

REDRESS FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Oct. 7, 1985, 7:30 P.M. at 1012 West 57th Avenue

1. In Attendance: Yosh Arai Ken Shikaze  
Ken Isomura Sam Shishido  
Charles Kadota Joe Takashima  
Jean Kamimura Ed Teranishi  
Cassandra Kobayashi
2. The meeting was chaired by Charles Kadota.
3. The Agenda consisted of three pages as follows:
  - (a) Minutes of Planning Committee (Ken Isomura, Ken Shikaze, Charles Kadota) Meeting held Oct. 1st which included Action Plan for next Four (4) months prepared by Ken Isomura.
  - (b) Organization for Testimonial Dinner honoring Grace McInnes prepared by Ken Isomura.
  - (c) Terms of Reference and Operating Guidelines for Redress Fund Raising Committee prepared by Charles Kadota.
4. The meeting started with an open discussion on problem of obtaining " Tax-Deductible " status, and other matters relevant to Redress.
  - Jean Kamimura advised that Peter Pullen, leader of B. C./ P. C. complained to the Press Council that Redress was getting too much press.
  - Jean reported that she saw an article in the Real Estate Weekly that the Real Estate Board is lobbying to entrench "Property Rights" into the Canadian Constitution.
  - Jean suggested that we might look into the constitutions of the Chinese Benevolent Ass'n. and the Multicultural & Social Services Ass'n. to assist in obtaining Tax Deductible status.
  - Ken Shikaze presented copies of the Lotteries Act and Application Forms for holding lotteries which stipulate that - the holder of a lottery must be a "Non-Profit" Society and that not less than 35 % of the Gross Revenue must be used for Charitable Purposes.
  - Regarding the holding of a Raffle, Ken Shikaze advised that he could help but he cannot co-ordinate it due to conflict with other fund raising commitments in which he is involved. Charlie said that he had connections with Panasonic and Noritake as sources for prizes. Henry Wakabayashi is working on an automobile for the first prize. Yosh Arai agreed to help in co-ordinating the Raffle.
5. Charlie said that he would be out of town from Oct. 30 to Nov. 23/85.
6. Discussion turned to the Testimonial Dinner for Grace McInnes. Ken Shikaze reported that Grace McInnes would be extremely honored to attend. Ken reported on many options and alternatives as follows:
  - Italian Cultural Centre - Rent only \$ 550.00
    - Food - \$ 15.00 including gratuity
  - Japanese Deli - Food only - \$ 10.00 includes Teriyaki Chicken and Salmon, Sushi, Sunomono, Soup but no utensils, table cloths etc.
  - Hotel Catering - minimum including Dining Hall - \$ 18.50

6. Testimonial Dinner for Grace McInnes (contin.)

- A. A motion was passed for Ken Shikaze to arrange a dinner with a maximum cost of \$20.00 including gratuities and all other incidentals. Ticket price set at \$25.00 per person.
- B. Head Table Guests to be:  
Keynote Speaker - Thomas Berger  
Others - Mayor Harcourt  
- Harold Winch  
- Bob Skelly  
- Art Lee  
- Thomas Shoyama  
- Mr. Nihei
- C. A motion was passed to postpone the testimonial dinner to late January or early February, 1986.
- D. Charles Kadota was appointed M.C.
- E. Ken Shikaze and Martin Kobayakawa agreed to co-ordinate and arrange the necessary details for this event.

7. Sale of Art Prints for Fund Raising

Ed Teranishi Submitted a plan to sell limited edition prints of a recognized artist as a fund raising project. He submitted the following plan:

Total number of Prints to be sold - 2,000 prints.  
Income from Sales - 2,000 x \$20.00 = \$40,000.00  
Less: Provincial Sales Tax included  
in Price 2,617.00  
Net Proceeds: \$37,383.00

Cost of Prints and Selling:

Printing \$ 6,500.00  
Original Painting \$ 3,500.00  
Advertising & Distribu-  
-tion 5,000.00  
Total Cost: \$ 15,000.00

Net Profit for J.C.Studies Society \$22,383.00

- N.B. (a) Net Profit could be increased by raising the selling price since the cost will remain the same.  
(b) The Original Painting could be auctioned or Ruffled to recover part of the total cost.  
(c) The first 200 or 250 prints could be sold at a premium (higher price) to increase the net profit.

A committee of four (Yosh Arai, Charles Kadota, Jean Kamimura, and Ed Teranishi) was delegated to visit artist Tak Shoji and to choose a piece most appropriate for this sale.

Ed Teranishi accepted the position of chairing this project. Ken Shikaze volunteered to look after the printing of all of the promotional material such as ads. posters, write-ups and P.R.  
Cassandra advised that she received a call from Amy Higa advising her that Jim Willer, an artist, has agreed to donate one of his silk screen works which sells for \$800.00 to \$1,200.00. Questioned whether we should be restricting

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7. Sale of Art Prints for Fund Raising ( cont'd.)

works to be sold by raffles to Japanese Canadian Artists but in any event, Mr. Willer's donation would be most welcome.

8. Charlie mentioned that he knew a senior lawyer, Dave Freeman, who, along with several other young leaders at the time, published a full page ad in the Vancouver Sun in 1942 condemning the action of the government in interning Canadians of Japanese ancestry. Mr. Freeman may be able to give us some good advice regarding Redress and the J.C. Studies Society.

9. The next meeting of the Fund Raising Committee was set for October 20, 7:30 P.M. at 1012 West 57th Avenue.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

Postscript: October 10, 1985.

The delegation appointed to visit artist Tak Shoji, went to his home on October 9th. About ten paintings were viewed, all related to salmon and B. C. Wildlife. One painting was selected, depicting salmon leaping over rapids with a bear on the river bank and misty forest in the background. Not everyone was of the feeling that this artist's work would have universal appeal and Ed Teranishi is continuing his search for one or more paintings with brighter colors to be sold jointly with this selection. Hopefully, we will be able make some additional choices at our next meeting on Oct. 20th. It is imperative that we launch this fund raising venture with the prints available for sale by Nov. 25 for circulation throughout B.C. before Dec. 1st. Therefore we must be prepared to make some final decisions at our next Fund Raising Committee meeting.