

Caring for the Future Foundation Alliance
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting

Sunday, November 18, 2013, 2:30PM, Capitol Resort Hotel, Lingayen, Pangasinan, Philippines

Attendance

A.CFF Japan (CFFJ)

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| 1. Mr. AKIRA FUTAGOISHI | Founder/Board Member |
| 2. Mr. TSUCHIYA HIROMICHI | Member |
| 3. Mr. TAKESHI ISHII | Staff |
| 4. Mr. YUTAKA NAKAMURA | Member |
| 5. Ms. KEIKO TAKANASHI | Staff |
| 6. Mr. TERUO YOSHINO | Board Member |

B. CFF Malaysia (CFFM)

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| 1. Mr. MITSUHIKO ABE | Chair (CFFM &CFFJ) |
| 2. DATO JERRY DUSING | Auditor & Spiritual Adviser |
| 3. Pastor CHI KIONG CHING | Vice Chair |
| 4. Ms.LERMA PIOL | Staff |

C. CFF Philippines (CFFP)

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| 1. Engr. JOSEPH G. LO | President, Presiding Chair |
| 2. Mr. REYNALDO M. JIMENEZ | Vice President |
| 3. Atty. HENRY ONIA | Corporate Secretary |
| 4. Atty. MICHAEL CAMIL DATARIO | Auditor |
| 5. Ms. MARIA CRISTINA DALOPE-MAMARIL | Trustee |
| 6. DR. SIMON BROWN | Trustee |
| 7. Dr. GERALDINE CASIPIT | Trustee |
| 8. Ms. MAUREEN AGUILA | Staff |
| 9. Ms. CHRISTINE JOY MARTIN | Staff |

D. Others CFF Philippines (Donor/Volunteer)

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| 1. Ms. MARIA LENNY ALCAIDE | Volunteer |
| 2. Mrs. LIDUVINA Q. ANTONIO | Volunteer |
| 3. Mr. DIOSDADO DELA CRUZ | Volunteer (former CFFP client) |
| 4. Mrs. RUBY LO | Donor-Volunteer (Spouse) |
| 5. Mrs. ROSE MARY TENG-MEJIA | Volunteer |

I. Call to Order

Engr. Joseph Lo, CFFP President called the meeting to order at around 2:30 PM and presided over the meeting.

II. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum

Atty. Henry Onia, Corporate Secretary (CFFP), did the roll call of member-countries. He also acknowledged the presence of volunteers and staff. With every member-country represented, quorum was duly certified.

III. Voting Delegates for each member country for the declaration of a quorum

Before moving on with the agenda, Engr. Joseph Lo, CFFP expressed the need to have proper representation for each member country to declare a quorum. He then asked the members of the Alliance on the number of voting delegates for each country for the purpose of having a quorum for the future convention and special meetings..

Decision: The Alliance decided that each country will have 3 voting delegates and that each country will determine its own voting delegates, moved by Atty. Michael Datario , CFFP and seconded by Ms. Cristina Mamaril, CFFP.

IV. Approval of the Agenda

The Presiding Chair requested the body to review the agenda for their approval.

Decision: The agenda was adopted, moved by Reynaldo Jimenez, CFFP and seconded by Dr. Simon Brown, CFFP.

V. Renewal of the CFFA Covenant

CFFP President Joseph Lo requested the body to go over the CFFA Covenant which was approved during the 2011 Convention in Malaysia. He further asked for any amendments to be considered.

Atty. Datario, CFFP, said that the board had just approved a resolution that each member country will have three (3) voting delegates. He referred the Chair to item number 5 of the Alliance Covenant, which states that **“RESOLVE AND APPROVE agreements among member countries by a simple majority vote, with each member country of this Alliance granted one vote.”**

Considering now that each member country would have three (3) voting delegates, Atty. Datario added that there's a need to amend item 5 in the Alliance Covenant particularly on the number of voting delegates, from one vote to become three. The clause on the approval of each resolution will remain as that of “by a simple majority vote”.

Decision: The body unanimously approved the amendment to paragraph 5 of the Alliance Covenant that each member country of this Alliance be granted three (3) votes, thus the whole paragraph reads as follows: **“RESOLVE AND APPROVE agreements among member countries by a simple majority vote, with each member country of this Alliance granted three votes”**; proposed by Atty. Michael Datario, CFFP and seconded by Mr. Reynaldo Jimenez, CFFP.

VI. Declaration of Alliance Principle (Common Alliance Vision)

Engr. Lo, CFFP informed the members that during the country presentation (report), each has shared its own country mission statement and its vision statement which may have been worded differently. He asked the floor if they would agree to have a Common Alliance Vision.

Dato Jerry Dusing, CFFM, agreed that the alliance would have one vision but, each respective country would be allowed to establish its own vision, which would align with the vision of the alliance, and reflect with the needs of the country. Some members of the Alliance agreed on the affirmative.

Pastor Chi Kiong Ching, CFFM shared that the Alliance Covenant (first statement) already mentioned the vision of the Founder, Mr. Akira Futagoishi.

President Lo said that since everybody agreed to come up with a common vision and that the basis would be the statement of the founder, he asked the body to translate it into a common alliance vision. He added that these words be integrated into the final statement.

Mr. Jimenez, CFFP, suggested that the vision be *“to provide home, family and parent's role, for children who have lost their parents or abused, abandoned, and very poor.”*

Mr. Mitsuhiro Abe, CFFJ shared his views on the matter and his understanding on mission and vision statement. Further sharing of ideas transpired with the leaders of CFF Malaysia.

After some deliberations, the Presiding Chair requested Atty. Henry Onia and Atty. Michael Datario, CFFP to draft the alliance statement incorporating all discussions and suggestions. The body was asked to critique the suggested draft of statement which was termed as the *“Declaration of Alliance Principle”* instead of Common Alliance Vision.

Decision: The Declaration of the Alliance Principle was approved and accepted, thus, *The Caring for the Future Foundation is a partnership among member-nations bonded by love to take care of the welfare of the less privileged children, giving them hope for a brighter future.”*; moved by Atty. Datario, CFFP and seconded by Mr. Jimenez, CFFP.

VII. Program Focus (Children Issues/Sustainability)

The President announced that this agenda would cover our existing programs, issues and concerns of our clients (children), sustainability, mutual programs/actions and strengthened partnership among member countries. He asked each country to give a brief report and share whatever concerns they have.

- a. **CFF Malaysia** (Reported by Mr. Mitsuhiro Abe, Chair and Dato Jerry Dusing, Auditor and Spiritual Adviser)

1. Dato Dusing said that CFFM's responsibility is to help most of the orphanage and stereotype children. Their advocacy is to help those who don't have social life and give them quality life.
2. They plan to build a house in the amount of 550,000 RM, about 200,000 USD. With this amount, a lot of children would be save specially those who have no family and don't know anything – save the children's future and provide them food and house.
3. The house would be designed by an architect in order for the children to see the future through environment. Dato Dusing emphasized that the philosophy of this project is to build an environment that would replenish and utilize what God gave us and not violate or abuse this environment.

CFFM decided the following:

- a. To establish a philosophy of pollution neutral, that is, don't pollute by chemical or fertilizer and organic is very important.
 - b. To establish carbon neutral as minimum as possible in utilizing. Starting next year, they will experiment and start a more sustainable future with the children like fish farming, cultivation of vegetables and fruits. Water supply is recycled and enzymes be used instead of detergent or soap.
 - c. To change mindset, from hopelessness to possibility. The building will not be the same old houses from their village; instead they would be surprise to see a mansion or a five star hotel.
 - d. The cost will be 3 times but the goal is injecting HOPE into the children. The target is at the end of 2015. The building will be a statement of declaration. This is just the beginning of phase 1 and it will be a continuous learning.
- b. **CFF Philippines** (Reported by Engr. Joseph Lo, President, CFFP)
1. In the case of the Philippines, there are two things in common (with CFFM) – concerned about sustainability and welfare of the children. As the President, he shared that his weakness is how to take care of the children because he's a businessman and less worried about sustainability. He cited that Mr. Abe is not a businessman but an expert in taking care of the children but so worried about sustainability. This is the difference observed by President Lo.
 2. He also mentioned that if he would have 75,000RM, he would think of sustainability for the next five years as per expenses in the Philippines. It would be more than enough to do something and focus on the children. Engr. Lo cited that if there is a five-year sustainability program, he will not worry on the sixth year but will take care of the sixth year during the fourth year.
 3. CFFP cannot focus too long. They have experiences in other organizations. The board gets old, they are not God and someone has to replace them. Engr. Lo said that that someone is very important who can be a good person. And by bad luck, that someone can destroy everything they did.
 4. The President also shared the following:
 - a. CFFP has a very big property and the operational cost is very expensive. It's location is very far from Daquan. They have identified the expensive part of CFFP operation – the food of the children and the salary of the staff.
As a response, they asked some benefactors to sponsor rice and meat thus spending much on vegetables, education and other basic needs. For the salaries of the staff, the President plans to ask their benefactors to support. If they can get a two-year sponsorship, that is already sustainability, then they would look for another sponsor before the second year expires..
 - b. CFFP problem is not just sustainability but also the children and the successor.
 - c. The work camp earnings are not enough to sustain CFFP expenses.
 5. CFFP will never go into that investment as that of CFFM. It's too dangerous for CFFP but rather focus on a three-year plan than on a ten-year plan.
- c. **CFF Japan** (Reported by Mr. Takeshi Ishi, Staff and Ms. Keiko Takanashi, Staff)
1. CFFJ has no institution for children. They have programs that include study tour and work camp. Ms. Takanashi said that their income, around 60-70% comes from work camp and study tour. If they couldn't recruit or produce many participants, CFFJ could not send money to Malaysia and Philippines, including their salaries.
 2. Ms. Takanashi added that many of the travel agencies try to do study tours and work camps now, just like what they are doing. She further said that many companies and NGOs tend to recruit this youth to do some work to have meaningful life, thus making it hard for them to recruit participants.
 3. They should step-up on advertisement for their leadership training. They need to cooperate more with Philippines and Malaysia for a good program that would include not just enjoyment but value to the life of the children. They would ask help from Malaysia and Philippines on how to come-up with a good program.

VIII. Alliance Website

The members had a sharing on the development of website for CFFM and CFFJ led by Mr. Teruo Yoshino. There was a suggestion to have one website for the Alliance as an international organization with the establishment CFF Myanmar on its initial stage.

Decision: The development of an international website of the CFF Alliance is approved to be handled by Mr. Teruo Yoshino, CFFJ and directed by the Founder, Mr. Akira Futagoishi, CFFJ, moved by Mr. Jimenez, CFFP and duly seconded by Ms. Mamaril, CFFP.

IX. Other Matters

1. Ms. Maria Cristina Dalope-Mamaril, CFFP requested the members to have a strengthened partnership through a more open communication lines and correspondence for any concerns and/or new program initiatives or joint activities to avoid misunderstandings and conflicts. She also said that they have to comply with government (DSWD) regulations and other existing laws on taking care of the children. There are however instances where utmost consideration is given to CFFP by the government since DSWD has difficulty in achieving its own goals for the welfare of the children.
2. Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan)
Mr. Reynaldo Jimenez, CFFP shared about the onslaught of Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) that devastated the Visayas region on November 8, 2013. His report focused on the situation of the affected underprivileged children, some lost their lives and others lost their parents. He asked for the assistance of the alliance to help the affected people.

President Lo said that CFFP commits to adopt 5-10 children (from Tacloban) then maybe add more in the future as long as the facility can accommodate. The intention is to support these kids and bring money to CFFP. But if the members would want to respond on relief, they were advised to do it now through the Philippine National Red Cross.

Both CFFJ and CFFM decided to raise fund to send to CFFP to help the affected children from typhoon Haiyan.

3. Hosting of the 3rd International Convention in 2015
Mr. Abe Mitsuhiro, Chair of CFFJ/CFFM announced that the 3rd CFFA International Convention shall be hosted by CFF Japan, sometime June 2015.

In closing, Mr. Abe said that their purpose was not to build a house but a home. He inspired the members that they should not be afraid. Money is not a problem. He encouraged everyone to stay positive.

X. Announcement:

Before adjournment, the Presiding Chair, Engr. Joseph Lo, CFFP thanked everyone for all their support and assistance for the successful conduct of the 2nd International Convention of CFF Alliance. He requested Ms. Mamaril to make further announcements as regards evening activities after this meeting.

XI Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at exactly 5:13 in the afternoon