

Clifton Family Church Open Council Meeting
11/11/2016

Attendance: Pastor Manoj, Mr. Beebe, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Takino, Mrs. Andersson, Mrs. Sprague, Mr. Bell

Opening Prayer at 7:35pm by Mr. Beebe

1. Pastor Manoj gave a talk announcing the upcoming events with ACLC and WFWP. The ILC event will have congressmen and senators in attendance.
2. Mrs. Andersson gave a financial report as a part of the financial committee. The amounts of donations from the generational groups of members. Itemized expenses were listed explained from January through September. Currently the expenses exceed the income. (Questions about the specifics arose and will be addressed; another recommendation about having a quarterly comparison to the quarter of the previous year)
3. Mr. Takino gave a report on the national and district council. There was a survey on familyfed.org summarized in the national council section of the website. A Zoom meeting occurred on the 11/9. On Nov. 28th, T.M. will be arriving in DC. On Nov 29, Little Angels will be performing. Nov 30, T.M. will give a speech to 20 congressman. On Dec 3, T.M. would like to meet with the general congregation in NY. On Dec 4, T.M. would like to meet with the second gen. The National charter will be updated to balance authority between the local ministry team and the councils. Recently some witnessing efforts have been done with CARP as well.
4. Mr. Beebe gave a report based on the Camp Sunrise survey. 73% said that they would not support the continued financial backing of the Camp by our church, 19.8% said they would support if they could get the debt below \$10,000. 7.8% said they would support with no additional conditions. The council voted on supporting camp sunrise in 2017 (support 0/ Against unanimous)
5. Mr. Leonard gave a report on YUM. Bi-monthly sermons 30-40 average participants. The current theme is giving presence. The CARP team is giving the sermons for the remaining two months of the year. DP forum has 10-15 participants. A 2nd culture wars event will be held in January at the University of Bridgeport; the purpose is to understand the DP in relation to the real world issues.
6. Mr. Ozawa reported on youth ministry GO. The current theme is connection and communication. Teaching resources will be a book "Lead Small". The end of each month will have a parent and child GO bonding program. In October, there was the Halloween party in Clifton to better connect the communities of KEA, Elizabeth, and Clifton. (Points about having community education on the spiritual traditions and their purpose; and educating the youth and connecting as a family community).
7. Mrs. Jacob gave a report on Blessed Family Department. Marriage enrichment seminar held in October (22 couples with new guests to the community), monthly programs are to be held from December 10th, Blessing will be held on Sunday 11/13, weekly Blessing enrichment program, level 2 Blessing workshop, newborns are gifted with a silver spoon and knitted baby cap, a nursery has been established for Sunday services. Mrs. Jacob is reaching out to couples in her personal time.
8. Mr. Onishi gave a report on ACLC. Successful prayer breakfast last Saturday. True Family Values Banquet event December 1-3. aclcnational.org
9. Mr. McMahon gave a report on Ocean Church. GO fish winter program December and January to be announced.

10. Council Election Committee. The election system will be based on the single transferable vote system. In other words, members will each rank the candidates according to personal preference.

Old Business:

- A. Issues Mr. Glass brought up (Success rates of blessings after 1950) - we have local information but national information is not available. The purpose of the info is more for community improvement, strengthening the understanding of the Blessing, and providing True Mother with adequate feedback to help make informed decisions.
- B. Based on a letter from Mrs. Brunkhorst, a Young Adult Inreach Committee was formed to identify issues our community has had with low levels of young adult involvement.
- C. Oil tank - We are waiting on a response from PSE&G for getting a gas connection to replace the oil tank heating system.

New Business:

- A. Project Phoenix was held to help bridge the gap between 1st and 2nd generation membership. There are plans for continuing to hold such events.

Closed in prayer at 9:35pm by Pastor Manoj