

## **Clifton Family Church Council**

07-21-2017

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

Absent: Mr. Mitsuo Ishikawa, Mrs. Naria McGee

Meeting opened in Prayer at 8:13pm by Pastor Manoj  
CIG Motto and Council Mission Statement were read

### **AGENDA:**

#### **A. Review Agenda to Make any Changes**

- Added discussion of the Peace Starts with Me event to the agenda

#### **B. Discuss Peace Starts with Me**

- True Mother has been rearranging the leadership and regional organization of the FFWPU International.
- Dr. Balcomb has been reassigned to Europe and will be replaced by Richard Buessing.
- Tom McDevitt will be replacing Dr. Thomas Walsh at UPF.
- Discussed logistical hurdles that Clifton Family Church members and affiliates encountered getting to Madison Square Garden for the event

#### **C. Review of Community Participation Numbers - Mr. Alex Beebe**

- Mr. Beebe presented participations numbers for local UPF meetings, WFWP meetings, and Sunday Services since April.
- Services have been seeing approximated 460 attendees every week with the exceptions of services between May 14 and June 4 and later June 18. The former period saw attendance numbers drop by about 40 people as summer vacation started for college students. June 18 was Father's Day and saw a drop of about 100 people, potentially due to another young adult event going on at the time.
- We will reach out to Rev. Onishi to begin getting numbers for ACLC and Joe Leonard for YUM.

#### **D. Progress Report on the 430 Blessing Goal for Clifton - Mr. Atsushi Takino**

- To date, we have performed a total of 33 blessings.
- Headquarters has developed good resources to support people in achieving their blessing goals. In particular, Damian Dunkley's team has developed the heavenlytribe.org website for this purpose.

#### **E. Review and Plan Open Meetings - Mrs. Noriko Sprague**

- It has consistently been difficult to organize and attract people to the Open Council Meetings. We had changed the meeting time to Sundays to help boost attendance numbers but we have still seen them decline over time.
- Moving forward, we will focus more on receiving the community's feedback on events and issues and have less reporting.
  - The general meeting format will be to have just a couple, very short agenda points and to accept non-agenda items from participants for the rest of the meeting.
  - Names will be taken at the beginning of the meeting for everyone that wants to contribute a non-agenda item. Each of these people will have 3 minutes to articulate their comment, concern, or proposal.
- The July meeting will be on July 30. The event will focus on hearing people's feedback on the Peace Starts with Me event. Each person will have 3 minutes to share. The council meeting will begin directly after the church service in the fellowship hall as people eat and enjoy food. Council members will arrive early at 9 am to help set up the fellowship hall in preparation for the council meeting. Will ask Hyo Jeong participants to help set up the food in the fellowship hall following the service.

**F. Update on Community Interest in Guest House - Pastor Manoj Jacob**

- The guest house (parsonage) is currently housing Mr. Kittel and a young couple with two kids who are looking for a more permanent residence in the area. The couple is currently donating \$800 per month for the space. We also hosted Mr. Spurgeon about two weeks ago.
- We are currently not openly advertising the space in any way. We could at least let our congregation at large know about the opportunity through the E-News.

**G. Update on Our Camp Sunrise Debt Payments - Pastor Manoj Jacob**

- We have not begun our debt payments of our \$13,782.44 debt for Camp Sunrise to headquarters. Pastor Manoj will speak with Mrs. Endo to start making payments this month.
- Headquarters does not have a specific deadline for paying off the debt but generally just wants us to set up a schedule. We should be able to pay in installments.

**H. Interim Pastors - Pastor Manoj Jacob**

- Pastor Manoj's family will leave on a family trip to India next week and will return on August 17. Until then, Mr. and Mrs. Sprague will be the acting pastors.

**I. Review and assign new tasks**

- Mr. Beebe will ensure the announcement of the July 30 Open Council Meeting on YUM's Facebook page
- Mrs. Sprague will have the July 30 Open Council Meeting announced in the E-News
- Mr. Glass will announce the July 30 Open Council Meeting at the July 23 and July 30 Sunday Services

- Mr. Chamorrinha will obtain the church finances from May and June and put together a report for those months
- Mr. Beebe and Pastor Manoj will review Mr. Chamorrinha's letter to the community from the council
- Pastor Manoj will start making our debt payments for Camp Sunrise
- Mr. Takino will record the attendance numbers at the July 30 Open Council Meeting
- Mr. Beebe will continue to collect general participation numbers from our ministries
- Mr. Nitro will continue to develop the community directory
- Mr. Beebe will write up the council minutes for this meeting

**Announcements:**

7/8-7/21 - EPIC Workshop

7/23 - Welcome Little Ones (10:00 am)

7/29 - Japanese Summer Festival

7/30 - Monthly Open Council Meeting (After service)

7/30 - Monthly Marriage Enrichment (1:30 pm - 2:30 pm)

8/2 - YUM (8:00 pm)

Meeting closed in Prayer at 11:00 pm by Alex Beebe