

MINUTES OF THE GREATER VANCOUVER JCCA REDRESS COMMITTEE MEETING

JCCA Office
475 Alexander Street (Social Room)
Vancouver, B.C.

March 3, 1985, 7:30 p.m.

Present: C. Kobayashi (Chair.) P. Nimi E. Teranishi
M. Kobayakawa R. Foreman T. Wakayama
I. Nemeth M. Seki
J. Kamimura S. Katanaga

1. Roy Miki has sent a letter of support to the Temple Shalom. The question of a donation to them will be raised at the JCCA Board of Directors meeting March 4.
2. Jean Kamimura purchased a coffee urn as authorized. The cost of the urn was under-budget so a teapot was purchased with the surplus funds. All felt this was a good idea.
3. Steveston Redress Forum

3.1 Financial

Ed Teranishi presented a summary of income and expenses and stated the net income was over \$700 before deducting the proceeds of the bake sale which are earmarked to help pay the cost of translating and printing "Democracy Betrayed" in Japanese. (C. Kobayashi noted this Brief will be printed this week). A full financial statement will be prepared for inclusion in the minutes.

M. Kobayaakawa expressed concern over an unexpected advertising bill from the Richmond Review. Others present felt this could not be helped, and thought the coverage of the Forum was excellent.

3.2 Videotaping

The event was videotaped with the tapes to be used as a record by the NAJC and also possibly by the Community Liaison Subcommittee for household meetings. The question of using the tapes for broadcast on the community Cable 10 channel was raised, but most felt the cost of editing would be far too high.

3.3 Acknowledgement

M. Kobayakawa and J. Kamimura will prepare a list of all volunteers who helped with the Forum for publication in the Bulletin.

3.4 Bake Sale

Some members expressed concern that some items sold were priced too low and that this was discouraging to those who had prepared them. Various options were voiced: the prices should fairly reflect the cost of materials and the time expended, but the goods should not be priced too high. It was also noted that in many cases people simply bought each others baking.

3.5 Public Relations

R. Enomoto is writing a report for the Bulletin, New Canadian and the Nikka Times; M. Kobayakawa will follow up. M. Kobayakawa will send thank you letters to speakers and translators.

3.6 Group Discussions

M. Kobayakawa will organize notes taken during group discussions.

3.7 Comments on the Redress Forum

Everyone felt the event was well-planned, very well run and that those who attended were pleased with the information given by the speakers. Following are some of the constructive criticism given:

- i) The meeting was too long with not enough time for the audience to express opinions or ask questions.
- ii) There was not enough time for group discussions and some of the groups may have been too large.
- iii) Some thought the questions were too slanted to give true reading of opinions.
- iv) To be considered for the next meeting: ushers; speakers on a raised platform; better (louder) sound system.
- v) Many felt the Japanese translations were lengthy and broke the flow of the meeting. One suggestion was to have a Japanese-speaking session in the morning.

is it possible to review info

Wafar was this all about

we all have opinion

vi) The question period could be held after the coffee break while people file back to their seats.

vii) People who participated in the group discussions could be asked to hold household meetings and the results of the group discussions could be made public.

4. Community Liaison Subcommittee

J. Kamimura reported that community meetings are planned for Aldergrove (2 p.m. March 17 at the Buddhist Church), Richmond (2), Vancouver (2), and Surrey. There are also tentative plans for an Issei meeting in Surrey and a meeting on the North Shore.

5. Public Relations Subcommittee

5.1 C. Kobayashi reported that a speaker is needed for March 20 at the Cloverdale Junior Secondary School.

5.2 The question of a bill from the Bulletin for a fund-raising ad will be raised at the March 4th JCCA Board of Directors meeting.

5.3 Since the Bulletin staff will be called upon to do extra work to publish the NAJC Newsletter (T. Wakayama estimated layout time would be increased by about 25%), it was suggested they be compensated. T. Wakayama stated that a donation to the Bulletin, and not to the staff would be sufficient, but the others present felt the Bulletin staff, T. Wakayama, F. Greenaway and Mr. Koike, should be directly compensated.

Moved: M. Seki; seconded I. Nemeth, the Redress Committee approve in principal the payment of honouraria to Mr. Koike, F. Greenaway and T. Wakayama for additional time required to layout the NAJC newsletter. Passed unanimously, T. Wakayama abstaining.

6.1 C. Kobayashi reported on Redress events and meetings being held at other centres across the country, and noted that R. Miki is in Toronto to meet with the NAJC negotiating team as well as to assist Toronto with household meetings (7 meetings were held in the first 4 days he was there).

6.2 I. Nemeth reported she had dinner with representatives of the Japanese Foreign ministry who are looking for ways to assist Japanese nationals living in Canada. She felt, and others agreed, that this type of action could be detrimental to Redress by reinforcing the notion that Japanese Canadians are first Japanese and second Canadians.

6.3 P. Nimi reported the Province recently published the results of a poll showing that 55% of those surveyed were in favour of Redress for Japanese Canadians, 36% were opposed and 9% undecided.

7. A committee was struck comprised of J. Kamimura, S. Shishido and M. Kobayakawa to study the feasibility of using a survey or other means to locate Japanese Canadians in the Vancouver area who were interned or otherwise affected by the War Measures Act during and after the war years.

8. Moved by M. Kobayakawa, seconded by E. Teranishi that the February 10 minutes be accepted as amended. Passed. Minutes to be mailed to committee members.

9. E. Teranishi reported the Redress Committee has approximately \$10,575 in cash and receivables. The financial report will be included with the minutes.

10. The next Redress Committee meeting was set for March 31, 7:30 p.m. at the JCCA office.

11. Adjournment.

Recording Secretary

C. Nemeth

Henry

2017.23.4.1.18