

October 7, 2008 Berkeley JACL board meeting minutes

Attendance

Mark Fujikawa
Tom Nishi
Annie Kim Noguchi

Neal Ouye
Al Satake
Alex Tagawa

Laura Takeuchi
Shinya Yamada
Gordon Yamamoto

- 1) Call to order by co president Al Satake 7:10 PM. Agenda additions requested. Minutes from meetings to be posted on website to be discussed under new business. Annie and Alex introduced. Alex will assist Annie as youth rep for the chapter. Alex is from Fairfield, attends Berkeley Buddhist temple, in 3rd yr. At Cal, Asian American Studies major.
- 2) Agenda acceptance moved by Neal, second by Gordon and passed.
- 3) No corrections/additions to minutes.
- 4) Treasurer Tak Shirasawa recovering slowly from hip replacement surgery, No change in treasurer's report from last month.
- 5) Neal reported JASEB walk-a-thon was successful. Alex assisted at the event; there were approximately 80 participants. The chapter will send \$100 donation to JASEB. Al will send \$50 on behalf of Shinya who participated in the event.
- 6) Membership: Gordon reported that the 9/08 roster was received. He will check on lapsed memberships, and will send list of those who paid fees to national office. Tim Koide, national membership chair sent out letter regarding membership and the connection to activities by chapters. It was noted that Clyde Izumi, national staff CFO wants to be a member of Berkeley chapter, and Gordon will notify the national office of this request.
- 7) Annie introduced Alex as co-youth rep for Berkeley chapter. Alex will initiate membership in the Berkeley chapter. Youth rep will report on NSU activities, and perhaps report on HS youth groups, e.g. YBA. Rep will bring other youth issues to the board and chapter. Laura asked about formalizing funding relationship with NSU, to eliminate the proposal process for the group. Al reviewed the history of work with NSU in the past. Mark and Neal asked if NSU could participate on the board on a continuing basis. Annie&Alex can bring a proposal to NSU to core members to make a constitutional change at NSU to make the issues chair a JACL board member. The NSU concession worker volunteer request was reviewed. Katrina informed chapter that no stand was available, and that the NSU members would be able to work the cart available, so no JACL volunteers were needed. The 9-member core group will determine fund raising efforts for NSU. Concession work may not be worthwhile. The culture show will be 12/7 at Cal, and a second show in the City will probably not happen.
- 8) No Civil Rights Committee report.
- 9) Activities committee reported no activity. Dragon boat races were last weekend. Al obtained info on the Jack London Square boat races: \$250 fee, boat provided, with drum and steersman. Races held in summer. Mark will check into dates. Performance of Broadway show Wicked is \$60-\$70/person. Mark will check on women's basketball for next year.
- 10) Grant committee: Laura discussed proposal from Sakura Kai for 1200 for Japanese language class in El Cerrito. The facility is unable to accommodate additional participants, participants will not be charged. Participants may not be residents of Berkeley; class would be 9-10 AM in El Cerrito. Al/Neal suggested partial funding of \$600 and ask for another partner to help sponsor the class. Proposal was not for seed funds, but for operational costs.

Co president Satake polled members present regarding NSU request for \$500 for support of culture show, and members present at the meeting agreed to fund the request. A check was given to the NSU members Annie and Alex who attending the board meeting.

- 11) Al reported on the trust fund. An email from Ken Yabusaki noted the fund declined by \$50,000. Nothing will be changed at this time. The original fund was from proceeds of a real

estate parcel donated to the chapter. Proceeds placed in revenue producing investments to fund grants and scholarships. Long time members may only know history of this fund; maybe Tak could provide more detailed information.

- 12) Newsletter articles due first Friday of November the 7th. Neal will be out of the country until that time.
- 13) Laura reported that the JASEB Bingo fundraiser was discontinued, but the game may be continuing at the church.
- 14) New Business: Shinya proposed posting minutes on the website. Monitoring of the viewers was discussed, and this would be impractical. Approved minutes could be posted, and Neal made this motion. Second by Laura, and motion passed.
- 15) Hosting district meeting in August 2009 was discussed. Neal requested info on use of Buddhist church for the meeting, but no response as yet. Obtaining location and providing lunch are required to host the meeting. 20-60 individuals may attend. Venues discussed and more research will be required to plan and implement hosting district meeting.
- 16) Shinya moved to adjourn meeting, second by Mark, motion passed. Co president Satake adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM