

Clifton Council Meeting
2/21/14

Attendance: Pastor Manoj, Mrs. Kyoko Andersson, Rev. Sato, Mrs. Misayo Bien, Mr. Robert Beebe, Mrs. Masako Feddema, Mr. Zeth Bell

- The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM
- Rev. Sato led the Opening Prayer and welcomed everyone

Agenda:

Old Business:

A. Updates on the Church Parsonage

- The letter to Dr. Ann Iparraquirre informing her of the two months' notice, was read. Dr. Ann was also notified of the rent and utility payments (for February and March.) Pastor Manoj, Mrs. Endo and Rev. Sato met with Dr. Ann to discuss the rent and utility payments. She informed us that she was unable to make the payments at this time. Dr. Ann signed an agreement to pay at a later date.

B. Suggestions from the Suggestion Box

- The suggestions from the suggestion box that was used by the former council were read. The suggestions were regarding the job description of the Pastor and Council as well as other suggestions for the church.

C. Security

- It was suggested to distribute a new code for the entrances of the church to improve security

D. Listing of Council E-mails

- Council member's e-mails will be listed in the church E-news

E. Designing the Town Hall Meeting

- The options for the format of the meeting were reviewed. The format was decided ((1) Pastor Manoj's Presentation (2) Hear Opinions (3) Call to Action.)
- Pastor Manoj reported about showing the Power Point (PP) presentation to the communities. In some communities he showed the PP and other he just listened to the members concerns (depending on the atmosphere.)
- It was suggested that we connect with FFWP Headquarters and find out what their vision is for 2014. Then align our vision with theirs. (It was later clarified that the current vision that Pastor Manoj prepared, is based on True Mother's and Headquarters' direction.)
- It was suggested to use a portion of the Town Hall Meeting to present different outreach activities.
- It was also suggested to allocate part of the meeting for insights, suggestions, and practical issues.

- *The vision for the Education Curriculum will be Included in the PP presentation*

F. Suggested flow of the program

- *7pm –Start program /Welcome and refreshments*
- *7:30 pm PP presentation by Pastor Manoj (20 minutes max.)*
- *Present current witnessing methods and programs*
- *Hear opinions from the community*
- *Call for Action*
- *Prayer*
- *Mingle with members (according to each council members schedule)*

G. Roles and Responsibilities:

- *Respond to questions and concerns asked by the community- All council members*
- *MC & Timekeeper – Tamayo Oppenheimer *now confirmed**
- *Two members for collecting questions and suggestions – Mrs. Feddema*
- *Sorting and prioritizing questions – Rev. Sato*
- *Two ushers to give out handouts at entrance before the meeting (youth from community) – Zeth Bell*
- *Minutes of the meeting – Zeth Bell*
- *Prepare and set- up refreshments – church staff*
- *Prepare flyers and handouts for the Meeting ???*

H. Introduction the Council at Sunday Service

- *Sunday March 2nd Pastor Manoj will introduce the Council at the 9am and 11am Service.*

I. Next meeting March 14th

New Business:

- Improve security and maintenance of church facilities*
- Photo OP (Council Members)*
- Two NJ Representatives are needed to be Board Members for Camp Sunrise (Please send any additional names via e-mail prior to next meeting)*
 - *Qualifications for the representatives: active members with prior knowledge or experience in financial matters. (Both younger and elder members are acceptable.)*
Mr. Nitro, Mr. Hessel and Meadow Haider were suggested as possible candidates.
- Dress Standard for Band members who volunteer*

The Meeting was closed in prayer by Mrs. Feddema at 9:50 PM

Secretary,

-Zeth Bell