

SONOMA COUNTY JACL BOARD MEETING & MISSION STATEMENT
 The Sonoma County Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League is committed to the protection and advancement of civil rights and community development for Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry.

BOARD MEETING Minutes

Monday, October 14, 2019

Present: George Kashiwagi, Lauren Morimoto, Phyllis Tajii, Nancy Davlin, Gail Seymour, Gary Sugiyama, and Becky Sugiyama

Absent: Mark Hayashi, Jack Conklin, Spencer Lew, Ken Ishizu, Alyce Sugiyama, Bruce Shimizu, Margarete Murakami, Marie Sugiyama

- I. Call to Order 7:08 p.m.
- II. Personal Appearances – Alice Kashiwagi
- III. Additions to the Agenda - None
- IV. Approval of meeting minutes from September 9, 2019
 Motion to approve – Gary Sugiyama; 2nd George Kashiwagi
- V. Announcements: Lauren Morimoto announced that Amanda Blackhorse will speak at Sonoma State university Petaluma campus on October 22, 2019 at 4PM in ballroom D. Amanda is the person who sued the Washington Redskins to stop use that name.
- VI. Fund Requests - Ken Ishizu - None
- VII. Correspondence - Thank you note from Claudia Santini of the Redwood Empire Food Bank
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Uyeda Center Building – George Kashiwagi reported that the space for rent is quite large and could be easily remodeled to make two more rooms for the JACL office.
 - B. Enman No Tomo – Nancy Davlin reported that there was Zumba in October and Line Dancing is scheduled for November.
 - C. Finance – N. Davlin had handouts for the following:
 - 1) Treasurer’s report
 - 2) Budget
 - 3) Edward Jones Report
 - D. Human & Civil Rights -
 Phyllis Tajii reported on the Petaluma Community Relations Council hosting “Confronting Affordability in Petaluma”, a series of three events regarding affordability, housing, and sustainability. The next one is October 28, 2019 at 6:30 in the Petaluma Regional Library.

Phyllis Tajii also presented an opportunity to hear local poets for a community event entitled "Poetry of Remembrance" on October 18, 2019 at 6:00PM at the SRJC Petaluma campus.

It was decided to not have the names of the Sonoma County JACL board members on the program at the FANHS event on October 26, 2019.

Gail Seymour reported that DIDC would like funds to hire Spanish to English interpreters for their eight meetings at the cost of \$75 per meeting. It was decided to refine the fund request form to include an explanation of the use of money and have them fill it out again.

The meetings are regarding divestment from Wells Fargo Banks

Gail attended the Human Rights Commission Meeting. It rotates to public libraries and has featured speakers.

E. Membership – Mark Hayashi - no report, but there was a question of whether or not we should extend the \$10 membership incentive through next year.

It was decided to offer Marie Sugiyama a leave of absence from the JACL board until further notice.

F. Scholarship Committee – Ken Ishizu – no report, but Nancy said she will update the forms to reflect the coming year.

G. Oral History –

1) Speakers Bureau - Marie Sugiyama - no report

a. Kamishibai – Becky Sugiyama reported that there will be a presentation of both Kamishibai and a power point presentation by Henry Kaku and Alan Murakami at the Sebastopol Regional Library on Wednesday October 16, 2019 starting at 6:30PM

H. Programs –

1) Keiro Kai –October 13, 2019, Nancy Davlin, Gail Seymor, Becky Suiyama, and Gary Sugiyama reported that it was a great success and fairly well attended. Our Seniors seemed to really enjoy themselves. Food prepared by Julene Leach was very tasty and the decorations were tasteful. The entertainment was a good choice.

2) General Meeting-Mark Hayashi - Saturday, November 9, 2019, 11:00 am-2:30 pm – no report

There was a discussion regarding the nominations of new board members. Everyone should bring ideas for names to the next meeting. The by-laws indicate that we need to have 10 to 15 people. Our attorney is reviewing the by-laws. Do we need to keep people on the board who cannot attend (ie Jack Conklin lives on the east coast) as this makes meeting a quorum more difficult. Also, we need a youth representative.

Nancy Ukai with "Tsuru for Solidarity" organization will be our guest speaker. There will also be tsuru (crane) folding as the

organization will be taking 125,000 cranes to Washington DC in February 2020. There may also be follow-up folding days.

Art Ibleto is providing lunch.

Everyone is welcome. Open to the public.

3) Mochi Tsuki review – Ken Ishizu (Please see separate report) at the end of the minutes.

4) Habitat for Humanity – Bruce Shimizu – no report

5) Redwood Empire Food Bank – last month there were 18 people. Next volunteer opportunity is November 12, 2019 at 9AM

J. Newsletter- Gary Sugiyama – sending out on November 1, 2019. Please have everything submitted by October 28, 2019.

K. Website – Spencer – no report

IX. Old Business

Pacific Citizen's New Year's issue with well wishes by the community. This is a fundraiser for the Pacific Citizen.

Keep personal messages at \$10 per line

Gary Sugiyama will talk to Marie Sugiyama about the procedure

X. New Business - none

XI. Next meeting

Board Meeting - November 4th, at 7:00 p.m. Snacks provided by Gary Sugiyama

XII. Motion to adjourn

Motion made by Gary Sugiyama, 2nd by George Kashiwagi 9:20PM

Mochi Tsuki December 14, 2019

Alice Kashiwagi joined us for the discussion regarding Mochitsuki.

The idea Mochi Tsuki is to provide a service and activity for sponsored by the JACL. People then do not have to drive out of town to buy mochi and kasane.

If we do not offer activities such as this, then there is little reason to join the JACL.

It was decided that, due to declining help, JACL would offer 3 pounds per household and one Kasane.

The deadline for ordering is November 16, 2019. No late orders will be accepted.

There will also be shift opportunities to help. Shifts are 8AM-12AM, 10AM-2PM, 11AM- 3PM. There is also a request for a cleanup crew.

Carol Otani has volunteered to keep track of all orders and will make note of the date received, as this is first come, first served.

Order forms will be put into the Sangha, the Newsletter, and the Enman No Tomo Friendship pages. Gary Sugiyama will contact Spencer Lew regarding the JACL website. Nancy Davlin will contact Kevin Iwamura regarding announcements to Enmanji members.

Orders will be open first to JACL, Enmanji, Enman No Tomo, Sonoma County Taiko, and Judo members. Any other orders will be considered last.

Ron Tajii, Alan Murakami, Mike Uyeda, and Gary Sugiyama have volunteered to help.

Nancy Davlin will consider having fans to cool the mochi before packaging to avoid steam build-up.

Also discussed was the day-of procedure:

All machines will be running and pounding will take place as an experience in the tradition. It was suggested once in the AM and once in the PM.

Need many volunteers for each shift! "Newbies" will be given special instruction by those with more experience.

There is "an" in the freezer. Nancy Davlin will check the amount and evaluate whether more needs to be made.