

Clifton Council Meeting

2nd Elected Council

12/20/13

Attendance: Pastor Manoj Jacob; Misayo Bien; Kyoko Anderson; Alain Tamelessio; Kathaleen Sato; Masako Feddema and Tamayo Oppenheimer

- The meeting was called to order at 7:46 PM by Pastor Jacob.
- Pastor Jacob led the Opening Prayer and congratulated everyone for being elected to the Council. He briefly explained the history, process and responsibility of the council members, based on the National Charter and some of the procedures used by the 1st elected Council. Copies of the National Charter were distributed to the Council members.
- Pastor Manoj shared that in the previous Council, the person who received the most votes became the Interim Council Chair and was voted in as the Council Chair. (The previous Council Chair was John Hessel.) Misayo Bien received the highest number of votes thus Pastor Manoj asked her to be the Interim Chair of the Council and then be voted in.
- Mrs. Bien agreed to be the Interim Chair but declined to be the Council Chair because of the challenges of language and other difficulties. She nominated Kathaleen Sato to become the Council Chair. The nomination was put into motion and accepted by all the Council members.

4 Items discussed (There was no formal agenda as it was the first meeting of the Council.)

A) **Increase the number of council members to 8, to include two more male members to the Council.** One of them would be a 2nd generation. Two names were suggested from the list of the top 10 - Carlson Allen (2nd Gen,) and Robert Beebe (from the previous council). Pastor Manoj will contact them to see if they are interested in joining the Council.

B) **Selection of a representative from Clifton Church Council for the National Church Council.** Alan Tamelessio was suggested. However, he declined. The nomination was temporarily tabled as the request was based on the District system. We are now working as local churches. It may or may not be necessary, Pastor Jacob will check with Headquarters.

C) **Council members were asked to share their reason for running for the council.** All Council members expressed a concern for the members to be heard and their issues addressed. Everyone desired to create a loving, vibrant church where both members and guests would be welcome; and establish a victorious foundation for True Parents legacy and tradition to be passed down and practiced by future generations.

D) **The date for the next council meeting will be 1/3/13.** Phone numbers and e-mails of all Council members were given out. Suggestions for topics for the next agenda will be submitted to the Council Chair. If there are numerous suggestions to be discussed, the Council Chair will decide which ones will take priority for the next meeting [with the consideration of the Pastor.]

(A Council Secretary is still to be decided. Kathaleen Sato recorded the minutes for the meeting.)

- The meeting was concluded with prayer by Kathleen Sato

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathaleen Sato