

Clifton Family Church Council Meeting

3/25/16

Attendance: Pastor Manoj Jacob, Rev. Kathaleen Sato, Mrs. Naria McGee, Mr. Atsushi Takino, Mrs. Noriko Sprague, Mr. Alexander Beebe, Mr. Terry McMahon, and Mr. Zeth Bell

- The meeting was called to order at 8:09 pm
- The opening prayer was given by Pastor Manoj
- The CIG Motto and Council Mission Statement was read

Agenda:

- The Minutes for the 3/11/16 meeting were read and will be accepted upon corrections.

A. *Camp Sunrise Children's Camp Promotions Discussion*

- Camp Sunrise has made some flyers to advertise the camp. It will be posted on the church bulletin, E-news and Church Facebook.
- Details and more information on the camp program are on the camp the website. www.campsunriseny.org
- Registration will start April 1st, 2016
- Early Bird special: \$150 paid by the end of May then \$200 installments paid.
- We need to form a camp sunrise committee for reviewing scholarship applications and organizing fundraisers with Cup & Cake and other groups.
- The Scholarships will also be available to the KEA and Elizabeth church and hopefully they can help fundraise.

B. *Open Council Meeting Organization Report By Mrs. Sprague*

- Email was sent out to all church group leaders about making a report for the Open Council
- 3 leaders have responded so far.
- Mr. Kensaku Takahashi of Ocean Church and Mrs. Sato of the Leda Project were added to the Open council reporting.
- There should be up to 18 people giving reports.
- Reminders will be sent out to church group leaders and to RSVP for the Open Council
- Mrs. Sprague attended the Dutch Hill community council meeting to observe how it is conducted. Mr. McMahon attends this council meeting in his community regularly.

C. *District Council Report by Mr. Takino*

- Mr. Takino attended the District Council meeting on 3/19/2016
- The District Council consists of Clifton, Elizabeth, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Allentown, and Delaware churches.
- Issues on relationship between ministry teams and church organizations were discussed
- Rev. Buessing, the Itinerant Worker for this District, attended as well.
- Mr. Atsushi Takino from our council was elected by the District Council to the National Council.
- Hans Moyer from central Pennsylvania was elected as District Council chairman
- On Sunday, May 29th there will be a 40th anniversary celebration at Belvedere, NY for the Yankee Stadium event. There will be no Sunday Service here in Clifton that day.

D. College Age BC Outreach Proposal by Mrs. Christl Brunkhorst

- The issue brought up in the proposal was that many young adults stop coming to church and staying connected after college. The solution suggested was to create an outreach program for young adults that are college age and older.
- CARP is creating a mentoring program, we should find out more about it and utilize it
- Something that is stopping some Young Adults from coming is because of the unclear details in True Parents' life and not hearing anything explained about it.
- Suggested Solution: have Family events to bring families together
- The council will discuss further possibilities until a decision is made for the best solution to address this issue.

E. Review Camp Sunrise Board Reports

- Monthly progress reports will be sent out from Camp Sunrise Board
- 4 program contracts have been issued to potential clients to use the Camp Sunrise property as a venue this year.

F. Action Items

- Mrs. Sprague and Mr. McMahon, Open Council Meeting Coordination
- Rev. Sato, Council Handbook
- Mr. Beebe, Camp Sunrise Scholarship and Committee
- Mr. Bell, Council website improvement
- Mrs. McGee, council Minutes by Thursday
- Brainstorm on how to increase Youth attendance

G. Announcements

- 3/25-3/27 - Spiritual Retreat Based on Jesus, English and Spanish
- 3/26 - Captain's Training for NJ Boating (2:30-4:30 pm)
- 4/1-4/3 - Energize Couples Retreat
- 4/3 - YUM Adventure: Hiking Flat Rock Brook & Sundubu (1:15 pm)
- 4/6 - YUM (8pm)
- 4/8 - First Open Council Meeting
- 4/8-5/13- Level 2 Blessing Workshop

The meeting was closed in prayer by Mr. Beebe at 10:13 pm.

Secretary,

-Naria McGee