

# Japanese American Citizens League

## *Mile High Chapter*

June 9th, 2022

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Dylan, Richard, Tom, Marge, Michael, Robin
  - i. Proxy: Allison (Dylan), Gary (Dylan), Courtney (Marge)
  - ii.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 2022

- a. Allison motions, Richard seconds
  - i. Unanimous yes

### III. ATTENDEES

- a. Robin Yasui
  - i. Background on money
    - 1. Approached in 2004 by Ron Abo to design a mural in the Min Yasui building
    - 2. Dragged on for a while
    - 3. Holly contacted us to develop a short film about her father, and we funded that
    - 4. We also wanted to install a plaque in that building with a QR code via a committee
      - a. Tom was on the committee
    - 5. Holly went further to go over Min's life in Denver
    - 6. We had originally planned to bring her out to Denver,
    - 7. Film cost \$21k
  - ii. We currently have **\$11.5k** in the fund
  - iii. Possible projects
    - 1. Working w Peggy Nagae to establish a Min Yasui day in Colorado
  - iv. Robin's thoughts:
    - 1. Technology was evolving around the time of the mural/plaque
    - 2. Concerns were raised about maintenance and equipment, city wasn't sure if they'd be interested in maintaining it
    - 3. Also questions about if building was going to be kept as-is
    - 4. Didn't get any real enthusiasm back in 2015 to establish Min Yasui Day from lawmakers
    - 5. In Oregon, it took a lot of work from a lot of people
    - 6. One other possible idea: **more K-12 curriculum on AAPIs and other racial groups**
    - 7. No clear use for money right now (Dylan's point), but there's always need for programming and curriculum

- v. Marge's thoughts
  - 1. Based on the recent passage of Amache as a NHS, the interest might be there
  - 2. Could ask Derek Okubo or DAAIC if they could help us out
  - 3. Brought up Jewish community for guidance
- vi. Other possible education endeavors?
  - 1. Education funding
  - 2. **Oratory contest** (Robin)
    - a. Implemented in Oregon
    - b. \$500 in prize money
      - i. May be a scholarship, may not be earmarked (Dylan), call it prize money?
    - c. Middle and high school levels
    - d. Committee decides on topic
    - e. Themed around Asian American history, civil rights?
      - i. "What do I see in Min in myself?"
    - f. Public school focus?
      - i. Open to any racial background
  - 3. Cross-pollination with JACGP (Marge)
    - a. Also may approach Sakura Square about putting up picture of winner
    - b. New community center
  - 4. What kind of oration? (Tom)
  - 5. Robin has some contacts in DPS (a half-Japanese man at East)
  - 6. Suggest organizing a call with Peggy (Marge)
- vii. Final comments?
  - 1. QR code in Min Yasui building (Tom)
  - 2. May be interesting to put up essays of the winner (Robin)
  - 3. Robin will talk with Peggy while she's on the West Coast

#### **IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- a. No comments

#### **V. ONGOING BUSINESS/COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- a. Cherry Blossom Festival (June 25-26)
  - i. No presence this year, revisit next year

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Legacy Grant - Stories of Solidarity (display date at the Savoy: **Saturday, July 9th**)
  - i. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdMVxNxCaXLZ-16QE9uJ-Rq6X2aoHC\\_ac4UvEZP0SyTT4WwA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdMVxNxCaXLZ-16QE9uJ-Rq6X2aoHC_ac4UvEZP0SyTT4WwA/viewform)
  - ii. Will begin drafting narratives for the digital portion (web app)

- iii. JACL involvement - hosting a volunteer opportunity before then to work on trifolds/crafting
- iv. Ask Gary for parking vouchers if we hold at Sakura Square
  - 1. Maybe Simpson Methodist Church
- v. Michael can reach out to other businesses for vouchers
- vi. Note from Robin - parking is tricky near the Savoy
- b. Currently no updates but still of interest:
  - i. Mission and Vision statement
  - ii. Bylaws

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. National Convention
  - i. Officially submitted delegate form (Dylan only)
  - ii. Awaiting resolution and bylaws
- iii. Sponsoring Joey Tanino-Springsteen as a NYSC delegate (cannot be a Mile High delegate)
  - 1. We still ok with sponsoring?
  - 2. Michael thinks she should be getting funding from another group, but no issues
  - 3. Richard suggests putting off vote til next meeting

## **VIII. COMMITTEES' REPORT**

- a. Scholarship
  - i. JACGP Graduation Program this weekend
- b. Membership
- c. Newsbriefs/Resources

## **IX. NEXT MEETING**

- a. Thursday, July 14, 6 pm

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

## **Brain Dump/Notes**

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