

LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, JANUARY 29, 2022, 9:00 a.m. on Zoom

Call to Order 9:07 am

Present: Lauren Morimoto, Ron Tajii, Janet Tajii, Phyllis Tajii, Gary Sugiyama, Becky Sugiyama, Gail Yamamoto Seymour, Meg Mizutani, Sachiko Knappman, Nancy Davlin, Bruce Shimizu

I. Event Planning for 2022-2023

Decisions:

- *Delete PACA - the reason it was created has been completed
- *Redwood Empire Food Bank – chair [Nancy Davlin](#)
- *Wakamatsu Tea Garden committee – [Bruce Shimizu](#) and [Henry Kaku](#) co-

chairs

- * Remembrance event for Kanaye Nagasawa – [Nao Magami](#) chair

Date Corrections:

- *Social Justice Week at Sonoma State University – week of April 4 – 11, 2022]
- * Mochitsuki Demonstration - April 30, 2022 \

Additional committees:

- United in Kindness – [Phyllis Tajii](#) chair
- Bylaws Committee for annual review
- Sister City – [Meg Mizutani](#) chair

Additional calendar events:

- Tea Ceremony at Paradise Ridge Winery in September 2022
- Holocaust Memorial Fountain rededication - TBD
- Ruth Asawa Fountain reinstallation – TBD
- Unum Sculpture installation - TBD
- Joint event with Asian groups – i.e., Asian American Pacific Islanders Coalition, Redwood Empire Chinese Association, Filipino Association Historical Society, Etc. One idea - Picnic with “booths” featuring cultural dishes.

Discussions:

- *Ansel Adams Exhibit at Museum of Sonoma County – JACL involvement
- *Matsuri may be a shakuhachi performance in a small venue
- *Teriyaki barbeque will be a drive-thru event in July
- *Obon TBD
- * Mochitsuki in December 2022. Leave on calendar and discuss details in

August 2022

II. Bylaws Review

Decisions:

- Motion made to make VP of Programs two separate positions: VP of Programs for Civil Rights and Social Justice and VP of Programs for Culture and Community. 2nd. Passed unanimous
- Motion made to delete the Library Committee. 2nd. Passed unanimous

- Motion made to rename Education and Oral History committee to Education Committee. 2nd. Approved unanimous
- Motion made to formalize the Social Media Committee. 2nd. Approved unanimous
- A Rapid Response Team to decide on the procedures as to how to respond, how autonomy is needed to make decisions, who will write press releases, etc.
- Motion made to accept the new structure of the officers and duties as part of the bylaws as discussed. 2nd. Passed unanimous
- Motion made to rename VP of Public Affairs to VP of Public Communications. 2nd. Passed unanimous
- Motion made that the Executive Board consists of the President, the VP of Finance, the VP of Membership, the VP of Programs for Civil Rights and Social Justice, the VP of Programs for Culture and Community, the VP of Public Communications, and the Secretary. 2nd. **TABLED TO NEXT BOARD MEETING for further discussion and vote**

III. Board

Decision:

**Co-Presidents* will be [Lauren Morimoto](#) who will make agendas and run the meetings, and [Phyllis Tajii](#) who will take up the other duties.

**Secretary* will be [Becky Sugiyama](#)

**Treasurer* will be [Nancy Davlin](#)

**VP of Finance* will be [Janet Tajii](#)

**VP of Membership* will be [Sachiko Knappman](#)

**VP of Programs Civil Rights and Justice* will be [Gail Yamamoto Seymour](#)

**VP of Culture and Community Programs* will be [Ron Tajii](#)

**VP of Public Communications* will be [Gary Sugiyama](#)

**Historian* will be [Gary Sugiyama](#)

**Delegates* will be [Meg Mizutani](#) and [Phyllis Tajii](#), *Alternate Delegate* will be [Lauren Morimoto](#)

IV. Membership

- The Membership Committee will review new membership plan.
 - Special \$10 fee to end in March
 - Discounted cost to those who need assistance?
- The Membership Committee will explore ideas on how to show appreciation to our volunteers
- Research needed on emailing server accounts (i.e. “mailchimp”, “Vertical Response”) and report at the next meeting.
- The Membership Committee will explore ideas regarding shared interest clubs/groups (music club, tea club, wine club, lunch and/or dinner club)

V. Financials

A. Financial Report for 2021 perused

B. Budget for 2022 perused

Motion made update the signatories list to include the President, the Treasurer, the VP of Finance, the VP of Membership. They shall have access to the account keeping with their duties. 2nd. Passed unanimous

Motion made that signatories, in keeping with Redwood Credit Union standards, will go to the site yearly to update and refresh signature cards. 2nd. Passed unanimous

- VI. Donation/philanthropic activities **TABLED**
 - A. COVID vaccination sites – provide small toys for children?
 - B. Revive use of fund request form? Request report back on our donations?

- VII. Preview new website **TABLED**
 - A. Determine which documents to post on website
 - B. Possible for people to join, renew, and pay membership online?

- VIII. Zoom account for SoCo JACL**
 - Gary Sugiyama to research Zoom

- IX. SoCo Chapter logo **TABLED**

- X. Revise and approve updated by-laws **TABLED**
 - a. Remaining revisions for approval
 - b. Prepare membership vote on bylaws and articles

- XI. JACL Legacy Grant Video Project Update- **TABLED**
 - a. 8-minute video (1st of 5 stories in the video), with discussion.

Adjourned 2:43pm