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VANCOUVER JCCA REDRESS COMMITTEE MEETING

Japanese Language School

May 26, 1985, 7:30 PM

PRESENT:

R. Foreman	R. Miki
F. Greenaway	I. Nemeth
K. Isomura	M. Seki
J. Kamimura	S. Shishido
M. Kobayakawa	H. Wakabayashi
T. Wakabayashi	

OBSERVER: C. Nemeth

1. Minutes of meeting on April 21, 1985

Under Item #4, it was noted that the home meeting was at Norm Tsuyuki's house, not Roy Tsuyuki's. Moved by K. Isomura, seconded by S. Shishido to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was passed.

2. Announcements

R. Miki updated the committee concerning a number of issues related to redress:

- a) The NAJC Conference originally scheduled for Vancouver in May 1986 will be held at another centre due to high costs
- b) Cassandra Kobayashi is now working as the Interim National Coordinator for Redress. Her responsibilities include updating memos and preparing the Redress Newsletter. Cassandra asked for a volunteer(s) to assist her at various tasks for two afternoons or one day per week.
- c) The newly formed Toronto/North York chapter of the NAJC had recently tabled a resolution to the NAJC that it be recognized as the official representative Toronto group, rather than the Toronto JCCA.  
A discussion ensued regarding the position that should be taken re the newly formed group. While the Committee was sympathetic to the new group, it was generally agreed that a resolution should not be agreed to within the upcoming telephone conference.

3. NAJC Update

- a) Report on Negotiation Team Meeting, May 10-12 in Winnipeg
- b) Economic Losses Study - Price Waterhouse  
R. Miki noted that the Negotiating Team had agreed to have

Price Waterhouse prepare a study on the economic losses suffered by Japanese-Canadians during the wartime experience. The cost to the NAJC would be \$20,000; Roy noted that it would normally cost upwards of \$55,000. He added that Phil Barter of Price Waterhouse had a personal interest and conscience in the redress issue. Roy noted that Jack Murta was opposed to funding the economic losses study. Mr. Murta has stated that he would like to meet with the Negotiating Team at the end of August.

c) Demographic Study

R. Miki stated that to date no one had been found to undertake the study. Roy will contact Jim Matsui of Toronto concerning this study.

d) National Fund-Raising Campaign

The campaign would be coordinated by Roger Obata in Eastern Canada and by Charles Kadota in Western Canada. The funds to be raised would be targeted for the Administrative Budget and Educational Projects. Regarding the latter, a Japanese Canadian Studies Society would be started in Vancouver; the economic losses study and the demographic study would be placed under this society and individuals could make tax deductible donations to this society.

4. Update on JCCA War Memorial Project

Mr. Mitsui of Hamilton, the only surviving Japanese Canadian war veteran of the First World War is to be flown to Vancouver for the opening of the JCCA War Memorial Project. The war memorial is scheduled to be opened on August 2nd.

5. Committee Reports

a) Community Liaison:

As C. Kobayashi has accepted the position of Interim National Redress Coordinator on a voluntary basis, she requested a temporary replacement to assume her position as Chair of the Public Relations Committee.

6. Redress Committee Projects (to September 85)

a) Community Forum during the summer

b) Open meeting of the Redress Committee every other month. It was agreed that an open meeting of the Redress Committee be held on Thursday, July 18 at 7:00 PM, place to be confirmed. A representative from Price Waterhouse may be in attendance.

c) Redress Booth at the Powell Street Festival

Moved by H. Wakabayashi, seconded by R. Foreman that the Redress Committee participate in the JCCA Booth at the Powell Street Festival and will contribute up to \$350

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as their share. The motion was carried.

d) Food Booth at the Powell Street Festival

It was noted that the JCCA Board is sponsoring a food booth at the Powell Street Festival. Moved by K. Isomura, seconded by F. Greenaway that the Redress Committee propose to the JCCA Board that we jointly organize a food booth at the Powell Street Festival and that proceeds be divided 50-50. The motion was carried.

e) Redress Hot Line

The possibility of a redress "hot line" using a telephone answering machine was discussed.

f) Profiles of JC's for redress PR

The issue of preparing profiles of Japanese Canadians for redress public relations was discussed.

g) Fund-raising for the NAJC - Ideas

H. Wakabayashi suggested that a surtax be levied on all JCCA events to raise funds.

It was noted that K. Shikaze had suggested a B.C. wide raffle be held.

K. Isomura suggested a car raffle.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Summer Students for the Economic Losses Study

Moved by M. Seki, seconded by K. Isomura that that Vancouver JCCA Redress Committee recommends to the NAJC that the \$5000 pledged by the Redress Committee be used to employ two research assistants to work with Price Waterhouse for three months from June to August 1985.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting would be combined with the conference call and will be held on June 23, 1985 at 9:30 AM at Roy Miki's house at 2995 West 15th Ave., Vancouver.

9. Adjournment

Moved by K. Isomura, seconded by I. Nemeth that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried.

M. Kobayakawa

Recording Secretary, May 26/85

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