

Clifton Family Church Open Council Meeting
3/19/2017

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

Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Manoj at 1:30 pm
CIG Motto and Council Mission Statement was read

Reports:

A. Pastor's Monthly Talk by Pastor Manoj

- Encouraged everyone to participate and focus on sharing and giving the blessing.

B. Financial Committee Report by Mr. Chamorrinha

- Shared a comparison of income and expense categories in January and February between 2016 and 2017. January and February of 2016 showed a net deficit of \$9566 while the same months in 2017 showed a net deficit of \$6810.
- Shared about the importance of tithing 10% as described on page 369 of *The Way of God's Will*.

C. UPF Report by Mr. Tony Vozza

- UPF has been busy behind the scenes from the top down. True Mother has big ideas regarding what has to be accomplished by 2020. Mr. Tom McDevitt is the UPF leader and says that if we can get the support of 430 leaders per district, we can move the state. If we can move the state, we can move the country.
- Mr. McDevitt is establishing a way to educate leaders. There will be an American Leadership Conference (ALC) meeting at the Clifton Family Church on Sunday, March 26, at 2pm. The meeting has a HoonDokHae discussion format where the reading is applied to different fields at each table (including education, politics, etc.).
- The NYC ALC meeting had about 120 in attendance.
- The topic of the next monthly Peace Forum is "The Role of Media for a Responsible America". The idea is to create a grassroots force for conservative ideals.

D. BFD Report by Rany Jacob

- There is a monthly Marriage Enrichment program on the 4th Sunday of every month. So far, there have been 4 seminars. The purpose is to enrich member's marriages as well as create a space for non-members to connect and learn our family values. Attendance is currently low.

- There is currently an ongoing level 2 blessing workshop. There are 6 young adults participating.
- There will be a presentation for parents of children in the II Shim program on the topic of pronography. It will introduce parents to tools and resources that parents could use to help them educate their kids. The presentation will take place on the 1st Sunday of April.

Old Business

A. Pastor Responses to Unanswered Questions and Comments from Last Meeting

- Pastor Manoj sometimes meets with minister in follow up to the work of the outreach team. This team consists of about 10 members who visit other churches on a weekly basis. He does not directly participate in minister outreach otherwise and focuses on our internal community.
- Some church associated businesses do report financials and give donations directly to HQ but not for our local church. There is a special case where Mr. Yashiro's business has been donating monthly to support local ACLC efforts specifically.
- Though prayer requests were overlooked in the new website design, a link for prayer submissions will be included there moving forward.

New Business and Community Discussion starting at 2:25 pm

● New Church Directory led by Mr. Nitro

- Mr. Nitro is currently looking into the creation of an updated community directory with up to date contact information for community members.
- There was a suggestion that community leaders could be tapped to help collect updated contact information from their community circles.
- The booklet format has proved useful to many over the years though there is also effort currently on the national level to establish a secure nation wide contact list online.

● Discussion regarding our Blessing goals

- **Mr. Voza:** We need to be confident when approaching potential new members just as you need to approach new clients with confidence in business. - **Mrs. Ang:** A strong point of success to communicate is the diversity in our community. - **Rev. Ang:** Membership and money are the pillars of the church that enable all of the activities through which we can reach the world. There needs to be an effective system in order to multiply. In Chicago, Rev. Ang had paid for newspaper ads to reach people. In today's society, perhaps we can use social media or purchase billboard space. In order to develop the effective strategies for multiplying people and money, there should be some brainstorm sessions. The

financial prosperity of members will lead to the increase in tithe and church income needed to implement activities on the community level.

Meeting closed in prayer by Alex Beebe at 3:00 pm.

Alex Beebe,
Council Chairman