

Clifton Council Meeting Minutes

2nd elected council 5/2/14

Attendance: Guests:

- Opening: 7:42 Rev. Sato opened in prayer Read Motto
- Attendance: Pastor Manoj, Kyoko Andersson, Rev. Sato, Alain Tamelessio, Robert Beebe, Zeth Bell, Tomayo Oppenheimer, Masako Feddema, Masayo Bien
- Reading of minutes ()

Agenda:

Old Business:

A. *Planning for Town Hall Meeting 5/25/14*

- Style for meeting is listening to the community, addressing their issues, and forming goals to accomplish.
- Take time to answer questions from previous meeting at beginning of this next council meeting. (It was also suggested to post all or most answers to a community forum so that the community feels that they are being acknowledged and answered.)
- Print and read portion of charter to explain the specifics of council's role. One point being that Council directs church members towards the correct person or group that is associated with their issue; we should clarify that the main focus of the council is to addresses issues centered on finances, staff positions, and HQ reports.
- Responsibilities
 - Timekeeper for question giver length (Mr. Tamelessio's daughter)
 - MC (read rules, council responsibilities,) – Zeth (Vote: for 7/ against 1)
 - Field questions with Microphone - Mrs. Bien will find person to hand microphone to audience
 - {Question options read or give: Two lines for questions & Include Name}
 - Photographer – Oliver (Pastor Manoj)
 - Setup – Mr. Beebe, Mr. Tamelessio
 - Scribe (numbers of when, where, how many, atmosphere) – Tomayo (Vote: Unanimous)
- Setup of meeting
 - Opening Prayer
 - Read rules
 - Distribute charter
 - Answer questions
 - Open floor
 - Closing Prayer

B. *Report on the National Council Meeting in Las Vegas (4/25-4/26)*

- Mr. Tamelessio – Pleasant first experience to a beautiful city (heading towards family orientation), saw the palace, internalized and went with humility as District 3's representative, very spiritual and holy environment, Dr. Balcomb is working to improve through honest reporting and effort between HQ and each community, clarifying charter to make fair and proportional representation, balance of leadership roles, arbitration was defined for various aspects, emphasize blessing strength and success, helping image of church to be proper and adequately representing God, properly address issues to help church to thrive internally and externally, council of elders to help wisdom be passed, chosen as head of judicial committee (one of 6 committees) working with another elder to follow correct guidance, missed part *the 4th grant of the 5th grants from the committee (used for witnessing) {church is required to put for 10% that is being asked for}* , church now has channel through which to grow to new heights, gave report on Pastor Manoj's vision and resources from NJ, very grateful for the opportunity, for more details ask him personally

C. Updates

- Parsonage
 - Mr. Beebe - Not much progress, Bridgeport position was recommended for Dr. Ann via email, follow up email will be sent
 - Mr. Tamelessio – Met parents, mentioned she is looking for work,
- Communication's director
 - Ad has been sent out, but is not yet filled
 - Passwords still need to be obtained
- Building committee
 - Mr. Edward, McMahan, Kuni Miyazawa, had positive responses
 - 1st meeting Sunday 5/4

D. Announcements

- **None**

New Business:

- A. *Town Hall finalize planning*
- B. *Building Committee Report from first meeting*
- C. *Parsonage*

Closure: Pastor Manoj closed in prayer at 9:43

Secretary,

-Zeth Bell