

Clifton Council Meeting

8/22/14

Attendance: Pastor Manoj Jacob, Rev. Kathaleen Sato, Dr. Robert Beebe, Mrs. Misayo Bien, Mrs. Kyoko Andersson, Mrs. Tamayo Oppenhiemer, Mrs. Masako Feddema (Skype Video Call), and Mr. Zeth Bell **Excused:** Mr. Alain Tamelessio

- The meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm
- The opening prayer was given by Rev. Sato
- The CIG Motto was read

Agenda:

- Minutes from the Council Meeting on 8/8/14 were read by Zeth Bell.

Old Business:

A. Updates on the Parsonage

- Dr. Ann reassured the Council in early August that she would move out by the end of August. However, later she informed us that the house where they planned to move was no longer available. Dr. Ann then said she wasn't sure when they would be able to move out of the parsonage. Kay Allen and Alexa Ward were notified of the situation. Despite the Council's wish to respect Dr. Ann's privacy, the council believes that the concerns of the community must be addressed.
- A candidate for the (Part-time) position of Youth Pastor was brought before the Council by Pastor Manoj. The candidate was Raymond Burns. The suggestion was put to vote and the results were 7 yes with 1 Council Member absent.

B. Open House, Part I (In-reach Ministries)

- It was suggested that the Parsonage be discussed after the Open House presentations, as an emergency topic, to inform the community and make the best decision. A vote for the change was taken. (7 yes with 1 Council Member absent.) Documents will be ready as evidence to the statements given to the community.
- A new date was suggested for the Open House Part II (Outreach Ministries), 9/26. A vote was taken. The results were 7 yes with 1 Council Member absent.

C. Grant Proposal

- Rev. Sato contacted Dr. Panzer for assistance with grant writing. The Council needs to submit a clear plan for the Grant money it is requesting. The deadline for Grant proposal submissions has been extended to 8/31. The Clifton Church Grant proposal is to renovate the church kitchen, which will benefit both young adults as well as the community in general. It was also suggested to utilize a portion of the renovated space for a café. An architect is needed to design the kitchen and café area, (and provide a sketch and blue print) prior to hiring a carpenter. The Grant funds can be used for multiple purposes. However, each project must be clearly defined. Mrs. Hatsue Kumagai or Mr. Terry McMahon may be asked for their advice, as they are both architects.

D. Council Vice Chairman position

- Dr. Beebe was nominated for Council Vice Chairman. A vote was taken. (6 yes; 1 no with one 1 Council Member absent.)

E. Building Committee Report

Mrs. Bien gave a report on the Building Committee regarding changing the boiler. An estimate was already provided and accepted. However, it was discovered that the City of Clifton requires a licensed engineer to make the estimate. In addition, the previous company Falcon and Mr. Ozawa company, (who made estimates on the boiler last year), did not want to work with another estimate based on using two small boilers (due to complications). A new estimate must be done by a licensed engineer before any company will be willing to install a boiler. It is too late to begin the process of changing the boiler this year. The project will be postponed until spring.

F. Announcements

- Please pray for Georges Tegha's safety and employment success.
- True Father's Memorial is on 9/20/14, in NYC, at the Manhattan Center, in the Hammerstein Ballroom, at 11am.
- The offering for True Father's National Memorial Seonghwa Ceremony is \$120 for individual members or \$210 for a couple.
- The deadline for the Recognition of Injustice and Apology signature forms is 9/20.
- The schedule for the One-Day DP Workshop in English is: 8/23, and in Spanish, on 8/30
- The next general Council Meeting is scheduled for 9/12.

New Business:

- A. The Open House for the Outreach Ministries.
- B. National Council Report

The meeting was closed in prayer by Mrs. Oppenheimer at 10:17 pm.

Secretary,

-Zeth Bell