

Clifton Family Church Open Council Meeting
12/09/2016

Council members present: Mr. Alex Beebe, Pastor Manoj, Mr. Atsushi Takino, Mrs. Kyoko Anderson, Mrs. Noriko Sprague, Rev. Kathaleen Sato, Mrs. Naria McGee, Mr. Terry McMahon and Mr. Zeth Bell.

- Meeting was opened at 7:33pm
- Prayer given by Pastor Manoj
- CIG Motto and Council Mission Statement Read

Agenda:

A. Pastor's Monthly Talk:

- Thank you for the tremendous support from our community for True Parents. Last month was mainly focussed on preparing for True Mother. During this period she felt a lot of support from the church community and that it has changed and made a breakthrough.
- During the ILC meeting there were a lot of congressmen who came to support and hear True Mother. There was also the ACLC Convocation followed by the True Family Values banquet that many of our members attended. Afterwards there was the Manhattan Center event. Dr. Kim and Dr. Balcomb were very moved by the support from District 3, most notably from the New Jersey Community.
- True Mother at the end of the Manhattan Center event asked us to bring a new face the next time. We need to show people God's Heart and TP's heart. We want to make more plans to maximize our witnessing efforts. Instead of just a campaign it needs to be a part of our life. This is not just the mission of the witnessing team, but is all of our responsibility to proclaim about TP and the heart of God, especially during this season where we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Please help to continue the support from this last month and share any ideas about witnessing with each other and the community.

B. Financial Committee /Mrs. Kyoko Andersson:

- December is the time to get a tax deduction for tithing donations.
- Month of October Financial report:
- General \$34,152
- Blessed 2nd gen. \$2540
- Single Blessed Children \$1968
- \$48,212 total income
- Expenses \$48,740, (the usual expenses)
- \$30,044 was collected for Building fund
- \$41,031 was spent for fixing the building
- 10% of our tithing goes to HQ

C. National & District Council, Witnessing--Extended Report / Mr. Atsushi Takino

- The Family Federation web site has many resources available, such as for education and information on the National Council.
- On the National Council page on the FamilyFed website, you can see what the National Council is doing every month. Most of the answers to your questions are probably on the webpage. It is recommended to check out this page.
- Mr. Takino read the purpose of the National Council from the web page.

- There are five committees within the National Council: Charter Committee--adopts amendments to the National Charter for local churches, Grant Committee--approves grants requested by local churches and districts, Finance Committee--gives the annual financial statement for America, Judicial Committee-- protects whistle blowers and resolves issues brought up by whistle blowers, Recommendations committee--i.e. Recommendations for developing evangelical efforts went through the Recommendations Committee to HQ.
- You can see the results of the National Survey on the the web page. Almost 90% of the people who took the survey were between 55-65 years old. Based on the survey there are four points that were most brought up: Communication, need more DP education, better member care, and more relevant programs for the younger generation.
- The mission statement for America is: Bring America back to God through the teachings and Marriage Blessing of True Parents.
- There was an international conference in Korea and 20 countries presented their national strategies. True Mother chose 13 countries to really establish their goals by 2020, including the USA. True Mother recommended to have all the countries have the same structure of having a Blessing, Witnessing, and Youth ministries.
- Ever since True Mother directed that Japan will not financially support U.S. projects, the businesses have been growing and becoming self dependent. As the elder son nation, America's goal is to be able to support other countries.

An open council attendee requested to find a way to learn more about the Judicial Committee and the process of the whistle blower policy.

Witnessing;

- 22 members got together to share their efforts in tribal messiahship.
- Every month there is a one day workshop, even if there is no one attending.
- Tomorrow night there will be a marriage enrichment program. This program introduced the process for couples to receive the Blessing. Mr. John Williams will be presenting from 7-9pm on Dec. 10th.
- Dec. 17 there will be a one day DP workshop in English and on Dec. 18 there will be a Spanish one day workshop.

D. Youth Ministry/Mr. Yasutaka Ozawa

- Last month we started a youth education program called "Ryse Up" with all activities related to Education and more of testimonies instead of lectures. The reason for spelling it with a "Y" is to emphasize to ask the question "Why". The goal is the help youth think more about God in all their activities and projects, including when playing video games.
- The other project, headed by Raymond Burns, is where youth speak and discuss with their parents about the topics from talks and presentations by Raymond. We want to encourage the youth to really be themselves. We want to give the child and parent space to talk about deep things since they may not have the time at home. This will happen once a month.
- The Aloha workshop was held at the Parsonage. It's a workshop True Mother started 4 years ago in Hawaii. It was a National workshop with people even from Canada. The workshop was based on three points connected to emotion, intellect and will: Feel more deeply connected to True Mother and each other, Learn what True mother wants of us as second gen., and Commit to sharing True Mother's love with others in the community.

E. YUM /Mr. Joe Leonard

- The last YUM service for this year will be on Dec. 21st. We have been having CARP leadership give the talks to help them make a connection to NJ's young adult community.
- On Jan 14-15 will be the next Culture Wars event. It will probably be held at East Garden.
- YUM is for the Young Adult community, ages 18-35.
- 3 weeks ago Naokimi Ushiroda the President of CARP was assigned a new mission to be responsible for all youth and young adults and has been going to all the communities to meet and talk with them.

H. ACLC / Rev. Hitoshi Onishi

- The True Families Value banquet had WFWP, UPF and ACLC together with Ministers. Rev. and Mrs. Sykes even invited members of their congregation to the Little Angels performance.
- 80 Congressmen attended the ILC in Washington DC.

I. UPF/ Mr. Tony Vozza

- As a UPF member we need to support National events and activities and talk to people "of Influence". On the local level we have a meeting every other Sunday and discuss about how to reach out to the local area and how to be effective and make an impact even in a small community. We made a pamphlet and handed it out to local businesses.

J. Ocean Church/Mr. Terry McMahon

- There will be a boating license course tomorrow 12/10 at NJ Ocean Church

K. Leda Project/Mrs. Toshiko Sato

- The LEDA group bought one table at the True Family Values banquet for their members.
- On Feb. 13, the GPA group will be going to Paraguay, Asuncion Church to witness then go to LEDA. That time is the hottest season and is very difficult to do service work, but they want to challenge themselves.
- Mr. Nakamura trying to start a fish sausage business at LEDA. In order for LEDA to survive there needs to be some kind of business and want to invite 2nd gen. to come and work. Mr. Kitanaka has recently left for LEDA to work there for 6 months.
- Bishop Soyano who has worked with our church for a long time attended the banquet thanks to a very serving brother named Giovanni.

L. Golden Age, family who ascended/Mrs. Eriko Endo

- This Sunday 12/11 will be the 7th annual Golden Age

M. Kodan/ Mrs Noriko Sprague

- On January 1st there will be a Japanese New Year party with drummers, performances, and food.

Old Business:

Camp Sunrise

- For Camp Sunrise, the Belvedere community wants to continue with keeping Camp Sunrise if the debt can be reduced to \$10,000 and someone can fill the 30% backing in place of NJ community. After having a survey though, more than 50% of the Belvedere community was in favor of discontinuing the camp.

- The current plan for reducing some of the debt is to liquidate camp assets.

Council Elections

- Council Election results are: Mr. Ishikawa, Mr. Glass, Mr. Nitro, and Mr. Chamorrinha
- 92% of people's first choice were these four people. They will attend their first council meeting next week, Dec. 16.

Building Renovations

- Church Building's oil tank: we may need to find an alternative solution for heating.
- There will be final renovations for the 3rd floor and the foyer also needs work since there is some leaking. Please support and encourage others to support the building fund.

The council will be putting together a survey to get feedback about the effectiveness of the open council meetings and the council in general.

New Business:

In the near future, start planning for a substitute location for a summer camp. Camp Shehaqua and Barrytown UTS are options.

Closed in prayer by Mr. Alex Beebe at 9:21pm