

**MILE HIGH JACL BOARD MEETING**  
**January 3, 2012**  
**SAKURA SQUARE – DENVER, CO**

Members Present: Gary Yamashita, Gil Asakawa, Tom Migaki, Richard Hamai, Bonnie Clark, Ngoc Dinh, Marge Taniwaki, Mike Shibata, Kimiko Side, Donna Hansen, Mark Shimoda.

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order 6:38pm by Gary Yamashita.

II. Approval of Minutes

- Follow up on approval from November's meeting minutes.
- Action items:
  - Suzy send check to Ken? Check giving to Suzy by
  - Isle check received.
  - Last notes append: Richard will close the account, not Gary. Account has been closed.
- Motion to approve: Bonnie. Gil second.

III. TREASURER REPORT

- Isle ad will expire in January 2013.
- Anticipate \$1400 in revenue from PC ads.
- First PayPal donation received via website from Bethany Barron in Memory of Kazuko Tu.
- Motion to approve: Gil. Tom second.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Website
  - o Membership verbiage. Try to pull from national. Contact Gary, copy Suzy, if need more information.
- b. Mile High JACL Policy Regarding Corporate Donation
  - o Suzy has documentation. Marge will follow up with Suzy.
- c. Mile High JACL policy regarding newsletter advertisement
  - o Gary will follow up with Suzy.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mile High JACL Election Results
  - o 13 votes for memberships. 11 yays, 2 nos.
  - o 2013-2015 Board: Gil Asakawa, Harry Budisidharta, Ngoc Dinh, Aya Medrud, Mike Shibata, Mark Shimoda, Marge Taniwai
  - o Ngoc will serve her term as long as she is in Denver.
- b. Mile High JACL questionnaire
  - o Donna thinks it's a good idea via survey monkey.
  - o We still need to think about our audience, snail mail vs. electronically.
  - o Marge things it's a good idea to do both. More response through survey monkey.
  - o 2 years ago was last year.
  - o Board is indicated that we should do a survey again.
- c. OCA/JACL Lunar New Year dinner
  - o Donna is helping Harry.
  - o Any donation items would be helpful.
  - o Email flier to Harry for final approval and have him distribute flier.
  - o Ngoc to advertise on website.
  - o JACL is limited to 10 tables.
- d. Mile High JACL Recognition Luncheon on April 2013
  - o Guest speaker: Priscilla Ochida (Harry to follow up)
  - o Adele Arakawa, MC confirmed
  - o Theme/Topic: United Airlines Flight 123. Dreamliner to Japan lands on April 1. Why not

- celebrate Japan? We should finalize the theme by next meeting.
- Location? Pat? No one has heard from her. Probably DoubleTree again.
- Solicit nominee? Or are we going to choose ourselves?
- Bonnie: Send out package with nomination, Lunar New Year and Mile High JACL Luncheon?
- Gil suggested getting key people to give awards to. That brings other people/organizations.
- Ask for the nominee's okay for being nominated.
- Give Derek Okubo (sp?) an award? The mayor might come? Derek hired Hancock.
- Kanya Okomoto, possible nominee?
- Non JA nominees would might stir up negative thoughts in the core JACL membership.
- Frank Miazawa? Has never been given an award.
- Gary will contact Harry to continue the conversation.

## VI. COMMITTEES REPORT

- a. Newsletter
  - Sign up list going around for newsletter article submissions for the year.
  - Photo collage of 2012. Send them to Harry by the 15th. For January newsletter.
  - Post up newsletter on website.
- b. Membership
  - No report from Gary. National send data 2nd week of the month and our meetings are the first week.
- c. Social Events
  - OCA/JCAL
  - Mile High JACL Luncheon
  - Fall Festival again next year? Maybe, leaning towards yes. Consult with Suzy. Table until next meeting.
- d. Political Advocacy
  - Harry's
- e. Asian Round Table
  - Nothing significant to report from Marge.
- f. Day of Remembrance
  - Hoping audience will be around 200 people. 180 attendees last year.
  - Presentation depends on the content of programs.
  - Panel: Gil Asakawa, moderator, interneers have not been confirmed yet.
  - Marketing: to JA organizations and Ngoc designed marketing materials and will get quotes by tomorrow to Mark.
  - We need people to hand out these materials.
  - Post DOR and Colorado Light Program on website.
  - Bob Fuchigama may be good for the panel.
  - Program should be finalized by the end of the month.
  - Mark to talk to Bonnie and Gil the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month.
  - Marge knows about JACL documentation that has information on correct verbiage. The Power of Words.
  - Meredith Mahoney is the contact at History Colorado.
  - Setup of chairs is done by CU Alliance.
  - Ngoc will look into postcard online from the company Bonnie will send
  - \$500 for printing? Go for it from Richard.
  - Ngoc and Donna will help at the front desk/ticket will call.
  - Mike said ushers may be needed.
  - Gary suggested membership table.

## VII. NATIONAL JACL

- IDC Meeting: nothing to report

## VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS

- TS/DBT Hoonko Service: Bonnie will be representing the chapter. Richard gave Bonnie donation check during meeting.
- Marge: Saturday, May 18 is the Amache Pilgrimage. Add to events calendar.
- Gil will be in LA for the PC to finalized permanent editor.

## IX. NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## X. ADJOURNMENT

- Bonnie motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:18pm.