

**Clifton Family Church Council Meeting**  
2/17/2017

Attendance: Pastor Manoj, Mr. Alex Beebe, Mr. Nathaniel Nitro, Mrs. Noriko Sprague, Mr. Atsushi Takino, Mr. Francisco Chamorrinha, Mr. Mitsuo Ishikawa, Mrs. Naria McGee, Mr. George Glass.

Meeting opened in prayer at 8:10pm by Pastor Manoj  
CIG Motto and Council Mission Statement was read

**AGENDA:**

**A. Review Agenda**

**B. Update YAI Committee status**

- The Young Adult Inreach Committee was started in September 2016. It was started out of the concern for the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation young adults who are distant from the movement and church.
- Mrs. Brunkhorst sent in a proposal to create a system for spiritually supporting young adults in college and freshly out of college.
- The purpose of the committee is not just to reach out to those who are no longer coming to church but to also create an intergenerational community.
- Other communities have also started initiatives to bring the different generations together, such as Project Phoenix, which was started by a group of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation.
- There have been several National Project Phoenix workshops across the country. The purpose to learn more about each other: Discovering, liberating, and trusting each generation.
- Last October the New Jersey community had a local level Project Phoenix. Around 30 people participated, 7 were 2<sup>nd</sup> generation.
- On Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 a Young Adult Forum was held in the Clifton Church. 23 2<sup>nd</sup> generation and 26 1<sup>st</sup> generation attended. The focus was to listen to the thoughts and experiences of young adult 2<sup>nd</sup> generation members. There were 6 2<sup>nd</sup> generation panelists that were in their 20's and 30's, the demographic that usually don't come to church.
- People shared in the feedback that they appreciated the honesty and openness of the forum.
- The panelists appreciated the listening and accepting atmosphere from the listeners.
- There will be a half day Project Phoenix on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**C. Evaluate Mr. Tegha's Tribal Messiahship Proposal**

- George Tegha joined the church 40 years and is Blessed to Josefa. They have one son and 2 grandchildren.
- Their couple trained their son in tribal messiahship and had gone door to door when he was 16. He is a gifted musician and writes books.
- Mr. Tegha's family is from Cameroon, but had to leave the country because it became dangerous for them.

- Mr. Tegha's son has mapped out 430 homes in Ghana to give the Blessing to and his parents are planning to go there to start tribal messiahship activities. They just need financial support to do this mission.
- Mr. and Mrs. Tegha will be leaving on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> for Ghana and will be supported by their spiritual children while staying there.
- He is hoping that this trip and endeavor can be a model for others to follow for other countries.
- In Ghana the majority of the population is Christian
- Witnessing activities include teaching such as farming and agriculture.
- The cost he is estimating is around \$10,582.00 for the mission and activities. He already received around \$3000-\$4000 to cover airfare, travel costs, and food for him and his wife.

#### **D. Review Financial Reporting status**

- The 2016 total income for the NJ Family Church was \$545,673.00
  - The 2016 total expenses for the NJ Family church was \$561,483.00
  - This includes Clifton, Elizabeth and Sunday Brunch club.
  - The finance report in the back of the 2016 pamphlet is incorrect.
  - Mr. Chamorrinha as the council treasurer would like to meet the finance committee members.
- A clear budget will be made for the church by studying previous years' expenses.

#### **E. Update Camp Sunrise status**

- The \$47,000 debt for Camp Sunrise has not been paid yet to HQ. The NJ community is restaurant is responsible for 30% of the debt.
- It might be possible to pay in installments.
- The assets at the campsite needs to be taken care of. We need to get permission from the NY Parks Department to go onto the camp property because it is closed until May.
- The goal is to not have to move the equipment, but to sell from the property

#### **F. Plan for the second Open Council Meeting of 2017**

- Last year the open council meetings were on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays and the regular council meetings were the 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays. This year they will be switched the regular council meetings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month and the Open council meetings will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays after church services based on the success of the last open council meeting held on Sunday.
- During the last open council meeting the structure was changed from previous ones. Only 3 reports were given instead of all of them and have a consistent rotation.
- The next open council meeting will be on Sunday Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. There will be reports from the Financial Committee, ACLC and Joe Leonard about the recent YAI activities.
- Pastor Manoj will also give a report since he just came back from Korea.
- Council members discussed best forms of communicating open council meetings. Facebook, text messaging and twitter was suggested.

#### **G. Set 2017 Council Goals**

- Discussion Postponed

#### **H. Discussion on Mr. Tegha's cost proposal**

- Suggestion to do something similar as how Rev. Sykes tour was supported and ask the congregation for donations on the spot.
- The council agreed that the public church money cannot be given to Mr. Tegha, but the council can support by personally helping and letting other people know about his mission.
- A suggestion to let Mr. Tegha have a program to explain his plan and ask for financial support.
- A council member shared his thoughts that Mr. Tegha is giving our community an opportunity to think about how we as a Unification community can help support our fellow brothers and sisters in their missions.
- Suggestion to give Mr. Tegha 5 minutes to explain about his mission during Sunday Service or the MC can announce it.
- Mr. Tegha asked to give massages after church as a fundraiser.

#### **I. Review and assign new tasks**

- Naria McGee will announce the Open Council meeting for the 1<sup>st</sup> service and Mr. Chamorrinha will announce for the 2<sup>nd</sup> service.
- Mrs. Sprague will contact Soim about the Open Council Meeting for the E-News and church announcements.
- Alex Beebe will tell Mr. Tegha the results of the council's decision
- Alex Beebe will look into speaking with Debbie Grodner and Michael Jenkins concerning Camp Sunrise.
- Alex Beebe and Atsushi Takino will work on creating a database to track numbers
- Norika Sprague and Nathaniel Nitro will be preparing for the next Open Council meeting.
- Naria McGee will talk to Joe Leonard about preparing a report about the YAI Project Phoenix workshop.
- For the next regular council meeting the council will discuss who can be on the Building committee.

#### **J. Announcements**

- 2/18 One day English DP Workshop (8:30am-4pm)
- 2/19 Ministry Fair
- 2/19 Tribal Messiah Empowerment Meeting
- 2/25 ACLC Prayer Breakfast in East Orange, NJ
- 2/26 Monthly Marriage Enrichment Program (1:30pm-2:30pm)
- 2/26 Open Council Meeting (1:30pm-3:30Pm)
- 3/1 YUM (8pm)
- 3/12 UPF Meeting (1-2pm)

Meeting closed in prayer at 10:57pm by Alex Beebe

Secretary,  
-Naria McGee