

## Clifton Family Church Council Minutes

11/03/2017

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

Absent: Nathaniel Nitro

Opened in Prayer by Pastor Manoj at 8:12pm

CIG Motto and Church mission statement was read.

### AGENDA:

- A. Review Agenda to make changes
  - Financial report, Camp Sunrise situation and National Council update was added to the agenda
  
- B. Review Council Election Results
  - There were five candidates for the council: Christine Libon, Choongnam Onoe, Jan Mendoza, Josephine Gimay and Zachary Beebe.
  - The top 3 candidates for the council are Mrs. Libon, Mr. Onoe, and Mr. Beebe. Pastor Manoj needs to choose the 4<sup>th</sup> person.
  - Slides will be made to show the elected council members on Sunday Service
  
- C. Plan for Next Open Council Meeting
  - Meeting will be on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday service.
  - Option to have someone who goes to Korea to report on the events and situation with North and South Korea after True Mother's rally.
  - Detailed Financial report will be given during the meeting.
  - Possibly hear testimonies from Clifton Japanese members who attended the 7-day DP workshop at IPEC in Las Vegas.
  - Goal is to have the meeting for 40 minutes at most. Just a few topics would be enough. Report on Korea and testimonies on Japanese DP workshop will be the two agendas.
  
- D. National Council Report by Atsushi Takino
  - Dr. Kim talked about establishing the SunHak institute for History in Korea and how there is a plan to create one in the U.S. Dr. Michael Mickler was appointed as the director for this project.
  - There were reports about how pastors and councils get along in each church community. Some work very well, others have difficulties and other communities don't have a council. The Chair of the National Council wants to create a book on the best practice on having a council.
  - A proposal to create a crowd funding project for any Church projects members would like to support because receiving a grant is difficult.
  - In April 2018 the new National Council team will be established.

#### E. Updates on the Parking Lot and Gas Line Status

- The plan is to have surveying done for the parking lot as soon as possible.
- Pastor Manoj has spoken with several companies about surveying and hopes to have it surveyed in a couple weeks.
- The city is open to having a parking lot to alleviate parking use on the streets, but they cannot approve a parking lot until they see the survey report.
- Pastor Manoj is in the application process with PSE&G to have gas lines installed to replace the oil heating system.
- Replacing the oil tank with a gas heating system has been discussed since the church building was purchased and will increase its value.

#### F. Discuss the Council Section of the Annual Report

- Pictures, names of the council members and a brief report on the activities and accomplishments of the church council are requested for the Annual report. Mr. Beebe as the Chair will write a greeting.
- This needs to all be submitted by Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- A suggestion to make the Annual Report a digital pdf. instead of a physical book so the church doesn't spend a large sum of money on printing something that might only get used once.
- Vote to have the Annual Report as pdfs available to everybody and have the option for members to sign up and pay for a physical copy if they want one and print more if needed: 6 for, 1 abstain.
- Pastor Manoj will ask community members about their opinion as well.

#### G. Discuss Action Steps for Intra-Community Trade

- Discussion on how to address the public needs of our community and have members interact with each other about their private businesses and services they can offer to each other. The thinking is that increased business between members will help to limit capital leaving the community and boost the community's overall wellbeing. Often members simply do not know that certain services are available to them within their own community.
- Suggestion to have a business of the month to post on the church bulletin for a small fee. Small advertisements could also be on the bulletin, but the business of the month would be mainly promoted for two weeks.
- Discussion on possibly holding something like a Networking Fair for members to have tables showing what kind of business, services and skills they can offer to the community.
- Suggestion to have the community associated businesses listed on the local church website.
- Vote to create a space on the Sunday bulletin in the program for members to advertise their business or services for a small donation. (Suggested donation amount to be decided). 6 for, 1 abstain.

#### H. Financial Report

- For the month of September, there was a \$7000 loss due to 2 unexpected expenses: 1. Having to pay for the nursery electric bill for the year of 2016 due to

not knowing there was a 3<sup>rd</sup> meter for the nursery and the bills were not being sent to the church. 2. Outreach expenses for 5 plane tickets to send 5 ministers to Korea.

I. Status of Camp Sunrise payments

- We haven't started paying for the Camp Sunrise debt yet to HQ who paid it off.
- The council will take proper responsibility for this as soon as possible.
- The total debt is \$13,782.44 and has needed to be paid back to HQ since April 2017.
- The council will speak to HQ about paying \$1000 a month until the debt is paid off.
- Vote to pay \$1000 per month to HQ for the Clifton Church's portion of the debt for Camp Sunrise until it is paid off, starting in Nov. 2017. The total amount is \$13,782.44. 5 for, 2 abstain.

J. Review and Assign New Tasks

- Mrs. Sprague will contact speakers and organize the open council meeting.
- Mr. Chamorrinha will create a condensed version of the 3rd quarter financial report for all the members during the open council meeting.
- Mrs. Gaarder will put together slides of the new council members for Sunday Service.
- Mrs. Gaarder and Mr. Beebe will tell Mr. Nitro about taking photos of the council for the Annual Report.
- Mr. Beebe and Mr. Ishikawa will announce the new members of the council for both services.
- Pastor Manoj will speak to Soin about putting business advertisement into the Sunday Programs.
- Pastor Manoj and Eriko Endo will speak to HQ about paying the debt for Camp Sunrise.
- Mr. Beebe will be writing up the greeting and council accomplishment report for the annual report.
- Mrs. Gaarder will edit the council minutes.

K. Announcements

- 11/12-Monthly UPF Meeting (1:00 pm - 2:00 pm)
- 11/15-YUM (8:00 pm)
- 11/18-One Day DP Workshop (8:30 am - 4:00 pm)
- 11/19-Open Council Meeting (12:30 pm – 1:30 pm)
- 11/26- Monthly Marriage Enrichment (1:30 pm – 2:30 pm)

Closed in prayer by Mr. Alex Beebe at 10:56pm