

Clifton Family Church Open Council Minutes

7/08/16



Council Attendance: Alex Beebe; Noriko Sprague; Kyoko Anderson; Atsushi Takino; Kathaleen Sato and Pastor Manoj

Meeting started at 7:46pm

Opening Prayer- Pastor Manoj

Reading of the CIG Motto & Council Mission Statement

Agenda:

Monthly Talk: Pastor Manoj

- Only one Sunday Service during the month of July and August at 10am.
- 40-Day Devotional period (to receive new Holy items.) Period ends July 22nd. There will be one ceremony (to receive Holy items) during the week and one on Sunday July 30th. Make preparations to receive Holy items. The more preparation you make the more blessings you'll receive.
- Texas tragedy – racial strife. Church member should solve this problem - share TP teaching with others. Promote brotherhood and togetherness.
- Blessing at Belvedere, Saturday, July 9th. Pastor Manoj encouraged everyone to attend. Elder Paige and Rev. Wehye (NJ ACLC) will receive the Blessing.

Reports:

- Mrs. Andersson reported for the Finance Committee-based on Mrs. Endo's report.
May Income - \$56,000
 - Tithing - \$42,000; (1st Gen Families - \$36,000 , 2nd Gen Families - \$4,700)
 - Mother's day flower stand -\$4,000Expenses: \$45,000
More donations are needed to cover expenses.
- Mr. Takino reported on the National Council and Clifton Church witnessing
The National Council decided to support current programs instead of allocating new grants.
Mr. Takino is the head of the Recommendations Committee. Current Recommendations Committee Projects include how to inspire youth and improving communication between local churches, communities, and Headquarter. The District #3 Council did not have a meeting.
- Mr. Takino gave the Witnessing Report for June – DP workshop on June 18th. 10 people attended the workshop in English and 3 people attended the workshop in Spanish. Mr. Johnson completed New membership class and signed membership. There will be a 2-Day Tribal Messiah Workshop 7/16-7/17. The Japanese Culture summer Festival will be on July 23rd. It is an opportunity to invite new guests or bring back old contacts.
- Camp Sunrise Committee Report by Mr. Beebe
Sleepover camps
 - Elementary – 19 children attended (12% increase from last year.) There were 5 cancellations.
 - Middle School – 54 kids (21% decrease from last year.)

- High school – 22 kids (60% decrease from last year.)

After the Sleepover camps finish, program for outside group will begin.

Hillsong is considering a contract for \$16,000 to use facility for its program.

The Camp board is facing challenges with staffing volunteers for the Camp, figuring out compensation for staff, and improving communications between board and Camp on-site staff.

6 children applied for scholarships to attend the Camp. We were able to supply funds to allow all of them to attend.

- (Dumont) Community Report by Mr. Coyne

On Memorial Day (5/30) they held a potluck community cook-out. The community was previously a Small group. They have been together for 8 years. Their meetings are usually for 2 hours and are called “gatherings”. Adults and children participate. They read True Parents words. Each person has an opportunity to read. On 5/30 they read the Yankee Stadium speech in preparation for the celebration of the Anniversary of Yankee Stadium at Belvedere. They car pooled to the event to encourage all the families to attend. They have a tradition of heart and service.

- UPF Report by Mr. Vozza

They plan to have meetings on a monthly basis to share and get ideas from members. June 18th they had an event, “America at the Crossroads.” The 5 Principles of UPF were presented by Mr. Oppenheimer followed by a talk by Mr. Vozza on the early presidents (highlighting George Washington) about how God was working behind the scenes. The early presidents committed their lives to building the foundation of America. That spirit needs to be revived and connected to the spirit of True Parents.

Every 3-4 months they will reach out to religious groups. Mr. Assad recent invited them to one of his Islamic events. Ambassadors for Peace will recommence soon. Several people received AFP awards a few months ago.

- Kodan Report by Mrs. Burns

Japanese Culture Summer Festival on 7/23 – There will be face painting, Japanese calligraphy, karate, origami, palm reading, and possibly a Manga band. Bring your guests.

- ACLC Report by Rev. Onishi

The purpose of the ACLC Pastors Forum is to learn the DP together. The facilitator needs to prepare well to guide the meeting. 2 couples from NJ ACLC will attend the blessing at Belvedere (7/9).

If you have contacts that are minister, talk to them about the Pastor’s Forum.

Old Business:

- Camp Sunrise Board Report

A brief report was given on the state of affairs of the camp covering the top priorities and business strategies to cover debts and improve the overall management of the camp. Criteria will be established to decide whether Clifton church will continue support the camp in 2017. It will be based on accumulated debt versus improvements in financial reporting.

Q. - What communities are supporting the camp? What are the percentages they pay if there is a shortfall?

A- West Rock -40%; Clifton Church 30%, and New York City 30%.

(Pastor Manoj- Headquarters wants local churches to take ownership of the camp management and

Cost of upkeep. Costly to use camp for services. Camp Rent is \$25,000 annually. Insurance is \$10,000. With waterfront director, nurse on-site staff, etc, the total annual cost comes out to about \$150,000. There is not enough manpower.)

Suggestions : Use other camp sites like Camp Shehaqua. Use East Garden or Belvedere or invest upfront to update and improve Camp Sunrise facility to make it more attractive.

A- Still need staffing for councilors, group leaders, teachers, camp director, and kitchen

Q- What are the number of children who attend the camp from New Jersey?

A- No specific answer was given (not enough information was available.)

WFWP Report by Mrs. Nelson

- Second Annual Peace at Last on the Korean Peninsula conference based on our Founder's vision. The event will be at the Clifton Library, 7/23 1-4pm. We want to promote peaceful resolution to conflict through dialog and not military power. America should support North-South Korea reunification.
- WFWP National Assembly, in November, at the Crowne Plaza in Fairfield, New Jersey. The goal is to reveal True Parents to the public through sharing the WFWP projects worldwide.
- The event will include Global Peace Networking on 11/2 and a fundraiser for the WFWP Cambodian project and Schools of Africa.

Suggestion: Start the meeting on time.

Closing Prayer: Mr. Beebe