

BOARD MEETING Minutes  
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

- I. Call to Order  
Present: Phyllis Tajii, Lauren Morimoto, Bruce Shimizu, Meg Mizutani, Ron Tajii, Janet Tajii, Sachiko Knappman, Gail Yamamoto Seymour, Becky Sugiyama  
Absent: Nancy Davlin
- II. Personal Appearances
  - A. Corey Hayashi, Representing Edward Jones Investment firm, gave an annual investment report  
Motion made to approve the modifications to the investments as follows: move the Scholarship Fund away from Eastern European groups; lower the international investments and add domestic investments to the Building Fund. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved
- III. Motion made to approve of the Feb 1, 2022 minutes as distributed . 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved
- IV. Announcements
  - A. Informational items (see Appendix A)
  - B. Upcoming events
  - C. It was officially recognized that Gary Sugiyama has resigned from the board; as a JACL member, he will retain his position as Historian.
  - D. Meg Mizutani reported that Sonoma County JACL reached out to Sebastopol World Friends to offer support to people in Sebastopol's sister city Chyhyryn, Ukraine.  
Meg Mizutani also reported that the city of Sebastopol has signed a resolution on support of the Ukraine and that other major cities in Sonoma County will do the same.
  - E. Phyllis Tajii announced that the San Francisco Chronical will interview Eric Stanley from the Museum of Sonoma County. Eric requested that members of the Sonoma County JACL also be present.  
Phyllis Tajii as Co-President and Henry Kaku, who was instrumental in setting up the exhibit ,will be the representatives. A link to the interview will go out as an email blast.
  - F. Docent training for the museum is Friday, March 5, 2022, at 10:00 am.
  - G. Janet Tajii and Ron Tajii will send out an announcement with a form for the special showings at the museum for 15 JACL members.
  - H. Bruce Shimizu reported that Conservation Works is helping to replace plants lost in the fire of 2019 with native plants.
  - I. Plans are in the works to have Matsuri 2023 an in -person event
  - J. Phyllis Tajii has requested a substitute representative while she is away as a contact with Dr Jeng who is organizing the Covid vaccination clinics. Please contact her if you are available
  - K. Phyllis Tajii, Becky Sugiyama, and Janet Tajii will pass out toys at the next Covid clinic for all ages, scheduled for March 19, 2022, at Casa Grande High School.
- V. Correspondence none
- VI. Committee and Subcommittee Reports
  - A. Finance,
    - 1. Uyeda Center Building, NONE
    - 2. Treasurer's report, See reports on Google Drive
    - 3. Funding requests NONE
    - 4. Grants subcommittee – Legacy Grant, NONE

5. Janet Tajii will set up a conference call with the Finance Committee to decide how to pay for expenses related to official expenses such as the Zoom account, the email server, and the newsletter generator, and who will be responsible for use of the credit card.

Janet Tajii will be the point person for any contact with Nancy Davlin. Please refer financial matters to Janet.

B. Membership,

Motion made to lower the age of senior discount for JACL membership to 65 years of age. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved  
Motion made to offer a discount to applicants for a discounted membership fee to those who may need assistance and extend it for two years, starting April 2022. Discount would be \$35 for general membership and \$10 for senior membership. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Tajii, Approved.

C. Programs, Civil Rights and Social Justice, **TABLED**

1. Human and Civil Rights Committee,

- a. Sonoma County Human Rights Commission
- b. United in Kindness,
- c. AAPI Coalition,

D. Programs, Community and Culture,

1. Scholarship Committee,

Janet Tajii reported that a Marie Sugiyama Scholarship has been awarded to Reyna Yagi.

2. Enman No Tomo – suspended due to COVID-19.

3. Education Committee **TABLED**

- a. Speakers Bureau and Kamishibai,

4. Tea Garden Subcommittee

Motion made to empower Ron Tajii as a representative of Sonoma County JACL to work with Conservation Works on a Community Arts and Culture grant from the Vintners Association to have an event that will represent the AAPI community in May 2023 at the Paradise Ridge winery. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved. Sonoma County JACL involvement will be in a supportive role.

E. Public Communications,

1. Newsletter Committee, format and process (**see New Business**)

2. Social Media Committee, **TABLED**

- a. Website subcommittee
- b. Facebook,

3. Rapid Response Team **TABLED**

F. District Council, **TABLED**

VII. Unfinished business

A. Procedures for funding requests **TABLED**

B. Revise and approve updated by-laws, on-going (20 min) **TABLED**

C. Collaborate with Museum of Sonoma County to provide a benefit for JACL members? **DONE**

D. Zoom account for So Co JACL chapter?, *S. Knappman* and *G. Seymour*

Motion to acquire a Zoom account at \$199.00 per month. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved

E. Mochi making demonstration (Apr 30, 2022 @ SSU) planning – kick to a small subcommittee? **TABLED**

F. Mochitsuki – **TABLED**

G. Change status of permanent board member, Margarette Murakami and Martin Shimizu to advisors **TABLED**

- H. Finalize make-up of Executive Committee (Ex Comm) and its duties **TABLED**
- I. New logo development **TABLED**
- J. Federal grant (APPIC advocacy group), *P. Tajji* **TABLED**

VIII. New Business

- A. hospitality committee to handle the chapter's interaction with members for specific events like a death, birthday, etc. **TABLED**
- B. Motion made to purchase the ad in Nichi Bei publication using last year's format with the website name change. 2<sup>nd</sup> Approved
- C. Proposed newsletter format and process starting for the May 2022 issue  
Motion made to have Constant Contact to produce the newsletter, starting May 2022, using the credit card. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved
- D. Motion made to endorse AB 2549- Street Harassment Prevention. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.
- E. JACL partner to support the book, *A Rebel's Outcry* (see Appendix B), **TABLED**
- F. JACL sponsor Japanese section of the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery (see Appendix C), **TABLED**
- G. Motion made to approve of the budget for 2022 with a change to the amount for the Tea Garden from \$500.00 to \$8,000.00 to cover the expense of the fence and gate. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved

Adjourned 9:37pm

- IX. Next Board Meeting, March 29, 2022 @ 7 pm via Zoom. There will be no meeting in April 2022.

**Appendix A. Informational Items Reported by Phyllis Tajji**

1. Santa Rosa Unum sculpture languages. The Arts in Public Places Committee had a special meeting on Feb 22 to address a re-vote of the words and languages and unanimously approved the revised recommendation to include 32 languages (up from the original 17 languages approved earlier)
2. United in Kindness making headway into SSU.  
Dr. Eyler arranged to have Moe and Pat attend a meeting with the Academic Senate
3. Executive Committee was excited to hear that their resolution was approved to be sent to the Senate for its endorsement.
4. Youth Poetry Event is being planned for the spring in collaboration with AAPIC.
5. AAPIC North Bay -  
Working with UIK on Poetry Event.  
Working with several other non-profit organizations to secure ARPA funding to help BIPOC community.  
Deadline to submit application is April 7.
6. May - Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, possible short presentation about JACL.  
JACL might get an invitation to give a short (5 min?) speaking engagement to Sonoma County Alliance to let them know what Sonoma County JACL is about. This is their attempt to recognize Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May.  
"The Sonoma County Alliance is a coalition of business, agriculture, labor and individuals organized to encourage a healthy economy, to maintain a sound environment, to protect private property rights and to promote a responsive political process."  
They have spent more than \$250,000 in the last 5 years to influence local politics and their membership has included many well-known names; Kaiser Permanente, Redwood Empire Credit Union, Press Democrat's

parent company, multiple Board of Supervisors. In late June, early July 2020, several members dropped out, that included Kaiser, RECU, PD's parent company, and Shirley Zane) because of an article posted by the president Doug Hilberman in reaction to Black Lives Matter. He wrote an article about how "All Lives Matter", which drew swift backlash and some praise. Hilberman resigned and the SCA formed a DEI committee in August 2020.

2. FYI. I received notice of a pop-up vaccination site at YMCA, Santa Rosa, on Feb 26. Melinda Kniffen with the Sonoma County Health Services sent this to me. This is an example of a pop-up Covid vaccination site and the incentives offered. I have not yet heard back from Dr. Jeng about a date for JACL to participate.

Our event is **3 days away** and we are excited to create a partnership with **Sonoma County YMCA**, Fox Home Health and CURA Project for a vaccination pop-up clinic **this Saturday Feb 26<sup>th</sup>**. The clinic will operate from **11:00 am until 2:00 pm**. We would like to have all set up completed at least 30 minutes prior to event, to allow time for a group huddle with everyone involved. Please schedule staff to be on site by 10:00 am. The pop-up will be reaching Sonoma County's community and day care centers to reach the pediatric population. The event will be open to the public.

- **I have attached the Event Action Plan (EAP) form with all contacts for day of event. I have also included the event flyer.**
- We have an update that the Sonoma County YMCA will give every person vaccinated at the YMCA's event, a \$75 voucher to use towards YMCA Membership or Programs and exciting new addition of the Taco vendor PeeWee's Taco's. They won't be bringing a truck, instead they will have a taco booth under one of the outdoor tents. Owner- Luis F. Carillo is Spanish speaking and will have his friend Jerry Jamarillo (who is bilingual) His # is 707-239-1811 if needed.
- Sonoma County, Field Service Outreach team will arrive at 10:00 am and start a huddle at 10:30 am. They will have a resource table, assist with interpretation and they are coordinating pre-canvassing prior to the event. They will collect the anonymous patient surveys at the end of the event to return to the Planning Department project lead for review.
- The YMCA will provide the tables and chairs for the event and will have them set up prior to event. Fox Home Health team has determined the layout for the event.
- Fox Home Health will bring Pfizer & Moderna vaccines and will offer first, second, booster and pediatric doses. Pfizer & Moderna boosters will be available to patients at least five (5) months after their second dose. Estimated 100-200+ patients. Open to the public. All are welcome.
- If patients do not have their vaccination cards, they will still be able to receive their second doses and boosters. **Patients can also log onto <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/> to view their vaccine records.**
- Please know it is highly recommended to wear your KN95 or N95 masks for all events.
- Our field ops team will be coordinating signs & water for the event. There will be a security guard on site with DBlock Chris Yamanahoa and the non-emergency phone number is available on the EAP form.
- All Bilingual staff should wear your "Yo hablo Espanol" name badges. CURA Project team will help with interpretation and line navigation.
- Here is the link to our new [website for events](#). This will allow you to access events on your cell phone. Let us know what you think.

#### **Appendix B. Letter of Inquiry from Jean Chan Regarding A Rebel's Outcry**

Jean Chan (a SSU emeritus professor and co-founder of AAAM) wrote the following:

“My friend, a filmmaker and my former calculus student, Jeffrey Gee Chin, has recently co-published a book “A Rebel’s Outcry” (231 pages) and made a film “Lil Tokyo Reporter” (30 minutes) on the story of a Japanese American civil rights leader, named Sei Fujii. Kenichi Sato had written a book on Sei Fujii but it didn’t get enough publicity. The recent publication, “A Rebel’s Outcry”, based on Sato's book, by Jeffrey Gee Chin and Fumiko Carole Fujita, is beautifully illustrated by Takashi Uchida. Of course, you may have already heard of this work.

I know you are very busy but I want to see if you and JACL of Sonoma would be willing to help promote the book , “A Rebel’s Outcry”, at your local Copperfield or other bookstores. AAAM and AAAPIC NB may show Chin’s film, “Lil Tokyo Reporter”, in the coming months.”

### **Appendix C. Japanese Section of Santa Rosa**

Does JACL want to maintain the old Japanese section of the Santa Rosa Cemetery?

It would require about 3 - 4 visits per year to weed/clean up the area.

Darryl Yagi has been doing clean up but has indicated he needs someone else to carry on. Carole and Jonathan Quandt take care of the rural cemetery and said Darryl told them he is looking for someone to take it over. Carole and Jonathan approached Gary, Becky and Phyllis asking if JACL would want to take over care of that section. In the meantime, Carole and her group are looking after the old rural cemetery and keeping an eye on the Japanese section.