

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Absent with regrets: Nancy Davlin
 - B. Present: Lauren Morimoto, Gary Sugiyama, Becky Sugiyama, Phyllis Tajii, Meg Mizutani, Bruce Shimizu, Gayle Yamamoto Seymour, Sachiko Knappman, Ron Tajii, Janet Tajii
- II. Personal Appearances – Nao Magami
- III. Approved minutes from Dec 7, 2021 with name correction.
- IV. Announcements
 - A. Upcoming events
 1. Temporary Exhibit at Healdsburg History Museum - FROM DIGGERS BEND TO RIVER ROCK: PEOPLE AND HISTORY OF DRY CREEK RANCHERIA on exhibit now through May 2022. Incredible woven baskets and other handmade items are on display with photos and backgrounds of some of the people who lived in the area.
 2. Museum of Sonoma County Exhibit of the photographs of Manzanar by Ansel Adams and Dorothea Lang, starting February 19, 2022 and lasting three months
Possible JACL involvement:
 - Docent training during the week of February 14, 2022
 - Panel discussions
 - Sponsor a JACL member-only night
 - Display of artifacts provided by Henry Kaku
 - Help with advertising. Gary Sugiyama, a retired graphic artist, volunteered to design posters and flyers
 - Museum contact person is Eric Stanley
 - Speakers Bureau contact is Henry Kaku
- V. Fund Requests - NONE
- VI. Correspondence - NONE
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Uyeda Center Building

The current tenant has accepted our proposal and is confirmed for five years.
The furnace may need replacing
 - B. Enman No Tomo – suspended due to COVID-19
 - C. Finance – see reports in email or google drive.
 - D. Human & Civil Rights
 - a. Informational Items
 - b. United in Kindness - The meeting with Dr. Robert Eyler, the Sonoma State University AVP for Govt and Regional Relations, went very well and UIK is encouraged by his positive response.
 - c. AAPIC - Temporary officers have been named. Membership fees have been established and plans are in the works to file their name with the state.

- d. Petaluma Community Relations Council (PCRC) - Planning a Zoom forum on the SAFE team in Petaluma on June 26, 2022, 7:00pm to 8:30pm via Zoom. Open to the public. (additional information, see **Appendix A**. SAFE Program, Petaluma)
Radio interview with Petaluma People Services in the archives of KPCA from October, 2022, episode 146
 - 1. Sonoma County Commission on Human Rights– *no report*
 - 2. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
January 16, 2022, 7:00pm on Zoom. Speaker is Dawn Abernathy whose father was a close friend and speech writer for MLK, jr.
- E. Membership
Clarify with National JACL information regarding membership
- F. Scholarship Committee, updated information and applications will be on the website by January 10, 2022.
- G. Speakers Bureau, Chair
Four requests:
Two are for local schools, one is for the history class at Finley Center, and one will be held at the Redwood City Library
 - 1. Kamishibai – no report
- H. Newsletter - publishing by Friday, January 8, 2022
 - 1. Website - Select subcommittee members to work with webmaster, Josh Chernin
 - 2. Social media – Becky Sugiyama submitted a report via email.
- I. District Council – no report
- J. Unfinished business
- A. Review By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation (draft in Legal shared folder)
State of California indicates that changes need to be voted on by the members of the chapter
Motion made to
 - 1 – Adopt the mission statement from the Articles of Incorporation to the Bylaws
 - 2 – The executive committee shall consist of the President, the VPs, and the Secretary
 - 3 – A chapter member can be added as a committee chair with vetting and approval of the Sonoma County JACL Board
 2nd; approved
- B. Status of PayPal account, *S. Knappman*
Possibility to establish credit card processing with Redwood Empire Credit Union for the public to access on our website instead.
- C. Board **TABLED for long range planning meeting**
 - 1. Changes in Board membership
 - 2. Board members roles/duties
 - 3. Back-up personnel for different chapter duties
 - 4. Committee Chairs and project leaders – write up procedures
- D. Website - The subcommittee established
- E. Newsletter suggestions from committee meeting on 10/20/21 –**TABLED**
- F. Wakamatsu Tea Garden and Club proposal (see document in shared folder)
Guest presenter indicated he would like Sonoma County JACL to be involved in:

*Possible formation of a Tea Club

* Organizing and sponsoring a first annual Tea Party in Spring 2022

* Tea Garden committee to take care of plants (Henry Kaku)

* Private tasting of tea for Sonoma County JACL members in June.

* Donation of Legacy Tea made from plants from Kagoshima where Kanaye Nagasawa was born and raised.

Suggestions:

An interpretive display at the Japanese Garden.

Information on the Wakamatsu colony and the connection to Fountain Grove (Kanaye Nagasawa)

A plaque will be made with information about the tea plants.

G. Letter of support for Prof. Sheng – letter circulated through Asian American Alliance of Marin

TABLED

H. Self-defense classes for Asian community – next steps? **TABLED**

I. Increase access to group email list, e.g., through software like mail chimp, to share responsibility of communicating with membership **TABLED**

J. Consolidate some committees such as Newsletter, Social Media and Website to Public Relations or Public Communication Committee **TABLED**

K. New Business

A. Zoom account for So Co JACL chapter approved

B. Sonoma County Health Services Covid-19 Clinics - Funding Incentive Giveaways
(see **Appendix B.** SoCo COVID-10 Clinics)

C. Help for Afghan families (see **Appendix C.** Helping Afghan Families)

D. Legacy Grant Update - **TABLED**

Next Board Meeting is the long-range planning to be conducted by Ron Tajii

January 26, 2022, 9:00am to 2:00

Appendix A. SAFE Program, Petaluma

The S.A.F.E. (Specialized Assistance for Everyone) Team was modeled after the CAHOOTS program (Crisis Assistance Helping Out on The Streets) in Oregon to address crisis response, prevention and intervention for our most vulnerable community members experiencing mental health issues, substance abuse issues and homelessness.

The Petaluma program started in July 2021 and initial statistics are very impressive.

This program is a result of the July 2020 public outcry to re-examine policing and public safety resources. In the first 3 months of operation SAFE has responded to 673 calls, ranging from suicidal subjects to bandage changes, with the majority responding to public assists and welfare checks.

As of Nov 1, the SAFE Team is helping launch a Rohnert Park/Cotati SAFE Team.

Appendix B. SoCo COVID-19 Clinics

Inquiry was made to Sonoma County Health Services, per last JACL board meeting, about JACL funding Incentive Giveaways. The offer was welcomed and would enable them to offer giveaways to the 5-11 year-old group.

Appendix C. Helping Afghan Families

Help is being coordinated by St. John's Episcopal Church in Petaluma for Petaluma Afghan families. Phyllis will attend an information meeting on Jan 15, 10:00-12:00, by Zoom for the program partnering with a specific family. There is another Zoom meeting on Jan 8, 10:00-12:00. Anyone interested in partnering with a specific family is encouraged to attend either of these meetings. Registration is required. Help in the form of donations and volunteer work in other areas is also needed. Does JACL want to donate money to help the Afghan family program?