

## PROTESTANT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

6 November 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

CH Andrew Muilenburg, absent

Rose McConnell, absent

Tom Ward – MOC

Keith Purvis – Children’s Church, absent

Samantha Odle – Youth, YFC, absent

Senior Saints (Vacant)

Jim Harbridge – absent

CH (MAJ) Dan King

CH Chris Weinrich

**1. Opening Prayer and Devotion** Carl Tillery shared about hopelessness and frustration focusing on the term “wits-end.” We looked at Psalm 107 that depicts a scene on a ship deck in a storm. The imagery of the sailors struggling to hold on, in despair of their situation, demonstrates coming to the end of human ability. In such circumstances God is the only one who can help us. Carl ended with a quote from Hudson Taylor “give up our all.”

**2. Review of Oct Meeting Minutes.** Approval carried..

1. **3. Financial Updates** CH King presented an update on chapel finances. He informed the Council that DFAS will not send out statements until after Thanksgiving. Our CTOF Budget Authority is currently \$181,919.39. This is a 33.9% growth compared to the last FY. He said that we will keep 50% of the BA in the account for spending availability.

- Tom Ward asked about appropriated funds.
- A list of end-of-lifecycle equipment will be compiled.
- The chapel will move to digital giving in the event the NDAA or CR is not passed on 17 November.

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

-Senior Saints. Vacant.

-PWOC. We had 76 at our fall program and 16 at our fall evening program. Everyone was blessed by Elaine Belardo as our guest speaker. Elaine is a member of the Multicultural Gospel service and used to be a part of PWOC before her life changed (her words).

Our next program is December 5, it will be a Lessons & Carols meeting with fellowship and Cookie Exchange. Some classes will meet again on Dec 12, others will end early, we will not have our large group time on Dec 12 due to the other meeting in the sanctuary that morning. We continue to be blessed as the chaplains support, encourage and run interference when there are hiccups in building scheduling or A/V issues.

We will take a break between December 12 and January 9. January 9 will be our Spring Semester Kickoff.

We are hoping to have a Spring Retreat off-site in March, still working out the details of that event. We are staying away from Spring Break and Easter weekends, are there any other chapel events in March we should be aware of as we plan?

-Lay Ministry. No report.

-MOC. No report.

-DRE - DRE briefed we have over 200 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

-Youth of the Chapel. No report.

-Music. Bill highlighted preparations for the Cantata are going well.

-Worship (Ushers, etc.)

-Others

## **5. Review of other old business**

-- Need to add date to un-green Chapel. Tentative date is 6 Jan, 2024.

-- Christmas decoration purchase needs to be submitted prior to 17 Nov, 2023.

## **6. Pastoral Guidance.**

### **7. New Business**

- FY 24 Designated offerings. Discussion on increasing designated offerings throughout the year. Need to understand current balance and receive DFAS report before board can discuss options.

### **8. Upcoming calendar**

- Cantata practice, ongoing every Thursday

- Greening the Chapel, 19 November

- Thanksgiving service, 21 Nov

- Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

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

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:

    1700 Contemporary Service (at Pioneer)

    1900 Traditional Service (at Pioneer)

**9. Next Meeting:** 11 Dec 23

**10. Closing Prayer.** Tom closed in prayer.

