

MILE HIGH JACL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 7, 2013
SAKURA SQUARE – DENVER, COLORADO

Guests Present: Andrew Yeh & Justin Valas

Members Present: Mary Ann Amemiya, Marge Taniwaki, Gil Asakawa, Frank Sakamoto, Toshiko Sakamoto, Harry Budisidharta, Gary Yamashita, Suzy Shimasaki, Mike Shibata, Ngoc Dinh, Richard Hamai, Tom Migaki, Pat Hayashi.

Note: Harry has Donna Hansen's proxy.

Meeting called to order 6:45 PM by President Harry.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion to approve by Frank, 2nd by Suzy and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve by Frank, 2nd by Mary Ann, and unanimously approved.

Speaker: Justin Valas. He spoke of upcoming bills being presented at both the state & federal levels. He gave us facts and figures of multiple topics and it is anticipated that he will submit periodic articles to the monthly newsletter. It was proposed to have three areas of political advocacy in which members can volunteer to participate. Immigration: Mary Ann, Marge, Harry and Justin as Chairperson. Same-Sex: Gary, Andrew, Suzy, Mary Ann, Gil, and Harry as Chairperson. Health Care: Gary, Andrew, Mary Ann, Frank, Pat, & Suzy as Chairperson.

Political Advocacy:

- Office of Health Disparities Modernization Bill – in process.
- Petition from Duke University Asian American Alliance. After a brief discussion, Gil moved to support this petition, 2nd by Ngoc and unanimously approved.
- HB 13-1045 – died.
- Bell Policy Center public meeting is Mar. 12, 2013 at 4 PM, History Colorado. It is free, educational and everyone is welcome.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mile High JACL's revised policy regarding corporate donation was presented by Marge and Suzy. After a brief discussion, Gil moved to accept the policy, 2nd by Mary Ann and unanimously approved.
- Mile High JACL's advertising policy was presented by Suzy. The current sponsorship levels for *Monetary* donations will remain the same, i.e. \$10 – business card size, \$25 – quarter page, \$50 – half page and \$100 – full page. The sponsorship levels for *In-Kind* donations (based on value of items declared by the donor) will be \$30 – business card size, \$50 – quarter page, \$75 – half page and \$150 – full page. These individuals will receive a text acknowledgement.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A spring luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at LD Buffet, 2797 S Parker Rd, Aurora. 303-751-1688. Time will be 11:30 – 1:30 PM and cost will be \$15/person (including tax and tip). Harry is the chair person & will provide brief introduction, Adele Arakawa is pending due to date change as is McKenna Asakawa as well. Frank & Gladys Konishi and Pat Hayashi will coordinate the program. It is planned to invite the general membership, Hiroshima ken-jin-kai, and Ft. Lupton JACL. Harry will ask Jennifer Moy for publicity flyer as she had previously volunteered. Possibilities of entertainment also include singers, Midget Dance, bingo, etc. There will be a live auction to raise funds for our scholarship for the JACGP in June.
- JACGP. Charmaine will represent our chapter. Suzy moved, 2nd by Gil and unanimously approved to increase scholarship award this year to \$2000.
- Cherry Blossom Festival. Ngoc suggested a cherry tree wishing booth and the fee is \$200. After a brief discussion, Gary moved, 2nd by Gil, and unanimously approved.
- May 30 – Gil. There will be a New Asian Theatre, theatre Esprit Asia. One can go to theatre-esprit-asia.org.
- Donna has suggested nominating both Frank and Kimiko to be honorary chairs of the Colorado Dragonboat Festival. Mary Ann will do paper nomination for Frank while Donna will do the same for Kimiko.
- JACL National Scholarship. Bryce Mawhinney has been nominated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership. According to our records, Gary reports 148 active and 6 associate members.
- Newsletter. Articles are due by the 20th of every month to Ngoc. She has a list and is seeking volunteers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wednesday, Mar 20 at Tattered Cover – Naomi Miyahara, novelist will be present for book signing.
- JARCC California Pizza Kitchen fund raiser April 16 & 17 at any location. JARCC will receive 20%.

Meeting adjourned 8:58 PM.

Next meeting Thursday, April 4, 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Hayashi, Recording Secretary