

## **Clifton Council Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> Elected Council

1/05/14

**Attendance:** Pastor Manoj Jacob; Misayo Bien; Kyoko Anderson; Alain Tamelessio; Kathaleen Sato; Masako Feddema and Tamayo Oppenheimer

- The meeting was called to order at 7:26 pm by Rev. Sato.
- Council Chair Sato led the Opening Prayer and welcomed everyone to the first Council Meeting of the New Year. It was Mrs. Feddema's birthday. We sang Happy Birthday and shared refreshments.

### **Old Business:**

- A) Updates on the status of the two members (1<sup>st</sup> Gen and 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen.) who were nominations from the list of the top 10** (of those who received the most votes.) Carlson Allen (2<sup>nd</sup> Gen.) and Robert Beebe. Pastor Jacob reported that Mr. Beebe accepted the nomination to join the Council. Carlson Allen declined. Zeth Bell was the next 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen. in line, from the list. (There were other 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen. above Carlson and Zeth on the list, from the previous Council who received more votes. However, they declined to participate in the Council, at this time.) After a lengthy discussion, the nomination of Zeth Bell, as a council member was put to vote. The Majority were in favor of Zeth Bell joining the Council (4 Yes/ 2 No). Pastor Manoj was asked to inform Zeth Bell.
- B) Report on the Selection of a representative from Clifton Church Council for the National Church Council.** Pastor Manoj reported that Elizabeth Family Church does not have a Church Council yet. They are operating under a Committee system. Pennsylvania Family Church hasn't decided whether they want to have a Church Council. All three states (in the District) must have Churches Councils in order to select a representative from the District, for the National Council. One of the pastors would also be selected as the District Pastor.
- C) Nominations for Council Secretary and Vice Council Chair**  
It was decided to table the nominations until the next meeting to allow the complete council to vote.

### **New Business:**

- 1) Building and Finance Committee** - The Council members requested an explanation of the purpose of the committees and how they functioned in the previous council. A brief explanation was given by Pastor Manoj. He said the committees offered suggestions to the Council regarding the church mortgage; or purchasing a church. The committee is chosen by the Council and operates under its authority.
- 2) Report on previous council** - It was suggested to invite \*Mr. Hessell to the next Council Meeting, to give a brief report on the previous council, in order to learn from their experience.

- 3) **Town Hall Meeting** – It was proposed to have a Town Hall Meeting in February. Witnessing and creating a clear Education Program for guest and new members, were suggested as topics. However, Council Members felt it was more important to first hear the Goals that Pastor Jacob wants to focus for 2014 (related True Mother Vision 2020). Pastor Manor was asked to share the goals at the next Council Meeting.
  - 4) **Announcements** – Foundation Day is February 12<sup>th</sup> (February 11<sup>th</sup> in America). A 21- day Prayer Condition for Clifton Church was suggested to Pastor Jacob as preparation leading up to Foundation Day. The next Council Meeting will be Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM.
- The meeting was concluded with prayer by Alain Tamelessio, at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Kathaleen Sato*  
Council Chair

- \* It was later decided to ask Mr. Beebe to give the report on the previous council, as he was elected to the current council and will be present at the next Council Meeting.