

Japanese American Citizens League - JACL Mile Hi Chapter -- Denver, CO Sakura Square December 2, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President, Suzy Shimasaki.

Guests: Floyd Ito and Jan Ito

Members Present: Jin Tsuchiya, Tom Migaki, Suzy Shimasaki, Richard Hamai, Jayne Yoshimura, Frank Sakamoto, Toe Sakamoto, Elyse Yamauchi, Mike Shibata, Ryan Ogi, Keita Moore, and Pat Hayashi.

No minutes from previous meeting available in absence of recording secretary.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Hamai.

- Regular \$15,206.51
- Amache (CD) \$2,689.90
- Education \$6,188.17
- Kansha No Hi \$871.17
- Legacy \$3,323.18
- JACL Min Yasui Fund \$26,430.38
- TOTAL: \$54,709.31

Richard reported that funds from the PC Ad Campaign are included in the "regular" account and the anticipated net gain to the chapter will be \$1500.

Richard also reported a \$171.00 rebate from National JACL from membership dues collected. Frank Sakamoto moved to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Jayne Yoshimura, and unanimously passed.

Richard also reported that David Foxover submitted a request in behalf of the Colorado History Museum. They would like to convert history interview tapes to digital format and then turn the finished product over to the

museum, in anticipation of an upcoming Amache exhibit. They are seeking partial monetary support and there will be matching funds from their side. After discussion, Frank Sakamoto moved to give the entire Amache CD fund of \$2,689.90 to the Colorado History Museum project, 2nd by Jin Tsuchiya, and unanimously approved. It was also agreed that we would request two copies of the finished product: one for our chapter and one for JARC. It was also agreed that our chapter would ask Harry for a legal document regarding the funds from our chapter to their designated account.

Pat requested koden checks for Perry Murata (father Lee passed) and family of Joe Akiyama. She will send a \$25 check to each respective family along with a sympathy card from our chapter.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Recognition Luncheon. Suzy gave a brief report of all of the subcommittees and the next date of the planning meeting is to be determined. She stated that Pat Hayashi had resigned as luncheon chairperson due to personal reasons.
- PC Holiday Ads. See treasurer's report. Pat suggested a review of the list for next year as there are some deceased and/or individuals listed who should now be deleted.
- IDC Meeting. Suzy announced they will be coming to Denver in March and will be staying at the Airport Marriott. It is anticipated that the National President of JACL will also be in attendance. She is looking for a chairperson to coordinate the Friday evening party, the Saturday lunch, and other arrangements with the hotel. She also stated that National JACL is looking for a \$6.00 per member special fee assessment to support both the National and the District levels. A discussion ensued with no resolution.
- Newsletter. Suzy announced that Bruce Tawara will no longer be participating in the newsletter starting January. The approximate cost to print black and white copies is \$150.00. Isle of Capri is willing to pay \$100.00 toward the monthly cost. Pat suggested that those individuals wanting a printed copy consider a donation to help cover costs of mailing.
- Teacher's Education Workshop. Suzy reported that she and Kathy Namura are co-chairs for this event to be held on Saturday, Feb 19 at Univ. of Denver, from 8am to 4pm. There will be panel discussions as

well as teaching materials regarding the internment. Jan Ito volunteered to inquire into CE units for the attendees.

- Day of Remembrance. Dr. Mark Shimoda is chairperson for this event and no report was available. This event will be held on Sunday, Feb 20, also at Univ. of Denver, probably in the afternoon.

NEW BUSINESS

- Volunteer Lobbyists. Jin Tsuchiya stated he is working with civil rights advocacy groups and it is okay in Colorado to be a volunteer. One must fill out a form, wear a name tag, and do the work. He stated that Ken Lambert, a Republican state representative from Colorado Springs, is sponsoring a bill similar to the one now in place in Arizona regarding immigrants. Jin would like volunteers from our chapter to participate in this lobbying process.
- OCA-JACL Lunar New Years Celebration. Suzy announced event will be Sat, Feb 5, 2011. Palace Restaurant, approximately 6-9pm, approximately \$40/person and approximately \$10 per ticket back to our chapter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Document Preservation. No report.
- Nomination Committee. Suzy reported that Tom Migaki is the chairperson. She also reported the proposed addition of three new board members of Bonnie Clark, Gary Yamashita and Jinny Kim. Two previous board members, Gladys Konishi and Brian Matsumoto, have stated desire to not continue in that capacity. Suzy will send out ballots within the month to the membership. In addition, Suzy also announced that our new chapter president for 2011 will be Harry Budisharta.
- Newsletter. Bruce Tawara will be stepping down from this committee.

Meeting Adjourned 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Hayashi, Recording Secretary