

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

- I. Call to Order 7:04pm
Present: Lauren Morimoto, Phyllis Tajii, Ron Tajii, Janet Tajii, Sachiko Knappman, Meg Mizutani, Bruce Shimizu, Becky Sugiyama
Absent: Gail Yamamoto Seymour, Nancy Davlin
- II. Personal Appearances - NONE
- III. Revised minute from the Mar 1, 2022, meeting - Approved
- IV. Approval of the agenda
Decided to address business over reports.
- V. Announcements
 - A. Informational items (See Appendix A)
 - B. Upcoming events
- VI. Correspondence - NONE
- VII. Committee and Subcommittee Reports – See report at the end of the minutes
 - A. Finance, *Janet Tajii*
 1. Uyeda Center Building, *Ron Tajii*
 2. Treasurer’s report, *Nancy Davlin* see reports in email or google drive.
 3. Funding requests - NONE
 4. Grants subcommittee – Legacy Grant, *Gail Yamamoto Seymour* and *Phyllis Tajii* NONE
 - B. Membership, Sachiko Knappman reported that 270 emails have been added to Constant Contact.
 - C. Programs, Civil Rights and Social Justice, *G. Yamamoto Seymour (absent with regrets)* ALL TABLED
 1. Human and Civil Rights Committee, *G. Yamamoto Seymour* and *P. Tajii*
 - a. Sonoma County Human Rights Commission, *G. Yamamoto Seymour*
 - b. United in Kindness, *P. Tajii*
 - c. AAPI Coalition, *P. Tajii*
- VIII. Programs, Community and Culture, *R. Tajii* See report at the end of the minutes
 1. Scholarship Committee, *J. Tajii*
 2. Enman No Tomo – suspended due to COVID-19, *Nancy Davlin*.
 3. Education Committee
 - a. Speakers Bureau and Kamishibai, *Henry Kaku* NONE
 4. Tea Garden Subcommittee, *H. Kaku*
 - D. Public Communications, NONE
 1. Newsletter Committee, *G.Seymour*
 2. Social Media Committee, *G. Seymour (?)*
 - a. Website subcommittee
 - b. Facebook, *Becky Sugiyama*
 3. Rapid Response Team, *M. Mizutani*

E. District Council, *M. Mizutani* and *P. Tajii* - NONE

IX. Unfinished business

A. Procedures for funding requests, **postpone**

1. Revive use of and/or revise fund request form? TABLED
2. Request a report about use of funds for requesters? TABLED

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

C. Mochi making demonstration (Apr 30, 2022 @ SSU) planning – kick to a small subcommittee?
Time 11:00am – 2:00pm including set-up and take-down.

- Parking permits?
- Canopies
- Need Volunteers for the following:
 - carrying water
 - Crowd control-monitor pounding
- mochi makers- Phyllis, Nancy, Lauren
- pounders – Henry Kaku, Carl Hallberg. May be interactive with on-lookers
- Taiko may be present
- Sachiko Knappman and Gail Seymour to work on an email blast
- Ron Tajii will write up an article for the newsletter

D. Mochitsuki –

- Traditional date is second Saturday of December, making it December 10, 2022
- Check with Emanji regarding use of facility – Ron Tajii will contact Nancy Davlin
- Nancy Davlin is the chairperson
- Limit to three pounds per family
- Henry Kaku could soak the rice the night before
- Bruce Shimizu, Henry Kaku, and Nao Noguchi know how to cook the rice
- Ron Tajii, Alan Murakami can be helpers
- Meg Mizutani will look at the excel spreadsheet that Carol Kawase has on Google Drive to see if other chapters have a Mochi Tsuki event and how they conduct it.
- Important to train the next generation

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

F. Finalize make-up of Executive Committee (Ex Comm) and its duties.

Janet Tajii, Lauren Morimoto and Phyllis Tajii of the Bylaws committee will meet to write a report to send out for approval

G. New logo development, **postpone**

H. Federal grant (APPIC advocacy group), *P. Tajii* NONE

I. Motion made by Janet Tajii to form a Hospitality group, task the members with defining guidelines and report back. 2nd by Phyllis Tajii. Approved. Members are Becky Sugiyama, Nancy Davlin, and Sachiko Knappman.

J. AB 2549- Street Harassment Prevention. Does JACL want to endorse the “No Place for Hate” bill? (Email sent out Feb 24), *P. Tajii* **Too late to respond**

K. JACL partner to support the book, *A Rebel’s Outcry* (see Appendix B), *P. Tajii*

Phyllis Tajii will invite Jean Chen of Sonoma State University to attend a board meeting to present her ideas on how to support the book and the movie based on the book, *Lil Tokyo Reporter*.

L. JACL sponsor Japanese section of the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery (see Appendix C), *P. Tajii*

Sachiko Knappman and Gail Yamamoto will talk to Generation Mirai members and report back

Bruce Shimizu suggested a clean-up day for all the cemeteries with Japanese internments

X. New Business

A. Website payment and website maintenance fee, *L. Morimoto*

- Lauren Morimoto will talk to Joshua Chernin to find out how the Sonoma County chapter of the JACL can retain ownership. Ideas include a cloud-based backup and periodic updates.
- Lauren will also ask Josh's advice as to who should have access to add information. Suggestion was the VP of Communication.
- Lauren will also clarify how many hours Josh spends maintaining the site as opposed to creating it. His monthly payment will be adjusted if necessary.

Motion made by Janet Tajii to pay Joshua Chernin the balance of \$1000.00 for the fee to create the website once we get the above information from Josh. 2nd by Bruce Shimizu.

Approved

B. Motion made by Phyllis Tajii to nominate Meg Mizutani for VP Communications. 2nd by Ron Tajii. Approved.

C. Covid Clinic Toy Giveaway

1. Phyllis Tajii has volunteers to help at seven sites while she is gone. She will handle other distribution opportunities when she returns.
2. Elsie Allen HS, April 23, 12 - 4:00. Phyllis will be back and will attend. Need at least one more volunteer.

D. Finding History Day - organized by Sonoma County Historical Society. Aug 6, 2022. Does JACL (Speakers Bureau) want to participate, *P. Tajii*
One possibility is to show the video *Leap of Faith*.

E. Printing So Co JACL brochures

Meg Mizutani will have the updated brochures printed and will drop off to Henry Kaku

F. Proposed collaboration with St. Patrick's Church, JACL, and possibly UIK to do a peace crane fold-in. "Cranes for Ukraine" – possibly in conjunction with Sebastopol and Sonoma who have Sister Cities in Ukraine. Can this also be a fundraiser?

G. Motion made by Becky Sugiyama to grant authority to Janet Tajii, with consultation with the Finance Committee, to make decisions regarding a PayPal and/or Square account. Second by Phyllis Tajii. Approved

Adjourned 9:10PM

XI. Next Board Meeting, May 3, 2022 @ 7 pm

Please submit topics the next meeting to Phyllis Tajii and Lauren Morimoto a week before the next meeting.

Appendix A. Informational Items Reported by Phyllis Tajii

- A. United in Kindness - SSU approved Resolution to support UIK mission
- B. AAPIC North Bay - The AAPIC March newsletter included a promotional about joining Sonoma County JACL
- C. UIK and AAPIC are collaborating to present a Youth Poetry Event.
- D. Marian Ishizu 100th birthday - Nancy and Phyllis visited Marian with gifts from JACL to wish her a happy birthday.

- E. Nichi Bei Cultural Guide - Sonoma County JACL ad in the Cultural Guide. Nancy looked up last year's ad and we had paid \$450. Gary submitted revised ad with new website address to Nichi Bei, with instructions to send \$450 bill to Nancy.
- F. Chronicle ran an article about the Sonoma County Museum Ansel Adams Manzanar exhibit and interviewed Phyllis and Henry.

Cultural and Community Programs Notes for April '22 SoCo JACL Board Meeting

Committee Reports

Speakers Bureau:

"Manzanar: The Wartime Photographs of Ansel Adams" exhibit, SoCo Museum

Reports:

JACL DOCENT LED TOURs - disappointing turnout

3/10/22 - 2 members, 3/19/22 - 1 member

Workshop: "Manzanar: the Story Continues", George Thow 3/19/22"

Well attended again (over 40 people)

Future events:

Workshop

"Heart Mountain: poetry and stories" Jodi Hottel 4/2/22 2:00 PM

"No, No" Boys and their protests Henry Kaku 5/7/22 11:30 AM

JACL docent led tours - 5/7/22 2:00 PM

1 sign up so far

School presentations

Completed 18 presentations done to date, ~900 students

Upcoming 6 more engagements

1 - Community group

5 - Schools

Scholarship

Reports:

Continuing Education Scholarships

No new applications

College Freshman Scholarship Apps - No applications received

Future events:

Faye Uyeda Scholarship Apps Due, 5/1/22

Tea Garden

Japanese Garden - Bruce Shimizu working plan and estimate

Tori, rock garden, and kiosk (signage) - Spring of 2023???

Weeding party held on March 18th - Henry Kaku, Phyllis Tajii, Bruce Shimizu, Sachiko

Knappman, Carl Babel, Jay Pederson

Future activities for March, April, May

Next weeding party TBD
Shade cloth set up - no date set yet, possibly May
Need to develop a maintenance plan with schedule
Conservation Works submitted a proposal for an Arts and Culture Community grant from the Sonoma County Vintners Foundation for an AAPI cultural event at Paradise Ridge. Grants should be awarded at the end of May or early June.

Uyeda Building Committee Report
Estes HVAC approved to start furnace replacement.

Need to pull report (no customer packets as of 3/28/22).

For the 511 tenant:

Install new sink and trim doors

Repair Materials 300.00

Repair Labor 275.00

Total: 575.00