muilenburg, Ch Herring, and Ch Weinrich. The students submitted over 80 questions, so we couldn't answer every question, but we answered a lot of the "big" ones, like "why do bad things happen to good people?", "how do I know the Bible is reliable?", and "why is it wrong to have sex before marriage?". I love having the opportunity to answer these tough questions because it shows us where their hearts are and that they want to learn more about God and scripture.

We did have to postpone our Night Strike event due to the storms we had a couple of weeks ago, but we plan to have it in May. I also held a few building times with students; they helped me paint my office and we had a lot of quality time to fellowship and for discipleship.

May will be our busiest month of the school year! We only have three Clubs, but our last Club is our big end-of-year event - the Clubble. A Clubble is club in a massive, human "bubble" made of 6-mil plastic. The theme this year is Paint Wars. Every activity will include paint in or outside of the Clubble. We also have around 40 students PCSing this year, so we will have a time during our last Club to say goodbye to our PCSing students and give them a gift.

May wraps up with our YFC Military Camp from May 27-June 1. We are going to Eagle Sky Camp of the Ozarks with four other installations: Offutt AFB, MacDill AFB,

Mountain Home AFB, and Scott AFB. I have 55 students registered for Camp, which is broken down into eight small groups! I will be conducting a parent meeting regarding Camp on May 8.

**Total Participation:**

Cumulative Jr High

Attendance: 188

Cumulative Sr High

Attendance: 32 Total

Volunteer Staff: 26

**Financial Report:**

Youth For Christ Funds:

\$25 Appropriated

Funds: \$0

Non-appropriated Funds: \$3,450.66

-Sunday School

-Children's Church

-AWANA

-Financial Peace University

-Music

-Worship (Ushers, etc.)

-Outreach

- No connection cards have been received for follow up.
- Planning local outreach event in the fall; MTF
- Working with area churches to build a list of local Christ-centered missions

-Others

**5. Review of other old business**

- HS Senior/Graduate Sunday, Send Out, 12 May, AAR. Went well. Recognized one in 0830 and two in the 1100 service. Sustain-bibles for graduates. Jim recommended we separate it from Mother's Day. Maybe first Sunday in May? Send-Out service? Having separate would give more emphasis to the graduate.
- Volunteer Recognition Dinner AAR. Good food, nice slides, nice having gluten free stuff. Josh recommended adding a green item to the menu (other than cole slaw). Also add dessert.
- Summer transitions. Josh will be leaving in June, CH King will retire at some point. His replacement should arrive in July. Andrew will be taking the reins when Josh leaves.
- Welcome President Chris Quinlan and Vice President David Bodde David officially welcomed the new president and vice-president.
- VBS plans. Carl said will start recruiting soon, several key leaders have already been identified.

**6. Pastoral Guidance**

Josh doesn't have anything specific for the constitution at this time. He's highlighted sections that need to be reviewed by the council and then a few spots he's changed some language to update. He will send this out to everyone to begin to look at. Keith asked that he add comments to show his intent. Josh's last official act is 2 June service.

### **7. New Business**

- Set up constitutional Amendment Subcommittee. Dave Bodde asked what we might be amending. David explained it would include changes to some of the position descriptions that would better fit what we really do. Constitution also requires that it be looked at once a year by the council. Carl made a motion and Tom seconded to form a subcommittee to look at the constitution.

Committee: Chris Quinlan, David Bodde, & Tom Ward

- PAIR Day – August 17<sup>th</sup>. Chaplain Weinrich will get the email for the number of tables as it gets closer.

-Tom mentioned that some of the bibles in Pioneer are showing wear. He can replace if desired.

-This is Rose's last meeting as the PWOC president.

### **8. Upcoming calendar**

27 May – June 1            Youth Camp

8 -14 June                Leavenworth Week at Spring Canyon

### **9. Devotion / Opening Prayer Calendar**

May- Samantha

June-Chris

**10. Next Meeting:** 10 June 2024. Many people out this day because of Spring Canyon. Skipping June meeting. Next meeting 8 July.

**11. Closing Prayer.** Samantha closed in prayer.