

Clifton Family Church Council Minutes

11/27/2016

Attendance: Pastor Manoj, Mr. Alex Beebe, Mrs. Kathaleen Sato, Mr. Zeth Bell, Mrs. Kyoko Andersson, Mr. Atsushi Takino, Mrs. Noriko Sprague, Mrs. Naria McGee. **Absent:** Mr. Terry McMahon

Open in prayer by Pastor Manoj at 1:36pm

CIG Motto and Church Council Mission Statement was read

A. Review of the agenda

- Council minutes reviewing was added by Naria McGee
- Review Open council meeting plan added by Noriko Sprague

B. Decide on Council Election Ballot Counting System

- The plan is to use a Single Transferable Vote system (STV). Other organizations use the STV method.
- There were about 300 votes for the council elections.
- Alex Beebe showed a demonstration of the STV system as applied to the online votes.
- Vote to have the STV system voting method: Unanimous
- Wednesday Nov. 30th will be when the council members will count the votes. At least two objective observers will be chosen to help with the counting of the votes.
- New council members will be announced Sunday Dec. 4.

D. Decide on how to Transition to New Council

- It was proposed to have a council meeting with council members who are leaving with the ones who are coming in. Dec. 16th, Friday is the tentative date.
- Vote to have Open Council meeting on Dec. 9th and old and new council member meeting on Dec. 16th: Unanimous
- A proposal to have a welcome/goodbye party for the council members on Sunday Dec. 18th at 2pm for lunch. Pastor will decide on lunch location.

E. National Council Report

- Dr. Kim's message: True Mother asked leaders recently, "What do you have? What is your plan to save your country?" Centering on True Father, we were always clearly moving forward, but True Mother is always checking about plans. During the past 50 years, we just followed True Parents, but now True Mother wants us to inherit that spirit and move forward on our own centered on them.
- Presentation of Vision 2020 goals and strategy plan of USA by Dr. Kim: "Bring America back to God through the Teachings and Marriage Blessing of True Parents" 2020 VISION
 1. We are happy, healthy God-centered families
 2. Growing in membership, influence and assets
 3. Younger generations are active and leaders
 4. Generously supporting world missions

Ministry support strategy

3 Basic Branches of FFWPU Ministry from True Mother:

- Witnessing Education
- Blessing and Family
- Youth and Students

All countries have the same pattern. True Mother has clarified where we must invest our resources.

- Each Committee report: Committee report posted in National Council on the familyfed.org webpage

NEW BUSINESS

CHARTER COMMITTEE

Amending National Charter

- Change from “HSA” to “FFWPU”
- Church Council:

The Church Council Charter #5 was edited slightly to be more fitting in describing the function of the council: “The church council is an elected body that participates in the government of the local church along with the church pastor and the national church headquarters”.

- Veto and Appeal:

“The local church pastor or any two local church council members can appeal any decision by the local council to the national council concerning procedural matters.”

Updated national charter posted in national council of familyfed.org web page.

RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE

- “Each National Council members collect information for a report on the current communication plan of the District from their District and Local pastors.
- Create “pilot model” for District level intergenerational program and share it with each other.

F. Council Minutes Reviewing

- The council minutes have been getting published late due to late feedback. The secretary suggested having a clear team of 2-3 council members who are responsible for proofreading the minutes for timely publishing.
- For now until the new council members join, the Chairman and secretary will review and edit council minutes.

G. Open Council Meeting Review

- There were many absent because of the WFWP event the same evening.
- Not many people attend the open council meetings, but what the presenters have to say is good to hear and important so the council wants to find a way to have more people attend.
- Suggestions to have photos and a short video of the open council meeting posted on the e-news was made so the community can see what it is about.
- A survey will be made to ask members about convenient dates and other questions to find out how to improve the Open Council meeting.
- The importance of food during the Open Council meeting was discussed.

H. Review and assign new tasks

- Ballot Counting on Wednesday Nov. 30th 8pm, small 3rd floor room. Pastor Manoj and Alex Beebe will look into observers.
- Alex Beebe will put together a survey for the Open Council Meeting.
- Report about council activities for the end of the year
- Alex Beebe and Naria McGee will review the council minutes

I. Announcements

- 11/1-2/9 100 Day Devotion for the Fulfilment of Vision 2020
- 10/21-11/29 40 Day Condition to Welcome True Mother back to America

- 11/28 International Guidance Program (1-4pm)
- 12/2-12/4 Aloha Workshop
- 12/3 ACLC True Family Values Awards Luncheon in Brooklyn
- 12/3 Celebration with True Parents (3-6pm)
- 12/4 Youth and Young Adult Gathering with True Parents (10am-3pm)
- 12/11 Golden Age (5-8pm)

Closed in prayer by Alex Beebe at 4:05pm

Secretary,
-Naria McGee