

## CROSSROADS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

12 August 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

Bill Reindl – 0830 Music

Amy Quinlan, 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, Absent

CH Nate McLean, Absent

**1. Opening Prayer and Devotion** – Tom Ward led the devotion 1 Peter 1:13-21. We are called to be holy. We can’t be perfect, but we can strive to perfection in Christ. Our Faith & Hope are in God.

**2. Review of May Meeting Minutes (attached).** Motion by Carl, seconded by David Bodde. Passed unanimously.

### 3. Financial Updates

-Current Tracker. No report this month. Andrew was told on Sunday that most of the contracts are sitting on the IMCOM chaplain’s desk for approval. Carl said that the appropriated funds are already turned off.

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

-Senior Saints. Vacant. Kathy asked DK to fill this position, but he declined. David will temporarily take on this duty. David suggested that speakers during the service need to speak up and speak more slowly with good articulation. Discussion about monitors for the choir members who are not able to hear.

-PWOC

-We had a successful summer session 9, 16, and 23 July! Lots of new ladies came out.

-Our last couple summer playground meet-ups were also very successful. Our last meet-up we had 29 ladies join us at the playground for fellowship.

-We have just about every position on the board filled and conducted our board training event 20 July.

-Represented at the Spouse Orientation evening, spoke with a few ladies.

-PWOC Fall Kickoff is 20 August

-Board meeting 14 August to finalize kickoff plans.

-We are planning for 120 ladies.

-9 Bible studies for daytime, 1 Bible study for the evening group.

-Bible study facilitator training occurred today.

-We have an amazing group of women volunteering for the homeschool room this year. A huge blessing!

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

Discipleship Training Breakfast started 9 July. Summer series on Building Community ends tomorrow morning, and we start regular DTB next week. We are averaging about 28 so far, but those numbers are low given that MCTP has been gone for much of that time.

Neighborhood Bible Studies: We had our NBS Kickoff Conference on Saturday with 23 in attendance. This was a more traditional OCF Kick-off than it has been the last few years, but we had awesome support from Chris and Andrew. We have six Bible studies that will this month. Studies are forming in Lower Kansa, Kickapoo, Main Post, Normandie, Pottawatomie, and Santa Fe. We have an existing one in Leavenworth, and a potential for a Geo-Bachelor study to form still.

Christian Mentoring: I am still meeting with one man from last year who stayed for SAMS. Dr. Jack Kem is our Mentoring coordinator and giving our DTB lesson on mentorship tomorrow. We will begin to make pairings/connections tomorrow morning.

Holy Smokes: We used Holy Smokes as an event at Leavenworth week this past summer, and as a result have at least two new men who plan to join this year. We are going to have a less regular meeting schedule this year due to the MCTP travel schedule of our leader, COL Kris Howell.

-MOC

**Meetings:** Every Thursday, 0600-0700 in Pioneer Chapel Activity Room (11, 18, 25 July; we did not meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July)

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

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

**Recent activity:**

- a. We finished the study on *More Than a Carpenter*, by Josh McDowell.
- b. We launched on a study of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, and plan to follow that with a study of 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter.

**Notes:**

Future events planned:

Next study – TBD, probably in late October.

Boy's night out to see *The Sound of Freedom* and *Unsung Hero*

**Agenda items:**

None

-DRE

VBS went very well with around 270 attending. Wonderful volunteers. A special thank you to the Quinlans for all they did.

Kids Sunday School begins Sept 8th we still need some teachers and seconds. Still need 3/4<sup>th</sup> & 5/6 grades and a second teacher for the high school students. Really need strong teachers for high school kids. Jim says it needs to be more consistent. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> are covered. Andrew said he may be able to help out with youth, but Carl needs a 2<sup>nd</sup> to help cover.

Children's church has started and we need some help in the 0830 and 1100 rotation. Lesson plans are provided, some are video assisted.

-Youth of the Chapel

July started off slow because I was on vacation until the 15<sup>th</sup>, but we have picked up speed with ministry planning and ministry activities the second half of the month. We have had our weekly park dates and a couple pool days. Ministry planning for our fall semester kickoff has been in full force. We are doing an Olympic Games series for our kickoff that will last the entire month of August. High schoolers will lead teams of 6-10 students, and each team will compete in our Campus Life Olympic games.

We have continued the senior high bible study on Wednesday evenings. The goal of this bible study was to teach students how to read and study the Bible and how to live a godly life according to scripture. Our topics in July were "the person and work of Jesus through the gospel of John", "Sin and sanctification", and in our last week we began going through a book *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges. This book talks about the sins that Christians often struggle with, how to identify them through self-examination, and how to put them off and put on godly thoughts and behaviors instead. This bible study will resume in September, and we will continue going through this book.

May wait until after VBS next year for the kick-off. It was a bit much to have both in the same week.

Need more male volunteers right now (two for middle school)

Keith shared that he think it's important to start youth group before school starts to draw them in. Carl shared that VBS was a little later this year to allow for volunteers to become cleared. Sam suggested that a substitute during the summer would be helpful so the permanent party kids are not left out for the summer.

**Total Participation:**

Cumulative Jr High

Attendance: 10

Cumulative Sr High

Attendance: 32

Total Volunteer

Staff: 16

**Financial Report:**

Youth For Christ Funds:

\$50 Appropriated

Funds: \$0

Non-appropriated Funds: \$1,522.15

-Sunday School. See above.

-Children's Church. See above.

-AWANA

-Financial Peace University

-Outreach. No report.

-Music

This transition/summer season has caused the choir to vary greatly in the voices that are present for any given Sunday. Sherry Caracci had cataract surgery and recently received her new glasses, praise to God for her improved vision to give her greater freedom to share her talents in leading worship! Thankful for the volunteer efforts of Pam Meier, and Chong Bennett to assist as needed.

Calling hymns recently from the blue hymnal, in the most part to help people to simply open it. There is a tremendous crossover between the two hymnals - and there are differences even as the Word hymnal (our Grey) would have some differences with the Baptist hymnal (Lifeway).

-Worship (Ushers, etc.). Charles said need to make an announcement for the coming year since several folks have PCS'd. Very helpful to have several folks in the foyer to greet people. Counting occurs after the services now so ushers remain in the service.

-Others. Tom Ward said that he appreciated the cookies that we've recently had since they are not as sweet.

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

- Constitutional Amendment Subcommittee (Update).

David said the strategy was to place the items that are likely to change at the end of the document and not a part of the formal constitution and don't require an amendment. Will talk in depth at the next meeting. Kathy suggested we create a tracking document to view changes that are proposed.

- VBS AAR. Cleared volunteers are still an issue, which is why VBS started a week later this year. VBS went very well with around 270 attending. Wonderful volunteers. A special thank you to the Quinlans for all they did. The fingerprint rodeo was also a huge success. Will likely do that again the Spring. The ice shaver machine broke this year and wasn't able to do the shaved ice on Thursday.

- PX Outreach Event AAR

- Neighborhood Bible Study Training AAR

- Opening prayer and devotion for upcoming meetings:

JUL – Chris Q

AUG – Tom Ward

SEP – Keith Purvis

OCT – David Bodde

NOV – Jim Harbridge

DEC –

**6. Pastoral Guidance.** Andrew said that he will be in school till Nov 14<sup>th</sup>. Chaplain McLean will preach at least 2 of 4 moving forward. Want to keep Chaplain Vineyard in the rotation as well. Andrew said that his hope is to jump back in after school ends. Keith asked if the same sermon would be kept at both services. Andrew said that it would. Stressed the need for consistency.

Bowling event is a 'come and see' event. Successful outreach event at the PX. There were 5 who were out there. Would like to do that again maybe leading up to Christmas.

### **7. New Business**

- Ministry Tables – Pioneer & Frontier. How is it going?
- PAIR Day – Manning schedule? Kathy will be assembling bags on Wednesday at 10am.

### **8. Upcoming calendar**

- 7 Aug – Youth Group Resumes Weekly Mtgs
- 18 Aug – Crossroads Bowling Event
- 20 Aug – PWOC Fall Kick-off
- 8 September – Children’s Sunday School
- 20-21 September – BBQ Bonanza

### **9. Next Meeting: 9 Sep 24**

### **10. Closing Prayer**