

October 17th Clifton Council Meeting

Present:

Pastor Crescentia
Dohi
Atsuki
Doris
Merlyn
Mitchell
Etsuko
Doreen

Council Nominations (30 minutes)

- Discussion of number of council members
 - Etsuko concerned that there are not normally enough nominations. And the council searches for replacements. That search ends up determining who gets elected to the council.
 - Etsuko expressing concern about council representing demographics (geographic, gender, age)
 - Pastor Crescentia expressed main focus of council on financial / building matters
 - Dohi expressed council supporting Pastor (financial / building) as well as constructive feedback
 - Etsuko also concerned that voting cuts some people out despite a desire to contribute
 - Doris said the election process should be realistic about what they would be doing. It is mostly financial / real estate.
 - Doris mentioned that we don't actively hear concerns of members.
 - Conclusion: Let's collect nominations and see what we get as a first step.
 - Action: Dohi will modify council nomination announcement:
 - Accepting nominations through 10/8
 - Need council members with building/financial knowledge

Discussion of Building (1 hr)

- Window Repair: Due to the costly estimates we have received so far (\$8,000 - \$41,000), we are going to look for more estimates. Dorreen & Etsuko will reach out to contacts who might have knowledge of window repair. Pastor Crescentia will task a ministry team member with scheduling more quotes.
 - gutter & downspout: Mitchell will pass estimate to Pastor Crescentia. Mitchell will schedule it.
 - closet repair ceiling: Mitchell will pass estimate to Pastor Crescentia. Mitchell will schedule it.
 - Walkthrough: Approved to go ahead and schedule it. estimated cost of \$500-\$600.
 - bricks: on hold
 - Action:
 - Ask community if they have any knowledge of window repair.

- Ask community to donate for building fund to help pay for upcoming expenses.

General Financial Matters (20 minutes)

- Tithing is down this month
- Thought is that this is due to CheonBo contributions and other donation drives.
- Will take a wait and see attitude for now.

- Open Council Meeting (15 minutes)

- Date: November 15 (so that we have the October financial report)
- Location: At the tail end of the Sunday D3 Community Gathering. This will help with attendance as well while still allowing people to leave if they have no interest.
- Try to keep it to 15-20 minutes. No ministry reporting. Financial report & ask for input.

- Reopening of the In-Person services

- Pastor asks for opinion on when we could. She expressed that this is an integral part of ministry, while needing to respect health concerns.
 - possible Saturday services
 - possible early Sunday Service (before national service)
 - indicates that effort would be large
- Dohi suggested outside is better, but inside is ok if:
 - social distancing
 - temperature check for everyone
 - maybe survey about contact before allowing entry to building
- We will wait and see how this coming Saturday service goes.
- Half of council thought it was important to try and meet in person before national services stop.

Action Items:

- Council nominations:
 - Dohi: Modify Council Nomination Announcement
- Building
 - Mitchell: follow up with Pastor Crescentia on gutter and closet ceiling repair
 - Dohi: Create Text for fundraiser
 - Dohi: Create Text for community input on window repair
 - Kaneko & Doreen: Reach out to contacts for help with window repair quote
- Financial: Wait and see
- Open Council meeting: Nov 15
 - Dohi: Create Financial Report
- Next Council Meeting: Nov 8