

Clifton Family Church Council Meeting

9/15/2017

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

Started with opening prayer by Pastor Manoj at 8:07pm
Council Mission statement and CIG Motto read

AGENDA:

- A. Review Agenda to Make any changes.**
- Discussion on how to create a culture to promote and share activities and work within our church community was added to the Agenda.
- B. Update on Plan for Next Open Council Meeting**
- Open Council Meeting will be on September 24th, 2017 right after the 2nd Sunday service.
 - The council will continue with the plan to have sharing from the youth about the camps and workshops they went to this summer. (EPIC, GTGY, NOCP, HyoJeong)
 - Dr. Spurgin will be giving the sermon on Sept. 24th and it was suggested that he could answer questions about the UTS courses during the open council meeting after the youth speak.
 - Pose the question of creating a prayer room in the church at the next open council meeting towards the end of the meeting.
 - Pose question about what the congregation thinks about the refreshments provided after services.
 - Ask about finding people interested in being a part of an Annual Report Committee who can proofread and edit reports about activities in the NJ area.
 - Food can be set out on the tables in the Fellowship Hall during the 2nd service so the congregation can sit and listen to the open council meeting right after service.
 - Vote to have the council meeting on Sept. 24th with the youth sharings, question about prayer room, and Dr. Spurgin possibly speaking with refreshments preset on tables:
Unanimous
- C. Status Update on Council Members Nomination**
- One person has submitted a nomination form. Some other people have showed interest, but have not submitted forms.
 - Deadline for submitting nomination forms is Sept. 30th.
 - The council members will reach out to others about becoming a council member.
- D. Review and Confirm Voting System for Council Election**
- Discussion to have the same system of voting of the Single Transferable Vote and Gregory Method as last year.
 - Voting on the election system was postponed to allow council members time to read and learn about this voting system.
- E. Review Church expenses and develop budget framework**
- Mr. Chamorrinha met with Mrs. Endo, the church accountant, and they discussed about the future for Mrs. Endo to find a younger person to train and teach who can take over after her.

- The council members reviewed the income and expenses of the church from 2014 to present.
 - Camp Sunrise debt still needs to be paid off, possibly in installments.
 - The council will put together a preliminary monthly budget based on averages and trends of expense accounts that the next council could use to develop and vote on a 2018 budget.
- F.** Discussion on how to advertise and promote needs and activities among our membership.
- Ideas were discussed on how to make members' businesses and services known to the church community.
- G.** New Topics
- Finding representatives from different ministries and areas (WFWP, Elizabeth Church, etc.) to help edit and write reports as part of the Annual Report Committee on any of the activities happening in the area so it is presented professionally.
- H.** Review and Assign the New Tasks
- Mrs. Sprague will send a short paragraph about the open council meeting to Pastor Manoj for the e-news and confirm the people speaking.
 - All council members will reach out and talk to members about becoming a new council member.
 - All council members will study the Gregory version of the Single Transferable Vote method for the new council member voting system.
 - The community letter will be taken care of by Mr. Chamorrinha.
 - Mrs. Gaarder will announce the Open Council meeting and council nominations when MCing for Sunday Service.
 - Minutes will be edited and posted by Mrs. Gaarder.
 - Mr. Nitro will continue working on the Directory
 - Mr. Chamorrinha will put together a budget based on the finance report.

Announcements:

9/16-One Day Dp Workshop (8:30am-4:00pm)
 9/20-YUM (8:00pm)
 9/23- Prayer Breakfast at Clifton Church.
 9/24-Open Council Meeting (12:30pm-1:30pm)
 9/24- Monthly Marriage Enrichment (1:30pm-2:30pm)
 9/29- Council Nomination Deadline
 9/30-DP Seminars in English and Spanish
 10/14-Heavenly Tribal Messiah Training Program

Meeting closed in prayer at 11:03pm by Mr. Alex Beebe.

-Secretary, Naria Gaarder