

MILE HIGH JAACL BOARD MEETING

June 5, 2013

SAKURA SQUARE – DENVER, CO.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Sakamoto, Toe Sakamoto, Gary Yamashita, Bonnie Clark, Suzy Shimasaki, Richard Hamai, Ngoc Dinh, Mike Shibata, Harry Budisidharta, Kimiko Side, Mary Ann Amemiya.

- Proxies: Suzy holds proxies for Donna Hansen and Jessica Moy.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by President Harry Budisidharta.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion to approve by Mary Ann, 2nd by Gary; approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Richard Hamai led review of Report and discussion of strong year-to-date performance (Actual Balance = \$2,437.43 for Operations and Programs) against proposed 2012-2013 Budget (-\$3,354.81). Richard will use 2012-2013 Actuals as the basis for the 2013-2014 budget. Motion to approve Report by Mary Ann, 2nd by Suzy; approved.

POLITICAL ADVOCACY:

Harry gave an update of the status of various bills that we have supported this year, including the comprehensive federal immigration reform bill. He noted the impact of some provisions of the bill on Asian communities, primarily the Filipino community, with the shift in focus from the family visa to visas to support businesses. JAACL is a member of a new coalition to support comprehensive federal immigration reform. This coalition includes the Asian American Justice Center (AAJC), the Asian Pacific Development Center (APDC), and Hispanic legislators and community leaders. The coalition is planning to sponsor a debate between Congressman Mike Coffman and Andrew Romanoff. Harry will work with members of the Immigration advocacy committee to prepare an informational document that will include a summary of the comprehensive federal immigration reform bill, information about the new coalition, and how Mile High JAACL Board and general members can support the pending bill and other immigration reform efforts.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cherry Blossom Festival –
 - Make-A-Wish fundraiser: Kimiko Side donated 100 handmade cards that will be used to promote the fundraiser. Gary Yamashita will secure a live tree and Mary Ann will find four additional bells for the display. Discussion of pricing of wishes. We will offer 6 wishes and one of Kimiko's cards for \$5.00. Ngoc presented two banner and four Make-A-Wish sticker designs; BoD selected a banner and two stickers to be printed.
 - Volunteers secured for both days. Shifts are Saturday from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM and 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM; on Sunday from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM and 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Ngoc to email the Board and membership for additional volunteers. Ngoc will email final volunteer schedule.
 - The LGBTQ, and Immigration advocacy committees will use the Health display board as a model for their group displays. Harry will work with Justin on the Immigration display, and Bonnie on the one for LGBTQ.
 - Gary and Ngoc scheduled time with Harry to look through materials stored in Harry's garage to select items for an Amache display in the CBF booth.
 - Ngoc will work with Mary Ann to secure copies of the Power of Words Handbook for CBF and future events.
- Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Mikado" – Discussion of next steps
 - Discussion of Suzy's review of the performance at the Newman Center; general agreement that this matter should be pursued.
 - Bonnie will send the Newsletter article along with a copy of poster to elicit comments from the larger DU academic community (broader than Newman Center).

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2013 National JAACL Convention – Frank Sakamoto and Mary Ann Amemiya will be the chapter delegates.
- Kimiko Side has been selected as the 2013 Honorary Chair of the Dragon Boat Festival.
- Suzy has received the 1st IDC Scholarship.
- OCA community picnic – June 29 at Clement Park. Collecting spare, gently used backpack/daypacks for people who are homeless.
- Frank suggested that we consider how we can publicly honor Aya Medrud for her contributions to the JA community. Harry will work with Frank to develop.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Newsletter – Ngoc (Dragon Boat Festival), Mike (scholarship), and Gil to write articles for June issue
- No updates for Asian Round Table or Day of Remembrance

DISTRICT/NATIONAL JAACL:

- Intermountain District Council – June 29th, via web conference – all BoD should be able to join.
- JAACL National Convention July 24th through 26th.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Japanese American Community Graduation Program Banquet – Arvada Center for the Arts & Humanities, Saturday, 6/8, 5:30pm
- 18th Annual Philippine Festival June 8, from 11am - 5pm; 1900 Harlan Street, Edgewater, CO, 80214
- OCA Picnic 6/29, at Clement Park

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 11, 6:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Bonnie, Suzy 2nd; Passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Amemiya, Board Member (for Pat Hayashi)