

PROTESTANT PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

12 February 2024

1700 hours, **In-Person and Zoom**

Frontier Chapel Rm 158 Fort Leavenworth, KS

Attendees

David Hunter-Chester, President

Chris Quinlan-Vice-President

CH(MAJ) Josh Grimes – Pastor

Carl Tillery – DRE, Absent

Kathy Kem – Secretary/Parish Coordinator

Charles Gray-1100 Ushers, Absent

Bill Reindl – 0830 Music

CH Andrew Muilenburg, Absent

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 – CH Weinrich led the devotion and prayer.

2. Review of January Meeting Minutes (attached) Motion by Chris Quinlan and seconded by Keith Purvis. Approved unanimously.

3. Financial Updates: Last Sunday of February we will publish an update for the financial status. Andrew will be creating the document.

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

-Senior Saints. No report.

-PWOC.

Spring Kickoff Jan 23 – attendance 96 am, 10 pm

Seven (7) morning studies, one (1) evening study.

Running around 90 women in the morning studies, 6 in the evening study.

We are waiting on completion of the contract for the retreat location. Funds staff here continue to track it. Retreat March 22-24

We have started Leadership Selection for next year’s board. Our Leadership Selection team is praying, and applications have been made available. This year we also put out brief surveys through the classes for women to let us know if they will be moving this summer. The survey also gives a way for women to recommend leaders to the team. Five board positions are selected by the Leadership Selection team, the rest of the board is appointed by the incoming President with consent of the Chaplain Sponsor.

Additional information:

(PWOC Ministry Manual gives guidance for the leadership selection process – the Selected Board positions are President, 1VP Spiritual Life, 2VP Programs, Financial Liaison and Administrative Coordinator. According to these guidelines, qualifications for these positions include:

Is the spouse of a service member currently serving in any U.S. military component (Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard) or is a female serving in any U.S. military component.

Is active in a Protestant Military Chapel. The PWOC Chaplain Sponsor defines “active.” Any exceptions to policy regarding qualifications for Selected Board members must be approved by the PWOC Chaplain Sponsor and attached to the Executive Board Application, indicating that the Chaplain is aware of the situation and is willing to waive the requirement.)

(There are strong reasons to make every effort to find leaders who meet the requirements before making an exception to policy ~ Rose’s editorial)

(The term limits for these positions are as follows:

1. All Board members, Selected and Appointed, serve a one-year term, typically May to May, in alignment with the school calendar.
2. All leadership steps down at the end of the PWOC year.
3. A Board member may serve a maximum of two terms in the same position (pending selection/ appointment).
4. A one-year sabbatical is recommended for leaders who have served three years in any combination of positions to allow restoration and renewal as well as providing new leaders the opportunity to step up with fresh perspective.)

-Lay Ministry (Neighborhood Bible Studies, OCF Discipleship Breakfast, etc.). DTB: average 30 per week. Represents a similar number from last term. Great participation from CGSC Students.

NBS: All Bible Studies still ongoing. Christina and I visited two studies over the last two Wednesday’s. Both are really good, and continue to grow (new families joining).

Holy Smokes: First event of the term is this Thursday. Probably will be the only one until the end of March.

Coffee Conversations (Women’s Group): Meets every Wednesday at Harbor Lights. 4-5 Women and their children. Group is also growing as participants invite others.

-MOC. Meetings: Every Thursday, 0600-0700 in Pioneer Chapel Activity Room (04, 11, 18, and 25 JAN). Activity: Prayer praises and concerns, Bible & Book study, fellowship
Average attendance: January attendance average was 11, with 8 typically in person and 3 more coming in virtually. The Christmas miracle (restoration of the WiFi internet connection) has generally held up (one session dropped off without explanation). We still observe that several remote participants have not returned.

Recent activity:

- a. Bible study group: Finished 2 Samuel, and has elected to do a study of More Than a Carpenter, by Josh McDowell.
- b. Book study group has had attendance of one... these are the folks that have fallen out of the habit (except Jim!).

-DRE. Lenten lunches start this Wednesday at 1200 in room 153. RE classes are going well

-Youth of the Chapel. Samantha reported In January we started our spring semester with a "Super-Sized" Club Kickoff Event. Everything we did was super-sized, from giant twister and giant Jenga to games and competitions with six foot beach balls! There was also a parent meeting in the month of January, primarily to discuss details about our YFC

Military Camp at Eagle Sky this May. There were 27 parents in attendance at the meeting. Our Club talks have been discussing what a student's identity is in Christ and how they can become the person they want to be through Him. In the last week of the month, I attended the Youth For Christ National Conference in Orlando. All of my volunteer leaders stepped up and helped run Club and made sure everything ran smoothly.

February will be a typical month with Club and one special event. Our special event will be on February 9th and we will be having a game night and watching Lion King (it goes along with our Club talks the past few weeks). I will also be meeting with a few local pastors throughout the month to discuss a collaboration event.

Camp registration is going well with 46 students already registered! I am really grateful to the chapel community who has set aside funds to help students attend this awesome camp for military-connected youth!

Total Participation:

Cumulative Jr High
Attendance: 140
Cumulative Sr High
Attendance: 21 Total
Volunteer Staff: 19

Financial Report:

Youth For Christ Funds:
\$75 Appropriated Funds:
\$0
Non-appropriated Funds: \$1,737.24\\

Have 49 students signed up for camp so far.

- Sunday School-See above.
- Children's Church. Keith reported going well. At 0830 had 27 this past Sunday. Easily that many more at the 1100 service.
- AWANA.
- Financial Peace University
- Music. Bill reported mostly focused on upcoming Easter music. Will be starting some volunteer music instruction prior to choir practice.
- Worship (Ushers, etc.)
- Others

5. Review of other old business

- Easter service prep.
Sunrise is planned for inside. If really nice weather, then outside Pioneer chapel. Thinking about doing something similar where the last song is outside with the cross. Donuts afterwards. Regular scheduled services will occur that day.

- Christmas decorations – is there a consolidated list? Kathy needs to follow through with the smaller trees in Frontier. The current Frontier decorations are across from room 158 if we need to look at it. Need to prepare purchase order no later than 1 October. Alternatively, a person can use their tithe money to purchase decorations and then donate those back to the chapel.

6. Pastoral Guidance.

Josh shared that will be baptisms offered at both services on Easter Sunday. Wants the baptismal problem diagnosed rather than just patched. Will need a standby plan to heat the water.

CH Weinrich said that DPW has fixed the lights in sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Ch Muilenburg is preparing a Maundy Service flyer to distribute to families.

OCF Leavenworth Week. We will be offering 20 families up to \$500 each. If we don't get 20 families, then families may receive more than \$500. Will also receive 20% discount from Spring Canyon and \$500 per family. Maximum of \$3000 includes the 20% discount.

Need to revise the constitution in reference to CrossRoads and some of the position descriptions (Hospitality, maybe lay ministries). Perhaps clip boards for signups for these teams.

Still need a senior saints representative. Jan mentioned something about caring for Widows. There is an increasing number of these. She may be willing to lead this, but with help. Does this become part of Senior Saints or do we do a name change that incorporates it?

Josh mentioned that we need to look at each of our ministries and how they fit into our mission and with the rest of our ministries that don't conflict with one another. Centralized effort where not creating extra things that are not coordinated or connected. Empower ministries

Outreach. Jeff said that they are planning to meet in the near future. Welcoming people making them feel welcome. Still praying as to what that looks like.

7. New Business

- Transitions:

- Chaplains PCSing

Chaplain King maybe June. SGT Hughes will be doing the PORs, but the AF and contracts will be more of a challenge after he leaves.

Chaplain Durham will also be leaving.

- Future President / VP nominating committee. Need a new President and VP that will start in June. Traditionally set up a 3 person subcommittee. Jim Harbridge volunteered as well as Keith Purvis. Constitution limits 2 consecutive terms. Rose asked if the committee member needs to be on the current council. Kathy verified that it does. Need a third person.

8. Upcoming calendar

14 February	Lenten Lunch
21 February	Lenten Lunch
27 February	PWOC Program
28 February	Lenten Lunch
6 March	Lenten Lunch
20 March	Lenten Lunch
22 March	PWOC Retreat
24 March	Palm Sunday
29 March	Good Friday
31 March	Easter Sunday

27 May – June 1 Youth Camp
8 -14 June Leavenworth Week at Spring Camyon

9. Devotion / Opening Prayer Calendar

Feb-Chris
March-David
April- Jim
May- Samantha

10. Next Meeting: 4 MAR 2024 – not 11 Mar because of Spring Break

11. Closing Prayer. Jeff Smith closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm