

CROSSROADS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

7 October 2024

1700 hours

Frontier Chapel, Rm 158, Fort Leavenworth, KS

Attendees

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| Chris Quinlan-President | Tom Ward – MOC |
| David Bodde-Vice President | Keith Purvis – Children’s Church, Absent |
| CH(MAJ) Andrew Muilenburg– Pastor, Absent | Samantha Odle – Youth, YFC, Absent |
| Carl Tillery – DRE | Senior Saints (Vacant) |
| Kathy Kem – Secretary/Parish Coordinator, Absent | Jim Harbridge, OCF, Absent |
| Charles Gray-1100 Ushers | CH (MAJ) Dan King-Absent |
| Bill Reindl – 0830 Music, Absent | CH Chris Weinrich- Absent |
| Amy Quinlan, PWOC, Absent | Jeff Smith – Outreach |
| | CH Nate McLean |

1. Opening Prayer and Devotion – David Bodde shared a devotion from Isaiah 40:28 with the theme of “wait, walk, work” focused on the tension that comes from “waiting” and “walking.” He shared Psalm 127 which reminds us that the Lord must build the house. If He doesn’t, the builders labor in vain. He ended with some comments on prayer, for the purpose of discernment in the PAC.

2. Review of September Meeting Minutes (attached). No Vote due to lack of quorum.

3. Financial Updates. CH McLean shared a quarterly expenses breakdown spreadsheet to show where Crossroads budget allocations have been committed.

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

- **DRE report:** Programs are up and running. We still need some Children’s church leaders for both services. Youth club is being covered by volunteers and CH Herring and myself during contract down time. Sunday school is doing well.

-**Lay Ministry:** Neighborhood Bible Studies (NBS) continue. Our Highly Exalted President and his lovely wife (Exalted President of PWOC) hosted our first Leaders session. It was awesome! Chris and Amy did an amazing job hosting. Chris led a devotional and there was time for sharing and prayer. It is definitely a sustain!

Discipleship Training Breakfast (DTB) averages about 30 each Tuesday.

Holy Smokes: GREAT this year. 7-10 men per meeting. This year we meet at Tom Schmidt’s house when Kris Howell is travelling. The continuity clearly is positively impacting the trust and openness of the men.

Mentoring: We are a little behind normal numbers of individual mentoring relationships this year, but expect more to evolve from Holy Smokes, DTB, and NBS.

Coffee Conversations: Going well. 3-4 women meeting each week at Harbor Lights.

Music/Choir report: Plans are in place for the Christmas Cantata...I have it set for 15 December for several reasons. My understanding is that this works well with CGSC (they will not be on break yet) and also I will not have a full complement of choir members if we do it on the 8th. Other... everything sort of on hold with the musicians/AV and other contract situation ...

PWOC: -Established cleared volunteer roster for childcare during watch care contract gap. First week went well. We need six volunteers every week for the two volunteer rooms (in addition to the normal home school room), so we will be praying for sustainability of volunteers.

-Small drop in attendance due to travel and illness (around 80 ladies the past couple weeks).

-CH Appreciation Lunch this Thursday at noon.

-Next program day 22 Oct.

-Planning Bible studies for the next semester.

MOC: Meetings: Every Thursday, 0600-0700 in Pioneer Chapel Activity Room (5, 12, 19, 26 September)
Activity: Prayer praises and concerns, Bible & Book study, fellowship
Average attendance: SEP 2024 attendance average was 9 with 7 typically in person and 2 more coming in virtually. Peak attendance was 11, low was 6.

Recent activity:

- a. Studying 1 st Peter. Picked up on 3 OCT @ 1 Peter 3: 18, and will continue on 10 OCT @ 1 Peter 4:1, so that provides a good description of the pace we're employing.
- b. LOTS of prayer concerns in the community.

Notes:

Future events planned:

Next study – TBD, but probably 2 Peter, starting in late October. Next study direction also TBD, for determination in late November / early December.

Agenda items:

Sermon anthology. Info provided as separate attachments, in follow up email.

Outreach:

Past 30 days

- Follow Up with three connect cards (only prayer requests; no contact information)
- Prayer walk each Thursday around the barracks (1215)
- 1 Couple's Bible Study established from the Date Night held on 05 September (5 couples in attendance).

Planning

- Community Outreach:
 - *PX.* (07 December or 14 December)
 - *Singles.*
 - God has answered our prayers and has brought three SMs who desire to start a single soldier ministry and establish a Bible Study within the barracks. Two of the three SMs currently live in the barracks.
 - Our first Study at the barracks starts next week: Thursday, 10 OCT @1800.
 - Planning for an outreach event in the Spring.

- *Local Missions.* Meeting with CH McLean soon to discuss a way to emphasize missions throughout our small groups and provide opportunities for the body to serve.
- Missions Sunday (13 October): We will have a missionary attend our service on 13 OCT and discuss the work of missions in India. The presentation will occur during the Sunday School hour and will tentatively be held in the Pioneer Chapel fellowship hall from 0945-1045.

5. Review of other old business

- Constitutional Amendment Subcommittee (Vote)

- Opening prayer and devotion for upcoming meetings:

OCT – David Bodde

NOV – Jim Harbridge

DEC – Samantha

JAN - Chris

6. Pastoral Guidance. CH McLean gave guidance concerning capacities with no contract support for the time being. He said we are expected to provide church service, but we are an Army chapel. Under Army Regulations, the service is not expected to grow, but a service must be provided. He shared that CPBAC is pushing to move from local control of funds to higher control of funds.

7. New Business

-Designated Offering (FY25) Must be submitted to Funds team NLT 17 Oct.

- Contracts Impacts (Youth Retreat, Date Night, PWOC,)

- Leadership Training Event (19 Oct)

8. Upcoming calendar

14 October – Columbus Day

19 October – Leadership Luncheon

3 November – Daylight Savings Ends

11 November – Veterans Day

23 November – Greening the Chapel

26 November – Thanksgiving Service with Pie Social

9. Next Meeting: 7 Oct 24

10. Closing Prayer