

## Clifton Council Meeting Minutes

6/6/14

**Attendance:** Pastor Manoj, Mrs. Kyoko Andersson, Rev. Kathaleen Sato, Mr. Alain Tamelessio, Mr. Zeth Bell, Mrs. Tomayo Oppenheimer, Mrs. Masayo Bien

- Meeting was called to order at 7:50
- The opening prayer was read by Mrs. Sato
- The CIG Motto was read

### Agenda:

- Minutes from the Council Meetings on 5/16/14 and 5/31/14 were read by Zeth Bell.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **A. Feedback, and Suggestions from Town Hall Meeting**

- Mrs. Oppenheimer gave a report on the Town Hall Meeting (see Mrs. Oppenheimer for document or hyperlink in E-news for more details)
- **Town Hall Feedback:** It was noted that the rules were very beneficial and efficient for managing time. The question interval lengths were a good to keep everyone interested, yet time frame of the meeting was too short to address all issues and somewhat strained discussion (about the issues). The day and time was chosen to be convenient and allow for a greater number of members to attend. However, holding the Town Hall Meeting between services interrupted Sunday Service preparations and disturbed the atmosphere of worship.

Attendance of the Town Hall Meeting was by mostly a different group of people, and people who usually do not speak, felt empowered to do so. However, the number of attendees was approximately the same (as the first Town Hall Meeting) which diminished the purpose of holding the meeting between services.

The direction and information flow of the meeting was positive, and questions helped the council see the community's current mindset and knowledge of the church's current status.

It was noted that a key focus of the meeting should be stated. It was noted that more effort to encourage the community's youth to attend, and the Council needs to be more considerate of other things happening at same time (such as Sunday Service preparation, Holidays, Holy Days, and Sunday Brunch Club).

##### **B. Suggestions from the Suggestion Box**

- Outdoor Sunday services, utilizing media advertisement, creating/using alternative means of Council announcements to community to better increase awareness of Council's activities (such as websites, video announcements, and colorful bulletins)
- Points regarding Witnessing: It is often viewed as the spiritual parent's sole responsibility to take care of new members, but Pastor Manoj wants clarify the church's resources available and support groups possible to take care of new members.

**C. Learning Studio, LLC**

- Pastor Manoj met with Learning Studio, LLC and agreed to end contract until the end of June 2015; the legal department will be contacted about writing up legal document.

**D. Updates to Old Business from Previous Meetings**

- Parsonage: All documentation was send to HQ; Alexa Ward was decided by HQ to meet with Dr. Ann; \*See latest affidavit for more details\*
- Cup & Cake Café: Pastor Manoj met with Mr. Noll about decision; Council wishes to use a better space for the success of the immensely potential idea – agreeing that having a café would appeal to the youth for fellowship and witnessing. The location of the café was discussed
- The Building Committee: \$300 fee has been paid to the county by the church to begin paperwork and process of upgrading from oil to gas by digging into the street to access gas connection. The next Building Committee Meeting is scheduled for 6/15 at 4pm. Areas of concern for next meeting include summer A/C & landscaping outside bushes along church walls.

**E. Town Hall Meeting (July 25th)**

- Based on the suggestions the Council previously received, it was noted that the community is not well informed, on what church related ministries do or services they provide. Council decided to host an “Open-House” theme-based meeting, to inform the community of numerous ministries and their witnessing efforts.
- A vote for the next Town Hall Meeting on 7/25 for Open-House Town Hall Meeting was cast (Results: Yes 5/ Abstained 2) The meeting will beginning with snacks @ 7pm (to allow people to arrive). The presentation will start 7:30pm. Council will inform ministries of this date so that they can prepare presentations and handouts (example included: ACLC; Sunday Brunch Club; GO; Ocean Church; WFWP; UPF; YUM; etc.). Criteria for presentations will include: Accomplishments, Means to contribute and bring guests, and Spiritual curriculum. The purpose is to bring inspiration to the community with that knowledge.

**F. Announcements:**

- DP workshop Camp Sunrise
- Camp Sunrise 6/25
- Father’s Day BBQ 6/15 after 2<sup>nd</sup> service

**New Business:**

**A. Open-House theme based meeting planning**

The meeting was closed in prayer by Tomayo at 9:58

**Secretary,**

**-Zeth Bell**