

Clifton Family Church Council
1/13/2017

Attendance: Mr. Alex Beebe, Pastor Manoj Jacob, Mr. George Glass, Mr. Nathaniel Nitro, Mrs. Naria McGee, Mr. Francisco Chamorrinha, and Mrs. Noriko Sprague, Mr Atsushi Takino.
Absent: Mr. Ishikawa

Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Manoj at 8:11pm
CIG Motto and Council Mission Statement was read

Agenda:

A. Review agenda to make any changes

B. Elect New Council Officers

- Decision to elect council members to fill vacant positions, which are Vice Chair and Treasurer.
- Vote for whether to re-elect all positions or just vacant positions: 4 for all positions, 3 for vacant positions.
- Vote to keep Mr. Takino as District council representative: Unanimous
- The council will postpone voting for the council position election until Friday, Jan. 20th. 2017.

C. Review Council Effectiveness Survey

- A total of 51 responses were submitted
- Communications, Finance and Data were the top 3 areas the community wants the council to work on.
- With the metrics question about tracking progress, the top 2 were Community member participation numbers and 2nd Gen participation numbers.
- For best Open Council meeting time, a majority chose Sunday at 1:30pm
- The demographic of those attending the open council meeting
- A large majority (92%) answered they attend the open council meetings to hear about what is happening.
- The things that would make people more comfortable to attend the meetings is to clarify the purpose, change the meeting time, and announce the meeting time more.
- People prefer to receive church news and announcements through: 1. E-News, 2. Sunday Service, and 3. Personal contact.
- Most people prefer to give feedback by: 1. Emailing Pastor Manoj or church employees, 2. In person to council members, and 3. In person to Pastor Manoj or church employees
- Most people received this survey through E-News and Paper survey at Church.
- 58% of the people who submitted the survey were age 56 and older, 22% age 46-55, 2% age 36-45, 8% age 26-35, and 10% age 25 and under.
- Discussion on different forms of communication such as twitter and websites, how effective they are in society and the possibility of using it for quick church communication.

- The survey will be extended until the next Open Council meeting to get a better understanding of the community's thoughts. A Japanese translation will be made for Japanese members.
- The survey will be revised to have questions on gender and a comments box.

D. Update on Oil Tank and Gas Line status

- Moved to the next meeting

E. Update on YAI Committee status

- The committee members are Mr. Atsushi Takino, Mr. Zeth Bell, Mr. Jin Kwon Kim, Mr. Joe Leonard, Mr. Branch Gaarder, and Mrs. Naria McGee
- Project Phoenix was conducted as part of the Young Adult In-reach initiative.
- The 2 purposes for the YAI are to create an inter-generational community and to reach out to 2nd generation who are not connected to the church.
- There will be a Project Phoenix on March 3-5th in the Maryland/Virginia area.
- There will be something like a youth open council or youth forum on February 3rd, 2017 Friday at 7pm where the youth will be speaking and the community can hear their opinions and thoughts. To address having food a potluck was proposed.

F. Update on financial Reporting status

- Moved to the next meeting

G. Update on Camp Sunrise status

- Moved to the next meeting

H. Plan for the first Open council meeting of 2017

- Based on the survey, the open council meeting will be held on Sunday January 22nd at 1:30pm.
- Vote to have the meeting on this date and time: Unanimous
- Suggestion to change the name of the "Open Council" so that it is more welcoming to the community.
- Extended focused report for the Open Council will be about True Mother's report on National Restoration and discussion and feedback on this topic is encouraged to the audience.
- A suggestion to restructure the Open Council meeting so that there are only 30 minutes of reports and the rest of the meeting is for open floor discussion.
- Open Council reports will be on youth, church finances, open council survey and witnessing.
- Vote to have the new proposed structure for the Open council meeting: Unanimous

I. Review and assign new tasks

- Mrs. Noriko Sprague will translate the open council survey into Japanese
- Mr. Takino and Mrs. Sprague will announce about the survey being extended and about the Open Council meeting on the 22nd on Sunday service.

J. Announcements

- 11/1-22/9—100 Day Devotion for the fulfillment of Vision 2020

- 1/18--YUM (8pm)
- 1/21—One Day English DP Workshop (8:30am-4pm)
- 1/28—One Day Spanish DP Workshop (10am-3pm)

Meeting closed in prayer by Alex Beebe at 11:23pm

Secretary,

--Naria McGee