

Berkeley JACL Board meeting minutes  
 Tuesday 2/1/11  
 Attendance:

Adams, Carolyn	Jitodai, Ted	Satake, Meredith	Tanaka, Ron
Duff, Jim	Kawamura, Vera	Shirasawa, Tak	Yamamoto, Gordon
Fujikawa, Mark	Nishi, Thomas	Tagawa, Alex	
Hamachi, Leslie	Satake, Al	Takeuchi, Laura	

Co-president Fujikawa began meeting at 7:10 PM, and asked for changes/additions to agenda and minutes. No changes to the agenda were made. Minutes from past two meetings were reviewed. A correction for the name Wayne Maeda was made by Ron. Al moved to accept amended agenda, seconded by Ron and motion passed. Al moved to accept January minutes, Ron seconded, and motion passed. Newsletter: Neal, the editor and publisher of the newsletter was not at the meeting, so no report was made. Ron noted the scholarship application deadline of 3/1, which was noted in past newsletters.

Grants/Insurance: no report

Activities: No report. Mark noted that the As are having a Japanese American Heritage night, on Sunday April 3, daytime. Tickets will be full-price, \$30. He asked if there was interest in attending a play in the Spring. The USS Hornet and 442 exhibit was mentioned by Al as possible activity, with lunch at Fortuna Buffet, 800 Broadway afterwards. Vera suggested Woodminster Theater in Oakland Hills. Wente winery was also suggested, although tickets would be expensive.

Youth: Culture show happened 12/10. Korematsu day ceremony happened last Sunday at UC Berkeley. 24 volunteers from NSU participated. Oakland and SF mayors attended. Speech contest winner spoke, and venue was sold out. Event sponsored by Korematsu institute, Jim Duff, Betty Kano, and Stephanie Miyashiro attended. Day of Remembrance event will be 2/17, Thursday at 6:30 PM-8:30 PM at UC Berkeley, MLK student union.

Scholarships: committee met, applications available with all revisions. JACL membership is necessary for scholarship; all eligible applicants will be given minimum \$100 honorarium, including 3-year membership. Phil Ozaki re-joined JACL to be able to get fellowship. Deadline for applications is 3/1/11. Luncheon is 5/15/11 at Berkeley City Club, past recipients asked to speak. Time: 12 noon-2:30 PM \$30/person plus raffle. Ron will chair luncheon and the raffle. Scholarships funded by donations from banks-Wells Fargo and Union. Request for photographer at the event made, so that information and pictures can be sent to Pacific Citizen, Nichibe Weekly. Eligibility requirements are the same as in the past. Jim requested all committee members be paid members of JACL, and Ron assured everyone that all the committee members would renew

membership. Ron noted that there is an effort to update the list of all past awardees, and this will be helpful when soliciting donations for the scholarship fund. The pioneer award will be made for Carolyn Adams and Roy Matsumoto. Introduction information will be required for their awards at the luncheon, and Carolyn will be able to write information on her career in teaching to be distributed at the luncheon. The pioneers are able to invite guests, as are the scholarship awardees. Al suggested a tour of the building before or after the luncheon, as the building is a historical site. Ron requested raffle donations from board members. Treasurer's report: Tak reviewed the written summaries provided for December, January, and the year-end. Jim noted the best fund raiser is always the PC advertising sales for the holiday issue. Checks for the Berkeley Rep activity were not deposited, so Mark and Al will review the collection process and locate them. Laura noted that the Union bank may require an account with the bank to make donations in the future. Mark used the year end treasurer's report to list items for the 2011 budget. Most items will be similar to 2010. Discussion of income and expenses by board members for budgetary purposes was held, and Mark will put budget in writing and send to board members. Further discussion can be made at the next board meeting.

Membership: Jim noted 77.8% renewal rate for 12/10, and 85.9% overall. Calling lapsed members resulted in some renewals, and seems a worthwhile effort.

Old Business: Bingo date will be determined by Al. Fremont JACL would like to partner again, and remuneration for the event may be prorated depending on number of volunteers provided by each chapter. 8/5 or 9/30 are possible dates for this fundraiser.

New Business: Carolyn requested commendation for prospect sierra school for their continuing effort to give students information on concentration camps and experience of Japanese and Japanese Americans during WWII. Al suggested inviting program director and principal to the scholarship luncheon, and giving them a document at that time. Ron will make this an agenda item for the scholarship luncheon. Jim suggested some kind of document to present, and invites to the luncheon should be made by 4/1/11.

Photos from the senior luncheon were distributed for review.

Jsei crab feed will be 2/13, and Neal has tickets to sell. Al distributed raffle tickets, 6 for \$10. Event will be at El Cerrito Community Center, contact [HYPERLINK "mailto:kimberlee@j-sei.org"](mailto:kimberlee@j-sei.org) [kimberlee@j-sei.org](mailto:kimberlee@j-sei.org), 510-848-3560. Volunteers are needed for the event.

Mark reported on the district meeting. Mark, Al, Neal attended the meeting in Morgan Hill. He noted taxes need to be filed for the chapter. Youth are attempting to organize. The nakayoshi group(college

age-30s) will be sponsoring programs available to the public to attempt to attract new members.

Throwdown in Jtown event had first annual activity 12/10.

Phil Ozaki, National membership Chair wants funding from chapters to hire an intern to work on membership. A written proposal was distributed for review. Vera suggested using volunteers, and the intern concept was suggested to Ozaki.

A curriculum guide now available for \$10 was distributed for review. It is intended for K-12.

Bridging community program to match muslim and Japanese American HS students was announced. This announcement was emailed to board members by Jim.

2011 goals were listed by Mark: 1) Family activities, 2) addressing recently retired, 3) increasing participation in district events, 4) having district youth session, 5) chapter outreach, 6) nakayoshi support, 7) constitution and by-law revisions, 8) activities placed on district website, 9) Korematsu Day events.

Announcements: Meredith announced NJAHS award dinner "transformation", on Saturday 3/26, Kabuki Hotel in the City, 6 PM. Tickets \$175. If a non-profit rate is available, the chapter may be able to subsidize folks who want to attend, 50%-100%.

Jim moved to adjourn, Al seconded and motion passed.

Submitted by Thomas M. Nishi 2/3/11

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