



Clifton Family Church

Clifton Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, November 27, 2013, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM EST

LOCATION: Clifton Church

PRESENT: Mr. John Hessel (Chair) Mr. Hiroshi Inose
Mr. Atsushi Takino Mrs. Carol Pobanz
Mrs. Meadow Tallakson Mr. Hero Hernández (Secretary & National Rep)
Mr. Joshua Yashiro

ABSENT: Mr. Robert Beebe, Dr. Ann Iparraguirre, Mr. Pablo Iparraguirre

I. CALL TO ORDER & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Hessel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and confirmed a quorum of the Council was present.

II. OPENING PRAYER

Mrs. Pobanz offered the opening prayer.

III. AGENDA

- A. Election Results
- B. Council Election Preparation

IV. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- A. Election Results

After counting the votes, the members have chosen:

Manoj Jacob to be the Senior Pastor of the Clifton Family Church

We sincerely thank Tamayo Oppenheimer for her courage and desire to serve the Clifton community.

	Online Ballot	Paper Ballot	Total	%
Manoj Jacob	128	180	308	67%
Tamayo Oppenheimer	75	78	153	33%
Total	203	258	461	

- B. Council Election Preparation

Mr. Hessel – According to the National Charter, there is a suggestion to have a six person council plus the Pastor equals seven. Two of those six will selected by the Pastor from the list of top nominees, not by random or special appointment. Should we keep the Council size at 8 to allow for more representation?

Mr. Yashiro – I think a smaller council of six people is better, especially for decision making.

Mr. Inose – I agree with this suggestion.



MOTION 1 – TO VOTE ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL

Motioned by Mr. Hessell, Seconded by Mr. Yashiro

DECISION 1 - 7:0 UNANIMOUS

To have a six seat council plus the Pastor, as per the suggestion of HQ

Mr. Hessell – How many nominees can a member make? Should it be three nominations or six nominations? Also, we have two options on how to organize the nomination: 1) members do a straight nomination and then we call those nominees if they want to volunteer, if they don't want to volunteer, the next person on the list will be asked. Members' votes are wasted on candidates that don't want to volunteer. 2) The other option is to have two voting rounds, a nomination period and a final election. This way, we can ask each nominee if they want to run.

MOTION 2 – TO VOTE ON THE NEW COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS

Motioned by Mr. Hessell – Seconded by Mr. Hernández

DECISION 2 – 5:2

To have a straight vote of the council seats. The top ranked nominees will be selected for the Council.

Mr. Hessell – Criteria to be on the Council?

Mr. Hernández – Not the Ministry Staff?

Mr. Yashiro – What were the criteria last year?

Mrs. Pobanz – Only full time Ministry Staff couldn't be on the Council?

Mr. Yashiro – Just as we expected the Pastor to be absolutely aligned with True Mother's vision, I think that the Council should also have the same standard.

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Mr. Hessell – Should the Council be able to suggest the hiring and firing of the Ministry Staff?

Mrs. Tallakson – I think it should be up to the Pastor.

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Mr. Hernández – Some other criteria: 18 years old, a member of the Clifton Church. They should know the time commitment as well.

Mr. Hessell – So should the vote be only online or should we provide a paper ballot as well?

Mr. Takino – Paper ballots presents a challenge because we might not be able to read the name.

Mr. Hessell – Let's just provide an online ballot. And how many nominations per member? One to six?

Mr. Yashiro – I suggest three nominations. And we don't need paper ballots.

Mr. Inose – I agree, online only is ok.

Mr. Takino – I agree.

MOTION 3 – HOW WE VOTE, ONLINE ONLY OR ONLINE & PAPER

Motioned by Mr. Hernández, Seconded by Mr. Hessell

DECISION 3 – 5:2

To have only an online ballot, there will be no paper ballot.

MOTION 4 – THE NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS EACH MEMBER CAN MAKE FOR COUNCIL

Motioned by Mr. Hernández, Seconded by Mr. Hessell



Decision 4 – 7:0 UNANIMOUS

A member can make three individual nominations for the Council.

Mr. Hessell – Let’s now discuss the election timeline.

- December 5 Thursday – Council nominations open
- December 10 Tuesday – Nomination closes
- December 15 Sunday – New Clifton Council is announced

Mr. Hessell – I will also draft a council job description.

Mr. Takino – Can member re-nominate a person that is currently on the Council?

Mr. Hessell – Yes, I think so.

V. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, December 13, 2013.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Mr. Hessell

Seconded by Mrs. Tallakson

That the Council adjourns the meeting at 8:35 PM.

CARRIED 7:0 UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs. Tallakson closes in prayer.

Minutes Approved by the Council on November 29, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. John Hessell
Chairperson

Mr. Hero Hernández
Secretary & National Representative