

NEXT MEETING:- Japanese Language School, February 10/85 at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE JCCA REDRESS COMMITTEE MEETING

Japanese Language School, January 6, 1985 - 7:30 p.m.

Members Present:	F. Greenaway	A. Higa	S. Isomura
	S. Kadonaga	Chas. Kadota	C. Kadota
	H. Kobayakawa	M. Kobayakawa	C. Kobayashi
	R. Miki	I. Nemeth	M. Seki
	S. Shishido	E. Teranishi	H. Wakabayashi

Also Present: R. Foreman Mrs. Isomura L. Kadota

1. Approval of Amended Minutes of Meeting of November 4, 1984

Moved by Connie Kadota and seconded by I. Nemeth that the amended minutes of the November 4th meeting be accepted. CARRIED.

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 2, 1984

H. Wakabayashi suggested that the date of the next meeting be listed in the minutes. Moved by A. Higa and seconded by S. Shishido that the minutes of the December 2nd meeting be accepted. CARRIED.

3. NAJC Update - R. Miki

- a) R. Miki handed out copies of the official news release of the Minister of State Multiculturalism concerning redress. He had been in Winnipeg on the December 28th weekend, for initial discussions with the federal officials, and again on the January 5th weekend, for discussions just with the NAJC negotiating team. He stated that there was a confidentiality agreement reached among all NAJC negotiating team members.
- b) The NAJC negotiating team has prepared a budget for financing all business including meetings until March 31st. The funding would come from the federal government, and major items to be funded would include operating costs, taking on staff and holding meetings with federal officials on both national and local scales.
- c) Two research projects would be included as items to be funded in the budget. The research projects would consist of first a study of the economic losses incurred during the war - this would be undertaken by a research team led by Gordon Hirabayashi and would include Ann and David Sanahara, Alan Hoyano and George Tsuda. The second research project was a demographic study designed first to locate those people who were affected by the wartime experience and second, to conduct a comprehensive socio-economic survey on these people. Roy estimated that word on whether the budget would be accepted would come within a week.

- d) Roy noted that the visitations with the various Japanese Canadian communities which would form a part of the negotiations would take place on the request of the individual communities, and would be organized by each JC community. The visitations would be informal gatherings between each individual community, an NAJC representative and federal officials. The agenda for these visitations would consist of an NAJC update, a presentation by the government and then an informal meeting.

Roy suggested visitations to the interior of B.C. to view the sites of the old internment camps.

- e) There was some discussion on the new redress group headed by Messrs. Arakawa, Iwasaki and Imai. The group appears to be trying to discredit the NAJC and its efforts to date. Roy recommended that we counter the new group through the media, emphasizing that the NAJC represents all Japanese-Canadians. He also stated that our groups should write the New Canadian to correct the accusations made in a recent article concerning the "irreparable split" - the Vancouver Japanese-Canadian community.

4. Committee Reports

- a) Issei Liaison Committee - the meeting at Tonari Gumi on Tuesday, January 23, at 1:30 p.m. was confirmed.

b) Events Committee

M. Kobayakawa outlined some of the details of the February 24th meeting planned for the Steveston Community Centre. The main gym of the community centre was reserved from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and two committee rooms and the kitchen were reserved from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A discussion of the pros and cons of the proposed bake sale followed. It was agreed that a small scale bake sale would take place just before and after the meeting. Slavia Miki and Jean Kamimura will co-ordinate the bake sale.

M. Kobayakawa noted that there would be two to three interpreters needed for the meeting. He would confirm the names of the interpreters by the next meeting.

The sound system will be set up and run by Jim Hong. An extra speaker cabinet for the back and a tape recorder will be provided.

F. Greenaway volunteered to make a poster and signs for the meeting; Jean Kamimura will take care of refreshments. The Events Subcommittee will make telephone lists for committee members to phone, prepare the agenda and prepare an outline for workshop discussions.

M. Kobayakawa said he would write letters to all invited speakers: Art Miki, Gordon Hirabayashi and Don Rosenbloom..

It was agreed that a pre-meeting meeting would be held on Monday, January 28th to delegate tasks and to assemble material for the meeting.

- c) Community Liaison Committee. Four small meetings were planned for January at the residences of Fred Yada, Frank Kamiya, Jean Kamimura and Peter Nimi.
- d) Public Relations Committee. C. Kobayashi stated that the expenses of the J.C.C.A. Bulletin were not as high as they originally had estimated, and therefore, the JCCA Redress Committee's funds which were originally to be directed at subsidizing the Bulletin would be re-directed either towards the demographic study or for hiring translators.

5. Proposed Programme and Budget for Redress Committee

C. Kobayashi outlined the proposed programme and budget which would be in effect between January 1985 and September 1985 (see attachment). She noted that during this period, a national fund raising effort would take place.

6. Discussion of Some Recommended Negotiation Guidelines - R. Miki

- a) Eligibility for Compensation. As a starting point, eligibility for compensation would include all those affected by the War Measures Act to 1949 and then direct lines.
- b) Negotiate acknowledgement and compensate as one package. This was the strategy recommended by the NAJC's legal advisor, Don Rosenbloom.
- c) Calculate compensation figure on basis of individuals affected.
- d) Seek both a community fund and token amounts to individuals in the redress package.

Roy stated that these principles would be brought forward to the NAJC.

7. Treasurer's Report - E. Teranishi

Ed stated that the JCCA Redress Committee currently has a surplus of \$9,886.00.

BALANCE SHEET As at January 6, 1985

Bank	\$8,553	
Accounts receivable	1,253	
Petty cash	<u>100</u>	
Surplus	<u>\$9,886</u>	<u>\$9,886</u>
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8. Other Business: January 1985 to September 1985.

- a) Nikkei Medical-Dental Association - S. Isomura talked on the formation of this new group and noted that the Association would likely sponsor scholarships and exchanges and may make statements on issues such as redress.

b) NAJC Council Meeting - Calgary - February 2, 1985

R. Miki stated that the meeting is scheduled for this date. He added that the newly formed Nikkei lawyers group would meet the day before.

9. Next Meeting

The next Greater Vancouver JCCA Redress Committee meeting was scheduled to take place at the Japanese Language School, February 10, 1985 at 7:30 p.m.

a) Home meetings: These meetings have already begun, with interested individuals hosting a meeting, and one or two Redress Committee members attending to inform and receive opinions from the guests who are often acquaintances of the host. Approximately 2-4 home meetings will be held per month, in Japanese and English or both, for a total of 18 to 36 meetings from January to September.

b) Area meetings: Where home meetings are inappropriate (e.g. too many people to comfortably visit in a home), area meetings will be organized. So far, meetings in Hope and Aldergrove have been scheduled for early 1985.

c) Three public meetings: February, June and September (Redress Committee elections). These will feature redress updates, speakers, and sometimes workshops, discussions, etc.

d) Monthly news reports to the JCCA Bulletin.

e) Publication of the August 7, 1984 Vancouver Forum on Redress proceedings, scheduled for completion by February.

f) Publication of information bins for public meetings and home and area meetings.

g) Work with the NAJC, including:

- specific projects such as the letter writing campaign conducted in December to gain public support for the Redress Bill.
- travel to NAJC Council meetings
- provide updates on NAJC activities

h) Other activities which may be necessary to carry out our objectives including fund raising, public relations, press conferences, and community liaison.

*attachment to 5. Proposed Programme and Budget for
Redress Committee*

GREATER VANCOUVER JCCA REDRESS COMMITTEE - PROPOSED PROGRAMME for 1985

1. Effective dates: January 1985 to September 1985.
2. Terms of Reference: The proposed programme is based on the aims and objectives as stated in the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure established by the JCCA Board of Directors.
3. Objectives and Qualifications: The programme is tentative because the Redress Committee work will be subject to the direction of the NAJC national redress programme. At present, a budget and timetable is being negotiated with the government by the NAJC and depending on the outcome, our own Redress Programme may have to be amended. Given this qualification, the primary objective of the Redress Committee is to inform the Lower Mainland community of the NAJC position on redress, to listen to views on forms of compensation, and to promote greater public awareness of redress issues.
4. Plan of action:
 - a) Home meetings: These meetings have already begun, with interested individuals hosting a meeting, and one or two Redress Committee members attending to inform and receive opinions from the guests who are often acquaintances of the host. Approximately 2-4 home meetings will be held per month, in Japanese and English or both, for a total of 18 to 36 meetings from January to September.
 - b) Area meetings: Where home meetings are inappropriate (e.g. too many people to comfortably visit in a home), area meetings will be organized. So far, meetings in Hope and Aldergrove have been scheduled for early 1985.
 - c) ~~Three~~ ^{Four} public meetings: February, ^{April} June and September (Redress Committee elections). These will feature redress updates, speakers, and sometimes workshops, discussions, etc.
 - d) Monthly news reports in the JCCA Bulletin.
 - e) Publication of the August 3, 1984 Community Forum on Redress proceedings, scheduled for completion by February.
 - f) Publication of information kits for public meetings and home and area meetings.
 - g) Work with the NAJC, including:
 - specific projects such as the letter writing campaign conducted in December to gain public support for the Redress Brief.
 - travel to NAJC Council meetings
 - provide updates on NAJC activities
 - h) Other activities which may be necessary to carry out our objectives including fund raising, public relations, press conferences, and community liason.

5. Projected Expenditures:

a) Public meetings:

Hall rental	\$200
Sound system & taping	200
Refreshments	100
Travel allowance for guest speakers	700
Advertising	50
	<u>\$1,250</u>

Total for four meetings: \$ 5,000.

b) Publicity expenses aside from meetings: 4,000.

c) Publication of Aug. 3, 1984 Forum proceedings: 500.

d) Office expenses:

mailing, postage	1,000
Long Distance phone	1,500
Clerical (\$200 x9)	1,800
Travel expenses & hotel	3,000
photocopying	500
Stationery	500
	<u>8,300.</u>

e) Contingency fund for Long distance phone calls,
printing, postage, and travel, etc. 2,000.

f) Vancouver contribution to NAJJC 10,000.

\$29,800.

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