

## MILE HIGH JACL- MINUTES FOR MAY 8, 2014 MEETING

Attendance: Tom Migaki, Suzuho Shimasaki, Harry Budsidharta, Mary Ann Amemiya, Marge Taniwaki, Gary Yamashita, Mike Shibata, Richard Hamai, Bonnie Clark

Guests: Vicki Taniwaki

Meeting called to order by Harry B. at 6:36 PM

Approval of minutes- No minutes were available from the April 3, 2014 meeting for approval.

Guest Speaker- Vicki Taniwaki with the Friends of Amache presented the new updated Amache information brochure. The new brochure was made possible through funding by the JACL Legacy Fund Grant.

Treasurers Report- Transactions during past month:

Intermountain District Member Dues paid in the amount of \$206.

Asian American Heroes of Colorado Awards Ceremony (May 24<sup>th</sup>) Mile High JACL to purchase a Silver Sponsorship (\$250) plus 6 seniors (\$75).

Arts Activism/Writing & Storytelling Workshop by Traci Kato-Kiriyama: fee paid (\$350).

Received 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter rebate from National JACL: (\$351).

2013 Tax Report submitted; copy sent to National JACL. 2013 summary of accounts was used as basis of Tax Report.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Marge Taniwaki, second by Bonnie Clark, motion approved by board.

Old Business:

Traci Kato-Kiriyama workshop. Comment by Gary Yamashita that Traci was very engaging and expressive and her workshop was well received by the audience. Only about 25 people in attendance. The audience was an older demographic than what Traci is accustomed to which brought a different perspective as the participants were able to draw upon more life experiences in their writing session.

Hafu film- The documentary was very good and was a worthwhile event for our chapter to sponsor.

2014 Asian American Heroes Award on May 24, 2014 at Empress Restaurant. Harry and Frank to be honored.

National JACL Convention on July 9-12<sup>th</sup> in San Jose, California.

New Business:

Ngoc Dinh's rate increase for newsletter and website maintenance was discussed. Donna Hansen is able to maintain the website. It was suggested that in the future, we search for someone locally that can create the newsletter and be involved in our chapter as well. This will be the eventual succession plan. Motion was made by Marge Taniwaki to increase the compensation to Ngoc for the next six months to \$100 per newsletter to include edits and no website management effective with the June 2014 newsletter. Second by Tom Migaki, motion approved by board. Harry to contact Ngoc regarding the rate increase and the succession plan to find someone locally in six months.

Colorado Dragon Boat Festival on July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Conflicts with the Temple's Obon Service and dance on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

FAAC Annual Philippine Festival on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Suzuho Shimasaki to approve \$150 for Mile High JACL to share a booth at the festival with APDC. Second by Tom Migaki, motion approved by the board.

OCA Community Picnic on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Board decided not to participate this year as it is the same weekend as the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Nisei Veterans Heritage Foundation, Annual Community Memorial Day Service at Fairmount Cemetery. Harry to represent Mile High JACL to present the floral tribute during the service. Harry and Suzuho to place flowers at Governor Ralph Carr's gravesite on behalf of Mile High JACL.

Next Board Meeting- June 12, 2014 at 6:30 PM at Sakura Square.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.