

Mile High JACL Meeting Minutes

Sakura Square – Denver, CO

December 5, 2013

Members Present: Richard Hamai, Tom Migaki, Suzuho Shimasaki, Gary Yamashita, Harry Budisidharta, Justin Valas, Bonnie Clark, Mike Shibata, Kimiko Side, B.T. Ichikawa, Marge Taniwaki, Ngoc Dinh, Donna Hansen, Mark Shimoda, Jim Hardman, Pat Hayashi.

Meeting called to order: 7:07 PM by President Harry.

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

Treasurer's Report: Richard says that specifics regarding PC Holiday Ads will be provided next month. Motion to approve by Tom, 2nd by Bonnie and unanimously approved.

2014 Preparation:

- Day of Remembrance scheduled.
- Fall Festival will be scheduled.
- Our chapter will not co-sponsor with OCA the Lunar New Year Banquet on Feb 8. Individuals will attend at their discretion, and an article will be in our monthly newsletter.
- The participative rotation between Dragon Boat, BAPA, and Cherry Blossom is still in place. Next up should be Dragon Boat.
- Board Election tabled. Pat suggested monthly meetings be termed 'general' vs 'board'.
- Political Advocacy. Justin will plan Feb 22 training followed by a Mar 3 Capitol Lobby Day. Might be able to collaborate with ENDA on Mar 3. It is hoped to have this type of event quarterly. Will consider another date in spring for spring function.
- Asian American Lobby Day - Joint Memorial for API History Month per Harry.
- ENDA. Bonnie reported ONE Colo will have event on Mar 3, their Lobby Day and will check about collaborating with Mile High JACL - see political advocacy above.
- Harry provided definition of intersectionality.
- Equitable Access Health Care. Suzuho mentioned possibility of health care forums.
- Harry mentioned voter registration, photo ID possibility.
- Budget Committee to be formed with Richard, Harry and other volunteers.
- Charitable Donations requests were tabled.

2013 Day of Remembrance (DOR): Mark reported following.

- Museum will provide drinks, sushi from Simpson UMC.
- Entrance to entire museum will be free.
- Taiko is tentative.
- Donations are being solicited and accepted.
- Hoping to secure and assess display boards of internment previously used.

Meeting Adjourned 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Hayashi