

## CROSSROADS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

12 November 2024

1700 hours

Frontier Chapel, Rm 158, Fort Leavenworth, KS

### Attendees

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	Jim Harbridge, OCF
Charles Gray-1100 Ushers, Absent	CH (MAJ) Abraham Kim-Absent
Bill Reindl – 0830 Music, Absent	CH (MAJ) Chris Weinrich
Amy Quinlan, PWOC	Jeff Smith – Outreach
CH (LTC) Jared Vineyard	CH (LTC) Nate McLean

**1. Opening Prayer and Devotion** – Jim Harbridge. Jim shared a Sacrifice of Praise story at this Thanksgiving season.

**2. Review of October Meeting Minutes (attached).** Motion by David Bodde and seconded by Jim Harbridge to accept the minutes. Passed.

### **3. Financial Updates**

-Current Tracker

-Contract Updates. Chaplain McLean shared an update and hopes that the contracts will be coming through soon. Hopefully within the next 3-5 weeks. \$50,000 was moved from PGMN into Soldier Ministry at least week’s CPBAC. Will likely also receive some AF money back later on in the year because none was spent in October and November or however long it takes to get the contracts in place.

Chris Q asked if we could generate a report that shows the spending for the last year. Chaplain McLean said we could do that. It was suggested we bring the report to the next council meeting and then in the bulletin after that. The report is generated through OS56.

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

-Senior Saints-Vacant.

-PWOC

-Attendance is holding steady around 72.

-Bible studies groups are a little more than halfway through material for the semester. We have hit some controversial subjects, but ladies have been committed to peace and seeking truth in God's Word.

-Our Christmas Program will be on 10 December, which will be a wonderful opportunity for ladies to invite friends and neighbors who may be considering joining us in the Spring.

-Our inreach and outreach groups are meeting regularly for fellowship and supporting/serving in various ways (depending on what ladies have signed up for).

-Our child care volunteers have been incredible, however we remain prayerful for a new contract to be approved by next semester.

-We are gearing up for training our new facilitators for the new Bible studies that will begin in January. (Spring Kickoff will be 14 January.)

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

**DTB:** Participation is holding steady at about 30 each week. We had two officers here for PCC join us for several weeks. They were awesome and really made the discussion better. They were both also active in other ministry events (Holy Smokes and NBS). We finish up our Fall term on 3 December with Tom and Jean Schmidt leading their Pray, Discover, Obey Lesson. Many of you are familiar with it, but if you have not heard it, I highly recommend you attend. This is a great time of year to recommit to trying this in your own marriage.

**NBS:** All studies are going strong. Chris and Amy led another Leaders gathering this month to build up and encourage those leaders. They held it at the Chapel due to the issues with watch care, but still had an excellent session because they are awesome!

**Holy Smokes:** Continues to meet weekly, with 5-9 men per week. We have an alternate and tertiary meeting location this year. It has allowed us to meet much more regularly.

**Coffee Conversations:** Christina meets weekly with a group of women (6 women and 3-5 children). They sometimes meet on post in one of the women's homes for a change of pace. It has been cool to see some of the women who joined her last year take the lead in inviting new women to participate.

-MOC

**Meetings:** Every Thursday, 0600-0700 in Pioneer Chapel Activity Room (3, 10, 17, 24, 30 OCT)

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

**Average attendance:** OCT 2024 attendance average was 11 with 10 typically in person and 1 more coming in virtually.

**Recent activity:**

- a. Finished studying 1<sup>st</sup> Peter.
- b. Launched into 2 Peter.
- c. LOTS of prayer concerns in the community.

**Notes:**

- a. We will not meet on NOV 28, 2024. (Thanksgiving Day)
- b. Investigating the possibility of a group dinner with spouses (sometime before Christmas)
- c. Also investigating a gentlemen's outing to see *Bonhoeffer* as a group

-DRE

Religious education program's are going well.

This Sunday shoeboxes will be collected and also designated offering for cost of boxes. We are looking forward to a great event.

-Youth of the Chapel. Youth is continuing with great volunteers until contract is finished. Carl has stepped in to do middle schoolers until the contract is finalized.

-Sunday School had a holiday last week but will restart this week.

-Children's Church. Packed boxes this past Sunday for Operation Christmas Child, about 50 boxes.

-AWANA-Not active this year.

-Financial Peace University-Not active. Carl talked with Zack and hope to start back in February.

-Outreach

**Past 30 days**

- Follow Up with seven connect cards (phone call to three)
- Prayer walk each Thursday around the barracks (1215)

**Planning**

- Community Outreach:
  - *PX*. We would like to go back to the PX and engage our community with the Gospel. Back in September we did this by providing coffee and cookies as a means of starting conversations. Our two recommended dates are 07 December or 14 December. This would allow us to use the upcoming Christmas holiday as a follow up tool and invite people to Chapel. Of note, outreach does not have a line item in the budget in order to pursue this.
  - *Local Missions*. Will meet with CH McLean to discuss a way forward.
- Missions Sunday: (TBD)

**CRU MILITARY Report:**

**Past 30 days**

- *Single Soldiers*.
  - Bible Study in the Single Soldiers Barracks with dinner, 1800-1930 each Thursday (average of 8 in attendance). We have had 1 SM come to faith (he PCS'ed the following week) and two other "non-believers" have been attending over the past two weeks. Please pray that God would open their eyes to the truth and grant them faith and repentance.
  - Camping/Bonfire: We had 8 soldiers attend an outreach event on Saturday, 26 OCT.
  - Core group mentoring: Four of us gather twice a week for discipleship and planning.
- *International Students*.
  - Currently praying following OCF (every two weeks).
- *Couples*.
  - Support Garrison Date Nights. No support in OCT due to childcare.
  - Coordinate for small group Marriage Bible Study as requested. No support requested from October's event.
- *UMT support*. Met with 5 UMT members for encouragement and prayer.

**Planning**

- *Single Soldiers*.
  - We will host a Thanksgiving Dinner for Single Soldiers at our house as a means of strengthening the relationships we currently have and reaching out to new service members. Please pray that Christ would be exalted through the event and that those who do not know him would be saved.
- *International students*. We will gather for a specific prayer/planning session soon (DTG TBD)

-Music

Unable to attend and truly wish I was able to as it is the busy season...

Music report... a challenging time as we struggle through the present contract situation.

One blessing is that the Christmas Cantata uses a track to support the choir so that the present absence of our accompanist, Sherry Caracci, is not felt as greatly. We are grateful to have Linda Stephens join us for the Cantata!

We are thankful for Pam Meier for volunteering to play organ and piano, and to Chong Bennett for accompanying the hymns on piano with Pam. Both serve while also communicating their appreciation for Sherry and their anticipation of soon receiving Sherry back into her role.

Planning Thanksgiving and Advent/Christmas music. Cantata set for 12/15. The two between Thanksgiving and the Cantata the plan is for Cantata pieces to be used as the offering music as a preview of the Cantata.

Thankful for the talents and commitment of the choir members, the extra effort of our volunteer musicians/accompanists, and the Chaplains and others that support our worship of the Lord.

- Worship (Ushers, etc.)
- Others

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

- Designated Offering (FY25)

- Oct – Samaritan’s Purse (Disaster Relief)
- Nov – Samaritan’s Purse (Operation Christmas Child)
- Feb – Sparrow Women’s Clinic
- April – OCF
- Aug – Gideons

- Leadership Training Event AAR. (October 19<sup>th</sup>). Looking at February to do something similar and then in April volunteer appreciation day. Open to topics for these events with similar format as the October event. Would like to include chapel safety, leadership as well as others, children and youth.
- Contract Impacts (Youth, Date Night, PWOC,).

**6. Pastoral Guidance.** CH Vineyard shared “We don’t wrestle with flesh and blood....” Know this is part of the battle. Stand for Jesus. Chaplain McLean shared that he believes that God wants to move here at Ft Leavenworth. Both were very encouraging to the body.

#### **7. New Business**

- Greening the Chapel-23 November, 0900
- Thanksgiving Service-26 November 1700
- Christmas Eve Service-1700 Frontier Chapel
- Christmas Day Service-1900 Pioneer Chapel?

#### **8. Upcoming calendar**

- 17 November – Designated Offering (Operation Christmas Child)
- 17 November – Shoebox Collection
- 23 November – Greening the Chapel
- 26 November – Thanksgiving Service with Pie Social

**9. Devotion / Opening Prayer Calendar**

NOV – Jim Harbridge

Dec – Samantha/Carl

Jan – Chris Quinlan

**10. Next Meeting:** 9 December 2024

**10. Closing Prayer**