



# Belvedere Family Community BFC Council Newsletter

April 2017

**Council Mission Statement (2015-2017)** ~ Our mission is to be a driving force for the community, and to support the Head Pastor, by establishing a clear organizational structure and thriving financial base, resulting in a vibrant, God-centered culture within our families and community.

**Happy Easter!** Things are really hopping at BFC!

## Council Elections are upon us

Good leadership on the council is essential. Please make sure you vote via the website or a hard copy ballot at Sunday, April 23, by midnight. The BFC community has nominated 8 great nominees: Djamel Bouachri, Dale Hoffman, David Okamoto, Julia Okamoto, Matthew Learey, Kimiyo Matthews, Renate Sato, David Wolf.



You can vote for up to four people. Quite a hard choice! The council members that will remain on the council to fulfill their two year term are: Chris Perkins, Yuki Jones, Sun-Ae Patterson and Akiko Morris.

To vote, please visit  
<http://www.belvederefamily.com/election>

## New White House Manager

We welcome Kosei Suzuki as the new manager at the White House. Chinam Tomeda and his wife felt it time to move on and has handed the baton to Kosei. Thank you, Chinam, for your excellent care in handling many details in the management of the White House!

Contact Kosei for scheduling and other issues at: [ksuzuki05@gmail.com](mailto:ksuzuki05@gmail.com) or 8452338687

## Upcoming Council Meeting

Our next Council business meeting is scheduled for **Friday April 21st**, from 7:30pm to 9:30pm, at the White House.

**IMPORTANT NOTE FOR VISITORS:** Visitors are very welcome - but please be aware that our agenda is usually very full. If visitors would like to suggest an issue to be discussed or to be given time to express an opinion, they should contact the council (any council member) at least one week before the meeting.

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Kester Wilkening Chairperson  
Jessica Sattinger Vice Chairperson  
Chris Perkins Vice Chairperson  
Lynn Walsh Communications  
Yuki Jones Treasurer  
Sun-Ae Patterson Scribe  
Peter Reiner Administrator  
Akiko Morris Councilor

The Belvedere Family Church Council welcomes your input!

Please email your comments, questions or suggestions to

[bfc-council@googlegroups.com](mailto:bfc-council@googlegroups.com)

# BFC Committee Reports

## **Financial Committee**

headed by Yuki Jones

Every month our Financial Committee, together with our bookkeeper, reports to the council on the financial state of our community. This is a critical responsibility to keeping our community stable and moving forward. Because our expenses have increased we are very fortunate that the Financial Development Committee has formed to find ways to bring in more income.

This committee is responsible for the blast we all had during the Valentine's Day dance while bringing in a profit of \$861. Now that is "fun raising"! The committee has future plans for a Mother's Day tag sale and flower sale and an online business venture. We all should be grateful to Yuki Jones, Genie Kagawa, David Okamoto and Mrs. Takahashi for "dancing" up to the plate.

## **Sunday Service Committee**

headed by Dominic Barber

Council representative Sun-Ae Patterson

The committee will be initiating a monthly Sunday Evening Family Service. This begins May 21st at 5pm. This new format is designed to be more interactive and fun for the whole family. So, come and bring everyone!

Also if you have not already noticed, the committee has worked hard to rearrange the layout of the sanctuary/main hall, adding a raised stage and more natural light. The committee will continue working to improve the function and attractiveness of the room and quality of the programs. Many thanks are due to this innovative team.

## **Community Enrichment** headed by Lynn Walsh

During Sunday Service we hope you all saw the exciting and hilarious video made by the young adults (plus Noah and Dominic) describing the inspiration and support they experienced in their young adult small group. The young adult small group will be starting up on Saturday, April 15 from 6:30 to 8, and they are looking for a few more to join. Please contact Noah or

## **Blessing and Family Committee**

headed by Debby Gullery

Council representative Chris Perkins

Good news! The very popular, "Marriage Course" is coming here to BFC in the near future, possibly led by Nancy Jubb. This is a great and enjoyable program for couples in all stages and ages. Debby Gullery continues to serve our community well with her counseling. She would like to put on more programs but could use some volunteers to help make this happen. So do consider offering Debby some of your time or talents.

## **Administration Committee**

headed by Jessica Sattinger

Critical to improving our community is getting feedback and suggestions from as many members as possible. The Annual Community Survey is clearly the best vehicle for doing this. Our second annual survey was completed with 79 people responding with comments related to all the key areas of BFC. Did it have value? Yes. In fact, each BFC Council committee incorporated this feedback into their assessments and strategies for improvements. The survey was well designed and easy to fill-out online. But all of this took the Administration Committee a great deal of time, more than they anticipated. Please thank the Survey Team, Peter Reiner, Charles Patterson, Chris Perkins and Jessica Sattinger for their concerted efforts to build our community by drawing out more connectivity and understanding. Another important venue for connection is the website. The committee has been actively updating the website with our new mission statement. Remember to check frequently: <http://www.belvederefamily.com>

Kathy Ross for more information. In addition the adult small group (35 yrs. +) is starting up on Wednesday April 19 at 7:30 to 9pm. Both groups are looking for new members and will meet at the White House. There is also interest in beginning a small group after service on Sundays. For information about adult small groups please contact Dominic Barber or Lynn Walsh.