

Clifton Council Meeting

Special Call Meeting

12/22/13

Attendance: Pastor Manoj Jacob; Misayo Bien; Alain Tamelessio; Kathaleen Sato; Masako Feddema and Tamayo Oppenheimer. **Other guests:** Eriko Endo, the Clifton Church bookkeeper and Brian Sabourin, NJ Board Member for Governing Board of Camp Sunrise. Kyoko Anderson was not in attendance due to a conflict in her schedule.

- The meeting was called to order at 2:16 PM by Pastor Jacob, who also offered the Opening Prayer.
- The purpose of the special Call Meeting was to address the future of Camp Sunrise.
- Mr. Sabourin explained the history and current situation of Camp Sunrise. Copies of the plan were handed out so everyone had an opportunity to review the material and discuss the proposed usage, financial report and projections for income for 2014.
- Mr. Sabourin approached the council because HSA Headquarters wanted the Districts involved (NJ, NY and CT.) to decide whether they would agree to take the financial risk if the plan falls short and pay the money if Headquarters signed the lease.
- Much discussion ensued about the feasibility of the plan, the calculations of payments, and usage of the property. Mr. Sabourin explained that in the past 2 years the Camp had lost money and had no financial plan. The money from having the 2nd Generation Summer Camps, at Camp Sunrise, the past two years was diverted to Barrytown, as the camps were moved there. The weather conditions last year also caused the Camp to be closed for repairs, the entire season.

Mr. Sabourin believes that if the plan is followed that the camp will support itself without having to ask members to donate extra money to help cover the rent and insurance for the Camp. There will be enough to cover the rent, insurance, salaries and have a little money left to put into a fund to make improvements on the facilities, which can attract more business as well as provide more comfortable updated facilities.

The lease is year-to-year. We will have time to assess if the plan works and whether it will be feasible to maintain the campgrounds before signing of a new lease next year.

- The decision was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous in favor of the plan and taking financial responsibility for any loss. (The loss would be shared among the 3 Districts NJ, NY and CT.)
- The meeting was closed in prayer by Mrs. Feddema.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathaleen Sato

Council Chair