

Mile High Japanese American Citizens League Board Meeting

February 6, 2014

Members Present: Donna Hansen, Ngoc Dihn, Bonnie Clark, Tom Migaki, Richard Hamai, Harry Budisidharta, Gil Asakawa, Ryan Ogi, Barney Ichikawa, Mike Shibata, Suzuho Shimasaki, Justin Valas

Called to order at 6:50PM

Motion to approve minutes: Moved by Bonnie, seconded by Mark. Motion approved

Day of Remembrance Updates:

We're in pretty good shape for the event. Contact info for Meredith Mahoney is at the top of the DOR update sheet for anyone that needs to be in contact with Meredith.

Justin will contact Meredith about the A/V needs for the day and head directly to Meredith for troubleshooting on the day of. May need to bring DVD player or alternate computer in case of issues (Justin will bring his). Program will begin at 12:30 with visual only, no audio since taiko performance will be going on.

A couple of high school students have a powerpoint presentation that they can share as well.

There may be logistical challenges around Taiko and positioning of the large photos, so we will troubleshoot the placement of photos.

Post cards and posters are distributed to board members for further distribution. Post cards are already delivered to Denver Buddhist Temple, Pacific Mercantile, and Simpson Methodist Church.

Bonnie volunteered to bring tools to help in hanging the Mile High JACL banner.

Donna and Ryan Ogi volunteered to help as ushers.

Donna shared ideas around creation of a speaker's bureau around the DOR program that has been created. It could be used for other presentations and events throughout the year. JANM in Los Angeles may have some resources that would be of interest to us.

There was discussion around potentially reviving efforts at recording living histories, to record stories of (and share digitally) internees, draft resisters, and others with a view towards increasing access to stories of Japanese American Colorado.

Full update around the Day of Remembrance is attached here.

Treasurer's Report:

We have renewed our membership to the Asian Roundtable. Questions were raised about the need for our continued membership at the Roundtable, but no resolution or decisions.

Information and a budget have been furnished to the Chapter from Holly Yasui requesting \$14,000 from the Minoru Yasui Fund towards the creation of a documentary, memorializing Min. The family is supportive. The film is intended to be shown at the Min Yasui Building and there was discussion around the feasibility of Mile High JACL being able to show, share, archive, and post the video. There are requests to see a script from Holly. There is also a request to see a breakdown of where the funding is going in a more traditional grant request format. This would be to clarify where the funds from Mile High JACL would be going. A final question was raised around whether the funds would be going as a personal check or to a production company. No actions were moved.

Asian American Lobby Day has more co-sponsoring organizations, we are still in need of more attendees!

Hafu screening April 17th, 2014. Still waiting for confirmation on price. More information will be forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM