

**Mile High JACL Board Meeting  
August 1, 2013  
Denver, Colorado - Sakura Square**

**Members Present:** Richard Hamai, Gary Yamashita, Harry Budisidharta, Gil Asakawa, Ngoc Dinh, Mike Shibata, Donna Hansen, Pat Hayashi.

**Guests Present:** Rodger Hara, Robin Oye, Kimiko Oye, Justin Valas.

Proxy List: Harry – Bonnie Clark, Marge Taniwaki, Mary Ann Amemiya. Richard – Tom Migaki. Gary – Suzuho Shimasaki.

**Meeting called to order** 6:37 PM by President Harry.

**Speaker:** Rodger Hara from Asian Pacific American Commission - City & County of Denver, Human Rights & Community Partnerships. Rodger gave insight into the program, 2013 goals, current challenges, and seeking Japanese American individuals who might have an interest in serving on this committee.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion to approve by Donna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve by Gil, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and unanimously approved. Harry requested reconsideration of funding for Advocacy. Although \$100 was presented in budget last month, he stated \$500 would be an ideal sum. Donna volunteered to assist with upcoming PC Holiday Ad Campaign.

**Political Advocacy:** Harry & Justin provided brief update on current state Immigration. On August 8 - there will be an AAPI rally that is being planned locally. He and Justin are in planning stages of what, where & when. If there is interest to participate, one should contact Harry. August 10 – rally in Greeley for all AAPI groups.

**Old Business:**

- Fall Festival. Date tentatively set for November 2 at a site TBD. Second alternative date is November 9. Donna & Andrew are co-chairs.

**New Business:**

- 2013 National JACL Convention report is forthcoming from Mary Ann, our delegate from Mile High.
- Membership Survey. In 2011 there were 30 participants, & in 2013 there were 20 participants. To be noted: some individuals taking the survey were not JACL members. Results will be published in our chapter newsletter and on our website. National JACL wants the survey template since Mile High is the only chapter in the country that conducts a membership survey.

**Committee Reports:**

- Newsletter – articles from Harry, Gil & Mary Ann.
- Colorado Dragon Boat Festival participants were Donna, Ngoc, Gil, Suzuho, Mike, Kimiko. and Justin. Gil reported a record approximated attendance of 115,000. He also passed along comment of Denver Police that this festival was 'quiet' as compared to other similar festival gatherings. Kimiko Side was honored as the honorary chairperson this year.
- Tabled: Membership, Asian Roundtable, & DOR (Day of Remembrance).

**Announcements:**

- IDC (Intermountain District Council) via Skype on October 5th.
- JAAC (Japanese American Association of Colorado) community picnic August 4. Our chapter will donate \$80 value of watermelons, the same contribution as in previous years.
- Boulder Asian Festival -August 10 & 11.

- JARCC (Japanese American Research Center of Colorado) movie 'Zatoichi III', August 10.

**Next Meeting: September 13, 2013 at 6:30 PM.**

**Adjournment: 8:20 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pat Hayashi, Recording Secretary