

**Clifton Family Church Council Meeting**  
**5-5-2017**

In Attendance: Pastor Manoj, Mr. Mitsuo Ishikawa, Mr. George Glass, Mr. Nathaniel Nitro, Mr. Francisco Chamorrinha, Mr. Atsushi Takino, Mrs. Naria McGee, and Mrs. Noriko Sprague.  
Absent: Mr. Alex Beebe.

Meeting opened with singing at 7:55pm  
Prayer by Mr. Mitsuo Ishikawa at 7:59pm  
CIG motto and Clifton Council Mission statement was read

**AGENDA:**

**A. Review of agenda to make changes**

- Pastor Manoj added the Sprinkler Proposal into the agenda.

**B. Update on Budget efforts and discuss balancing ideas by Mr. Chamorrinha**

- Based on the feedback suggestions from our membership, Mr. Chamorrinha presented a draft letter to personally mail to members, especially those who don't come to church, to inform them that the council and church is here to serve the community and is available and here for them. This kind of letter would be sent out regularly, possibly quarterly.
- The council should also start sending birthday cards to members when it's their birthday.
- The council will revise Mr. Chamorrinha's draft letter to the community and mail it out as soon as possible.
- The purpose is not just to increase tithing, but also reaching out to our community, and make everyone feel closer and warmer.
- Having a visitation team to follow up and visit would be best.
- Mr. Ishikawa suggests hugging members who we haven't seen or just when greeting at church to create a closeness with each other.
- Vote on revising Mr. Chamorrinha's sample letter, and once it's revised and agreed on by the council members to send it out immediately by post using the bulk mailing method. Unanimous
- Mr. Nitro will look into postage costs for the Birthday card idea.

**C. Sprinkler Proposal**

- It is important to maintain our yard and show people we take care of our lawn. A sprinkler system is necessary for this. The proposal cost total from Sprinkler Surgeon LLC is \$3950.00
- Suggestion to look into a landscaping service/lawn care service which might be significantly cheaper, but they usually don't do watering.
- On the proposal it says the pipes would be in the grassy area close to the road, but this may legally belong to the city so the proposal should be redone so the pipes are on the side closer to the building.
- A suggestion to hire Mr. Okazaki, his sons or other youth to water the grass 2-3 times a week for the summer and maintain the church yard. Suggestion to pay them \$10 an hour.
- Mr. Ishikawa will talk to Mr. Okazaki to find out if he can coordinate yard maintenance with the church youth.
- The council decided to find an alternative plan to watering grass and maintaining the yard other than a sprinkler system and using landscapers.

#### **D. Review plans for 2017 Summer Camps/Programs**

- Camp Shahaqua registration is now open. It is a family camp for all ages from July to August. The cost is around \$600 for the whole family. Clifton church has had presentation and tables about the camp for our community since it is unfamiliar to the NJ families.
- Suggestion to have a summer program table set up after church with people to share and answer questions about their programs. Having this at the same time of the Open Council that would be best. The summer program representatives can also talk a little during the Open Council.
- There's a possibility that a Summer Day program will be put together for Middle School age and High School Age.

#### **E. Open Council Meeting and address unanswered questions**

- The Open Council meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> after Sunday service will focus on Summer programs and camps.
- The list of programs and contact persons are: Camp Shehaqua-Laurel Nakai, Global Top Gun in Korea-Naokimi Ushiroda,
- Answering unanswered questions will be postponed until Alex Beebe is present.
- Suggestion to write Dr. and Mrs. Balcomb a thank you card for attending the last Open council meeting and giving the sermon. Mrs. Naria McGee will prepare the card and the council will sign it. Mr. Takino can deliver the card to HQ.

#### **F. Review new directory plans and community feedback**

- The community liked the idea of creating a new directory. Some families found the cost of \$30-40 prohibitive if they chose the option of getting a professional family photo session. Some families would prefer to submit their own photo.
- The directory will cost around \$10.
- There will be an announcement to the community when Mr. Nitro knows when he can start taking the photos.

#### **G. Update on local ministry attendance data collection**

- Each ministry leader was reached out to to find out the participation numbers for ministries such as ACLC, Church programs, YUM, WFWP.
- The purpose was to help set measurable goals to support each ministry.

#### **H. Review and assign new tasks**

- Naria will talk to Alex Beebe about revising Mr. Chamorrinha's sample letter after he emails it to her.
- Naria will buy a thank you card for the Balcombs.
- Mr. Ishikawa will speak to Mr. Okazaki about watering and taking care of the church yard.
- Noriko will talk to the representatives of the different summer programs for the open council meeting.
- Mr. Nitro will look into Birthday card costs and when to start taking family photos for the directory

Announcements:

5/6 - Interfaith Marriage Blessing and Family Seminar for World Peace (10 am - 4 pm)

5/5-5/7 - COR Retreat

5/6-5/12 - Peace King Cup

5/13 - Peace King Cup Award Ceremony and Luncheon (12-3 pm)  
5/14 - Monthly UPF Meeting (1-2 pm)  
5/17 - YUM (8 pm)  
5/20- Spring Music Recital (3:00pm-4:30pm)  
5/20 - One Day English and Spanish DP Workshop (8:30 am - 4 pm)  
5/21 - Monthly Open Council Meeting (1:30 pm - 3:30 pm)  
5/26 - Tribal Messiah dinner meeting at Clifton Church (7:00pm)  
5/27 - Ocean Festival, Little Ferry, NJ (10 am - 3 pm)  
5/28 - 55th True Day of All Things Familyfest at Belvedere Church, NY (10:30 am - 4 pm)

Meeting closed in prayer by Pastor Manoj at 10:10pm