

MINUTES OF THE JCCA REDRESS COMMITTEE MEETING

Japanese Language School

December 2, 1984, 7:30 p.m.

Present: R. Miki, C. Kobayashi, E. Teranishi, T. Kage, M. Seki,  
A. Higa, I. Nemeth, S. Shishido, P. Nimi, J. Kamimura,  
Charles Kadota, M. Kobayakawa, M. Iwanaka, H. Kobayakawa,  
F. Greenaway, Connie Kadota, T. Wakayama

Visitors: Y. Arai, R. Forman, L. Kadota, R. Yoshimoto, T. Haraga,  
D. Oike, N. Tsuyuki, I. Tsuyuki, C. Nemeth

1. Self-introduction of redress committee members and visitors.

2. C. Kobayashi made corrections and amendments to the November minutes of the Redress Committee. E. Teranishi moved that the minutes be accepted as amended; Connie Kadota seconded. All accepted.

3. Financial Report

E. Teranishi assumed the position of Treasurer as of Dec. 1st. He reported that the bank requires a "president" and "vice-president" for the purpose of designating him as the Treasurer. He and Charles Kadota will resolve this matter at the bank shortly.

The present finances are as follows:

Cash in bank	10,117.16
Accounts Receivable	2664.00
Accounts Payable	2031.00
Surplus	10,750.16

4. Dishes: These are no longer available for redress purposes. The remaining 4000 dishes will be sold through the JCCA Board for their own operating expenses.

5. C. Kobayashi moved that we reimburse R. Miki for his long distance phone calls about redress for up to \$40 per month for the next four months. I. Nemeth seconded. The motion passed.

6. NAJC Update

a) The Brief: A press conference was held in Vancouver at the Japanese Language School on Nov. 21, 1984. About 40 people attended, including many seniors.

There are less than 900 copies of the first edition of the brief available. The cost to us per copy is \$3, and they are being sold for \$5. \$3 will go to the NAJC

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and \$2 will go to the Vancouver Redress Committee. The 2nd edition cost price will be \$2, and possibly sold for \$4. J. Kamimura suggested the price of the 2nd edition be \$5. Some discussion followed.

Charles Kadota has sent copies to Winnipeg, D. Nakamura in Victoria, and J. Hisaoka in Lethbridge. F. Greenaway is in charge of copies being sent out of the Vancouver JCCA office.

- b) Art Miki was contacted by Jack Murta after the press conference. An emergency meeting of the Vancouver JCCA Redress Committee was subsequently held on Nov. 24th. C. Kobayashi reported the proceedings of that meeting. A vote to pay for half of R. Miki's airfare (to meet with J. Murta and NAJC Council members) passed unanimously. It was agreed that the Vanc. Redress Committee support the NAJC position.

Re the winnipeg meeting with Murta: Murta said the government was "not agreeable to compensation" and wants a quick resolution of redress. The settlement "would not be of direct benefit to Japanese Canadians". Murta has begun setting up meetings with local groups (so far with J. Oki and G. Imai, who now heads a group called the "Japanese Canadian National Redress Committee".)

#### 7. Immediate Action

a) we are presently sending letters to various ethno-cultural and human rights organizations asking for their support. A working committee was struck to organize a letter-writing campaign. R. Forman, M. Kobayakawa, M. Seki, F. Greenaway, L. Kadota, and E. Teranishi volunteered to sit on this committee. The will meet at L. Kadota's at 8:00 on Tuesday, Dec. 4th.

b) R. Miki made the recommendation that we donate \$1800 to the NAJC as a portion of Vancouver's contribution to the fund-raising campaign. M. Seki moved the above. F. Greenaway seconded. The motion passed.

#### 8. Sub-committee Reports

##### Issei Liaison:

a) H. Kobayakawa reported on the public meeting on Nov. 18th at the Japanese Language School, held in Japanese. It was well received and many seniors were glad to have the opportunity to express themselves in Japanese. More such meetings will be held, possibly with the next one at Tonari Gumi.

b) Community liaison: Several house meetings have been held in the past month. We need a more organized method of re-

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porting back, so a form will be put together.

November meetings: Charles & Lillian Kadota's, Mrs. Koyanagi's, Sam Shishido's, Amy Higa's, Mrs. Tamayose's

Scheduled December meetings: Dec. 4th- I. Nemeth's; Dec. 10- Mr. Iwanaka's.

c) Events Committee: Martin Kobayakawa will begin plans for a public general meeting to be held in late February of 1985. R. Forman, M. Seki and Connie Kadota volunteered to put together a proposal for that meeting. Possible speakers were suggested and there was some discussion that the meeting should deal with specific issues and include small group sessions.

d) Public Relations: C. Kobayashi has sent a letter to the Globe and Mail and R. Miki sent a letter to J. Murta regarding his statement about Issei.

9) Discussion of Charles Kadota's letter re use of redress funds was deferred.

10) R. Miki suggested that we make the next redress committee meeting public. Discussion followed.

11) The next redress committee meeting will be on Sunday, Jan. 6th. R. Miki will contact people regarding the next Executive Committee meeting for this month.

12) J. Kamimura asked that the \$72 spent for refreshments for the press conference be paid by the committee. C. Kobayashi moved that this be done and S. Shishido seconded. Motion passed.

J. Kamimura requested a fund of petty cash for the Volunteers Committee to work with. A. Higa moved that \$100 be set aside for the above; M. Kobayakawa seconded the motion. Motion accepted.

13) Connie Kadota moved that the meeting be adjourned; A. Higa seconded.

Connie Kadota  
Recording Secretary for  
Dec. 2, 1984 meeting of the  
Vancouver JCCA Redress Cmtee