Jan 01 Clifton Family Church Council Meeting Minutes Jan 12, 2018 by Christine Libon

Start approx 8 pm Concluded 10 pm

Attending: Zach Beebe, Chamorrinha, Gimay, Glass, Ishikawa, Libon, Pastor Manoj, Nitro, Onoe,

1. Mr Ishikawa acted as temporary chairman to commence the meeting and get the elections started. Most votes were unanimous, after a brief discussion with each perspective office holder.

Choongnam Onoe was elected Chairperson for the church council Francisco Chamorrinha was elected Vice Chairperson Josephine Gimay was elected Treasurer Christine Libon was elected Secretary Zach Beebe was elected District Representative

2. It was requested that Pastor Manoj explain and give an update on the matter/plan of getting a gas line connection approved by the city, in order to convert the heat from oil to gas. Not sure if the plan will be approved.

A secondary plan would be to remove the underground oil tank and install an above ground tank.

The church has money allocated for the project of getting a new boiler.

- 3. Next matter: Open Council Meetings have not been efficient. We voted (7:2) to hold an **Open Council Meeting each Quarter**, (I believe, scheduled on the 3rd Sunday of a month) with the possibility of additional open meetings AS REQUESTED by petition/a number of church members, for example 15+ people requesting. It was also clarified that the purpose of Open Council meetings is Not only to report to the community but also to get feedback from the church members. **Also, we will again place a suggestion box in the church foyer and the Secretary (Libon) will read and report any suggestions submitted.** The suggestion box may assist in identifying topics for Open Council meetings.
- 4. Biweekly Council member meetings were voted down. Instead the Vice Chairperson and Chairperson will take responsibility to contact council members who have been assigned a specific task for the purpose of checking progress. However, the council members may request additional council meetings as needed.

- 5. It was proposed and agreed upon to include Church Staff [Soin, Endo, Joe Leonard, Ozawa, Pastor Manoj] at some council meetings, especially to encourage team building, a sense of one united body working together and rather than in opposition. Pastor Manoj will decide the date for such joint council meeting w staff. Pastor will also develop a format/activity style for such joint meeting, probably it will include sharing, getting to know each other, our roles, and more. For efficiency and to encourage focus on the purpose of the meeting, which is communication on decided topic/agenda, dinner will NOT be served (only snacks as usual).
- 6. A point was mentioned clarifying that the church council is <u>not</u> an **executive** body.
- 7. Council voted (vote was split 4 and 4; so Pastor's vote was decisive) to change the day of monthly meetings from Friday night to the **first Sunday of every month at 1:00 pm.**
- 8. A strict 2 hour time limit for council meeting will be adhered to, with slight leeway if very important matter(s) is being discussed.
- 9. The survey of how many people desire a hardcopy of the church Year Book will be conducted around Foundation Day.
- 10. The Clifton Church debt to HDQ for Camp Sunrise has been paid in FULL.
- 11. Mr Chamorrinha gave the yearly financial statement. The church is in the black \$24,542. He also gave pointers to new treasurer, Mrs Gimay, on inputting Mrs Endos numbers using excel to create the monthly financial report.
- 12. Pastor Manoj gave a report from his time in Korea with True Mother. "True Mother encourages us to be brave in talking about the truth and the role of the messiah in witnessing." He told of upcoming plans for ancestor liberations in USA (5 cities) as well as in Cheong Pyeong. He reported that True Mother is being treated as a very high head of state in Senegal, having access to use the President's runway at the Presidential airport. And that her picture will be displayed along with Nelson Mandela and other highly regarded historic figures. The upcoming event will not be a huge rally but rather focus on heads of state. There is a plan to hold an ancestor liberation ceremony in The House of Slaves in Senegal. Some info was given about Yeong Pyeong Resort.