

**Clifton Family Church Open Council Meeting**  
**09/09/2016**

Council members present: Mr. Alex Beebe, Pastor Manoj, Mr. Terry McMahon, Mr. Zeth Bell, Mr. Atsushi Takino, Ms. Naria McGee, Mrs. Noriko Sprague, and Mrs. Kathaleen Sato. Absent: Mrs. Kyoko Andersson.

- Meeting opened in prayer by Pastor Manoj at 7:44pm
- CIG motto and Council Mission Statement was read

**Agenda:**

**1.) Pastor's Monthly Talk**

The main focus right now is the Washington Monument Rally. There is also a special banquet the day before the rally. This rally is to help start launch the goal for Vision 2020. Please invite as many people as possible to the Washington Rally event. Our goal is not to fill the place, but to go as people who understand True Parents' goal for America.

The Clifton Family Church will start 2 services and youth ministries on September 25th.

**2.) Financial Report (Mrs. Irmgard Baynes in place for Kyoko Andersson)**

Tithe 37,000. Expenses 44,000. Largest expenses were for the payroll and health insurance. 13,000 for registration income with 18,000 for expenses. The tithing has gone down during the summer, but tithing from young families and the youth ministry has gone up.

**3.) Youth Ministry- Yasutaka Ozawa**

For September only staff training has been planned. Youth ministry will start October 8th. There will be 2 "Faith Nights" every month that uses DP education.

Last Saturdays of the month will incorporate the parents for the education. The goal is to create a time for the parents and children to talk together.

The first GO meeting on October 8th will also be the parents orientation.

**4.) National & District Council/Witnessing--Mr. Atsushi Takino**

The National Council is having a survey and wants all members to fill it out online on the familyfed website. Dr. Kim and Balcomb will be reading them so if you personally would like to say something to them this is an opportunity to do so.

For witnessing and reaching out to guests we would like to do a marriage enrichment program for non-church members. On October 22nd there will be a Blessing ceremony at Clifton Church.

**5.) Ocean Church, extended report--Ms. Naria McGee**

Ocean Church's 2016 goal is to establish 12 Ocean Church Centers across the Nation.

The New Jersey Church Community was given a boat to use and can take it out any time they want as long as an experienced captain is driving and they cover the fuel cost.

There were 36 participants who attended the 21 day Kodiak, Alaska National Ocean Challenge Program. In New Jersey a local Ocean Challenge Program was held for 7 days from Aug. 22-28th.

There will be an official fishing trip on Sept. 24th from 7am-5pm. Contact Branch Gaarder to sign up.

Ocean Church is hosting an Ocean Festival on October 1st, 10am-3pm. It is to celebrate the 36th anniversary of the establishment of Ocean Church. Admission is free.

## **6.) WFWP-Mrs. Irmgard Baynes**

There will be a National assembly on November 11-13 at the Crowne Plaza in Fairfield, NJ. The assembly will consist of an opening banquet celebrating Veterans Day, panel discussions and breakout sessions with the theme "Compassionate, Sustainable Leadership: Women making an impact", and a Blessing ceremony on Nov. 13th, Sunday at the Clifton Church.

## **7.) Camp Sunrise Committee-Mr. Alex Beebe**

The total income for Camp Sunrise as of Aug. 26th is \$96,829.00, expenses: \$97,278. Balance: -\$449.

The projected 2016 income is: \$99,816, expenses: \$145,919, Balance: -\$46,103. There is an expected income of \$8,000 to help with the negative balance. The Camp Sunrise Board's main project right now is raising funds to help offset the deficit. A Church council meeting will be held to discuss what to do with the camp for next year.

## **8.) UPF-Mr. Tony Vozza**

There were 3 meetings held the last few months. The reason for the meetings was to talk about and find the purpose of UPF and how to approach and speak to many different people, political and religious. The desire is to help change America and lead this country in the right direction.

## **9.) Kodan-Mrs. Yoko Burns**

In Kodan's mission statement it talks about establishing a tradition of attendance to God and True Parents.

Every month there is a goal to collect money to support projects in America, including ACLC, CARP, Ocean Church, and archiving photos. Kodan also wants to teach the 2nd and next generation the tradition and importance of offering things to God first.

## **10.) Blessed Family Ministries--Mrs. Rany Jacob**

Not only do we need to educate the young people but also the parents. There will be an education program for the Parents to speak with matching advisors on Sept. 24th, 10am-4pm. There are many resources available.

BFM wants to also work with the witnessing team with giving marriage enrichment education to outside couples. They are also working with WFWP for the Blessing ceremony.

## **B.) Old Business**

1.) 4 Council members are leaving and the nominations for new council members are going on right now. There will be a primary and secondary choice method used so there is an equal chance for all groups to elect a representative.

It was commented that the last council elections were done too quickly and suggested that the nominees get a chance to speak about why they want to be on the council to the community more than one time.

2.) The council minutes are available to view on the Clifton Family church council website where it has been recorded and uploaded since 2013.

## **C.) New Business**

### **1.) Pastor Reappointment Survey**

Motion to send an email to member to give a final chance to respond to the survey before the final results on Sept. 18. Vote for: Unanimous.

Meeting closed in prayer by Mr. Alex Beebe at 9:23pm

Secretary,  
--Naria McGee