

**Clifton Council Meeting**  
**4 /18 /14**

**Attendance:** Pastor Manoj; Mrs. Kyoko Andersson; Rev. Sato; Mr. Alain Tamelessio; Mr. Robert Beebe; Mr. Zeth Bell; Mrs. Tamayo Oppenheimer; Mrs. Masako Feddema and Mrs. Misayo Bien

**Guest:** Mrs. Eriko Endo

- The meeting was brought to order at 7:37PM
- Rev. Sato led the Opening Prayer and welcomed all participants.
- The CIG Motto was read in unison.

**Agenda:**

Minutes from the Council Meeting on 4/4/14, were read by the Secretary, Zeth Bell. (A correction was made in the Old Business section of the minutes, **item D**. The minutes now read "District 3 (instead of NJ) needs to send a representative to sit on the National Council...")

**Old Business:**

**A. Maintenance of church facilities**

- A letter from Steve Edwards regarding the church property maintenance was read to the Council. Mr. Edwards expressed concern regarding removing the underground oil tanks; upgrading the electrical system; repairing drainage problems (by the walkway) as well, improving the image of the courtyard. (Refer to handout for more details.) Mrs. Endo gave a report on the Building Fund. (The building fund is currently - \$56000. The total cost of the renovations sighted by Mr. Edwards is estimated at \$80,000.)
- It was decided that an ad hoc committee should be formed to advise the Council regarding building maintenance and report cost effective plans. Names were suggested for the building committee (*Terry McMahan, Steve Edwards, Neil Angelino, Kuni Miyazawa, Mr. Petrus Feddema, and Mrs. Endo.*) After a brief discussion, it was suggested to limit the number of committee members to people who have a background and expertise, in the area of concern. However, since Steve Edwards brought the issue to council, he should be added to the committee. However, it is not necessary to have two people from a Real Estate background, on the committee. Mr. Frank Bell's name was also suggested. However, his expertise is in telecommunications. (Mrs. Endo, as the bookkeeper, is welcome to attend any meeting regarding the use of church finances.)
- It was also suggested to have a council member lead the committee - Mrs. Bien was voted into the position (7 for / 1 against.)

**B. Regulations and proper course of action for public situations**

- It was suggested to use an official rent agreement for the parsonage (for future occupants).
- The Council Chair read the list of responsibilities of the Church Council written in the National Charter for FFWPU of the United States. (Handouts were given to all Council Members.) Council Members were advised to read over and to become familiar with **Section I. The National Charter for Local Family Churches**, to be well informed and able to answer community member's questions.

### **C. Reports**

- *Camp Sunrise (See report sent out by e-mail on 4/9/14)*
- Unificationist Schools' Conference
  - The theme of the conference was "PASSING ON THE LEGACY TO FUTURE GENERATIONS" (passing on the administration of Unificationist schools to the next generation.) The objectives of the Conference were to gather the needs of 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen. families (regarding their children's education); establish an identity for the Unificationist Schools; form a unified system of administration, curriculum, and standards, for the schools.
  - A dissertation was given on the main reasons for the diminished enrollment of 2<sup>nd</sup> generation students. High on the list were – finances and teaching staff issues. (It was suggested to have professional development programs for the teaching staff.)

### **D. Updates**

- *Parsonage*
  - Headquarters acknowledged the sincere effort of the Council to resolve the issue, and believes the Council will continue to work toward solving the issue locally (without legal action.)
  - The situation with housing the GPA has been resolved. They are being housed by 3 families in the community.
- *Follow-up on Town Hall Meeting concerns*
  - Appreciation was expressed to the community for attending the Town Hall Meeting, during the announcements, at both Sunday Services on (4/6/14.)
  - Pastor Manoj initiated a training program for Sunday Service Staff.

### **New Business:**

#### **E. Next Town Hall Meeting**

It was voted to have the next Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, between Sunday Services. (The vote carried in favor 6/1). The objective is to reach more community members. The focus will be on hearing the concerns of the community rather than emphasizing structure. The Meeting will be limited to 45-50 minutes to allow adequate preparation time for the 11AM Service.

It was also suggested to remind the community at Sunday Service that there is a Church Council Suggestion Box, in case they are not able to attend the Town Hall Meeting.

#### **F. Announcements**

- Mr. Tamelessio will represent District 3, at the National Council Meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Pray for the successful election of the pastor for Elizabeth Church.

Mrs. Feddema closed the Meeting in prayer at 9:31PM

**Secretary,  
-Zeth Bell**