

MINUTES OF THE VANCOUVER JCCA REDRESS COMMITTEE MEETING

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

February 10, 1985 - 7:30 p.m.

Present: R. Miki (Chair.) A. Higa J. Kamimura
T. Kage M. Iwanaka H. Kobayakawa
M. Seki R. Foreman C. Kadota
S. Shishido K. Isomura M. Kobayakawa
E. Teranishi C. Kobayashi D. Oike (Observer)

1. Minutes of January 6 meeting were adopted as corrected, moved by K. Isomura and seconded by C. Kobayashi.
2. R. Foreman was introduced as a new member.
3. R. Miki advised that he will work as National Redress Co-ordinator until May 1st and will be assisted on a part-time basis by C. Kobayashi. Office space has been rented from Gordon Kadota for a nominal fee. Twelve thousand copies of a monthly NAJC newsletter will be distributed across Canada. H. Wakabayashi will be asked to take the Chair.

4. Treasurer's Report

E. Teranishi presented financial statement as at January 31st, 1985. He advised that \$8,000 had been placed in a term deposit maturing February 28, 1985. A balance of \$900 remains on deposit at the bank. The surplus is \$9,500 as at the end of January.

5. Recommendations

a) K. Isomura moved that the NAJC Redress Committee recommend to the JCCA Board that they donate \$100 to the Temple Shalom Fund. Seconded by Connie Kadota. Passed unanimously. A letter will be sent by R. Miki on behalf of the Redress Committee.

b) Acknowledgement of donors to the Redress will be published in the Bulletin. E. Teranishi will prepare a semi-annual statement for the Bulletin as of January 31st. He will send the names of donors with the minutes of the meeting to the Redress Committee members.

c) Moved by M. Seki and seconded by M. Kobayakawa that the Redress Committee purchase of coffee maker up to \$150.00. Motion passed.

6. Other Business

a) Connie Kadota, J.C.C.A. representative for the Advisory Committee on Race Relations for the Vancouver School Board reported on a recent meeting. A motion was passed by the committee to send a letter to the federal government in support of the Japanese Canadian community.

b) D. Oike reported that he made informal telephone inquiries to ask whether those he called were in favour of Redress and Compensation. This was done at George Tsuchiya's request and with the knowledge and approval of Charles Kadota. Eighty four people were polled. Eight out of eight-four were Issei.

<u>Number of People</u>	<u>Form of Compensation</u>
19	Individual
55	Nursing Home
6	No compensation
3	Common Centre
1	Return of property

All 84 people were in favour of acknowledgement.

7. A Press Conference in Ottawa, on January 28 was held to prevent the government under Murta to put forward a unilateral redress package despite the NAJC's disapproval. The NAJC sought the support of the two opposition parties who agreed that they would not support the Conservatives on a unilateral package.

8. Calgary - February 1 - 3

The NAJC discussed the government's and the NAJC's position. R. Miki distributed and read the press release issued by the NAJC in Calgary on February 3rd.

Since February 3rd, not much has been heard from the PMO, but the PMO has indicated that they wish to continue with discussions with the community and feasibility study.

The feasibility study involves loss of property, belongings, income, capital, life insurance, disruption of education, pensions, etc. The basic wealth was in the land, pension policies and insurance.

9. Fund Raising

Sources of funds are to include a bake sale, August 3rd proceedings and sale of five hundred briefs.

10. Committee Reports

a) S. Shishido reeported that meetings were held at J. Kamimura's and E. Teranishi's homes.

b) Tonari Gumi Meeting

Thirty five attended the meeting which was carried out in Japanese. All present endorsed the NAJC and its initiatives and hope that the NAJC will continue. T. Kage reported that generally the people in attendane wanted some form of compensation. R. Miki volunteered to speak to them at any time.

c) Public Relations

C. Kobayashi reported that T. Wakayama is making reports in the Bulletin on the Calgary conference.

d) Events Committee

M. Kobayaka reported on preparations for the February 24th forum in Steveston. The committee has sent press releases to the Japanese Canadian and local newspapers and to Channel 19. There are 125 updated versions of the Information Kit which Martin suggested selling for \$2.00 at the meeting. The committee members were asked to arrive by 12:30. The gym will be available from 12:15 to 5:30. Steno pads and pens are to be supplied by the committee. The sound system will cost approximately \$150.00.

11. Further Business

a) Sid Kozak of Los Angeles is going to make a movie on the evacuation.

b) R. Miki announced he would be having a pot-luck supper at his place at 6:00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Amy Higa

Recording Secretary