

Berkeley JACL Board meeting minutes
Tuesday 10/06/09

Carolyn Adams	Ouye, Neal	Tagawa, Alex	Hayashida, Sady
Duff, Jim	Satake, Al	Yamamoto, Gordon	
Nishi, Thomas	Takeuchi, Laura	Yasukochi, Val	

Attendance:

- 1) Co-president Ouye began meeting at 7:05 PM.
- 2) Guest Mr. Hayashida was introduced and he proceeded to make a presentation regarding the restoration of a building on Telegraph AV formerly occupied by a Japanese American artist and his family. The building is known as the Obata building. Mr. Obata was an artist and instructor at UC Berkeley. The building owner is attempting to preserve the front and back while adding space to the top of the building. Mr. Hayashida is the architect, and would like a letter of support for the project from JACL to the landmark commission of the City of Berkeley. The owner plans to have a restaurant/art gallery on the ground floor, and will have a plaque of some sort on the property noting the Obata business presence in the past. Al moved for a letter of support to be written to the commission from JACL Berkeley. Jim seconded the motion and it was passed. Mr. Hayashida will contact the attorney for the owner and contact Neal regarding the letter.
- 3) Purple Moon Dance company will perform 10/9-11, 1623 Steward St., 2 PM on 10/10. Performance is called "When Dreams are Interrupted." A \$500 sponsorship by Neal was requested, and approved, with understanding that the grant application will be submitted at the appropriate time.
- 4) Minutes were reviewed and approved with correction to Carolyn's name. Al moved to accept, second by Jim, and passed.
- 5) Treasurer's report sent by Tak, and presented by Al. Neal will call Tak for a check to be disbursed to Purple Moon Dance Company. Neal requested approval of the Treasurer's report, and this was passed.
- 6) Val presented the annual Pacific Citizen ad campaign. She has been responsible for the last 10 years, and requested ads from the board and from board members. She noted a 25% increase in ad space will result in the chance for a cruise. Al noted that Jonathan Shindo is at Wells Fargo, 507-2285, and that Shinya has returned to Japan. Al moved for an ad to be placed in the PC, Alex seconded the motion, and it was passed. Laura will look for the last ad.
- 7) Val noted two checks were received along with memberships, and requested funds are used for scholarships, and that thank you notes be sent to the individuals. Nishi will follow up on the notes.
- 8) District meeting next month was discussed. Date 11/7/09@Lake Park Methodist Church, 281 Santa Clara in Oakland. Neal distributed a work schedule and listed tasks. Al arranged for lunch by Top Dog. Neal voiced concerns about the driveway into the parking lot, and what to do in case of rain. Costco items will also be provided including chips, croissants, drinks, paper goods, and fruit/veggie trays for breakfast and snacks. Al will give Val the info on the menu from Top Dog. Jim will check on Costco items. Delegates/officers will rsvp @ end of month. NSU will present at the lunch time break in the meeting.
- 9) Laura reported no changes in the grants
- 10) Newsletter-was sent out, and there is a 10/15 deadline for articles.
- 11) Scholarships-no report
- 12) Bingo-Thanks to everyone for helping. Al moved to give 1/3 of proceeds to NSU. Second by Jim and passed.
- 13) Youth-NSU show on 12/6, 2 PM, Sunday.
- 14) Civil Rights-Neal reported the PC called for comment, and little of what he related was reported. Jim noted Erin Watada's resignation was accepted, and he will not be re-tried.
- 15) Activities-Mark sent email suggesting a Berkeley Rep play 2/26-4/11/10. Details to follow at later date.
- 16) Old Business-officer candidates have been requested by Al. Al will be gone next month, and will present candidates in December. Election will be 12/09. There is a need for new board members.
- 17) New Business-Carolyn announced a donation from the parents of a former student for the scholarship fund. Voter fraud information was distributed. She will also gather information on the graduation event for former internees at UC Berkeley.
- 18) Next meeting 11/3. Meeting adjourned 9 PM.