

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
Seattle Chapter

Minutes of Board/General Membership Meeting - July 18, 1979

1. The meeting was called to order by President Matsudaira at 8:04 P.M. at the JAACL office, 316 Maynard Avenue South.
2. M/S/P that the minutes be approved as corrected.
(Correction: Page 3, Item 8-B, \$7,000 changed to \$37,000)
3. Eilene Takeuci reported on the financial status of the JAACL. Her report is attached. It was M/S/P that the financial report be accepted as presented.
4. Correspondence:

The following items were reviewed under Correspondence:

(see box on last page of minutes)

5. No official membership report was given. President Matsudaira estimated that there were 90 to 100 new members.
6. Committee Reports:
 - A. Minadoka Report

Frank Chin reported that he and President Matsudaira flew to Minadoka to take care of the details for the memorial celebration there. There, they initially talked to some present farm owners. Mixed reaction to the celebration. They also met with the local planners. Chin reported strong resistance to Seattle group's participation in the memorial. There was reluctance on the part of the local planners against the burning of the guard tower. However, Chin noted that this was not the sentiment by all. Government officials were not against it. However, to avoid potential hazard that tearing it down first and then burning the pieces was preferred.

Program in morning is to consist of a memorial from 10:00 a.m. to noon. At noon there was to be a reception with organizers, JAACL members and other dignataries.

Afternoon program (Seattle plan) will consist of a box lunch for participants, memorial services for the dead, a variety of speakers, and then the burning of the tower. Chin said that the "20/20" T.V. show people were to give coverage.

President Matsudaira noted a great deal of local resentment against Seattle program. He said that Masa was trying to get National JACL to stop Seattle JACL Program.

Because of the transportation problem (flight times) Seattle group would arrive at Minadoka at 1:00 P.M. Local group would like Seattle group to attend morning program. However, time and bus arrangements seem overwhelming. A discussion followed on cost of charting a plane. No final decision was made and it was suggested that it be made. It was reported that Bob Gill of KIRO owned two planes and these might be used. President Matsudaira said that about 45 people have signed up so far. Arlene Oki said she would try to get Mayor Royer to attend.

During the report Chin also said that the emblomed T-shirts were selling well at a variety of stores.

It was also suggested that promotional activity be increased to recruit more local participation by Seattle people.

B. Washington State University Suit

Kathryn Bannai reported that the suit was pending in the Eastern District court. A program, nonetheless, has been established with a one-year budget of \$60,000 which include two FTES Tenure positions and \$8,000 discretarionary monies. Spokane JACL has received assurances of \$90,000 for Year II operations. Counseling services, however, have not been resolved. The Spokane JACL has encumbered \$14,000 legal funds and has hurt them. It was suggested that the Spokane JACL sue WSU President Terrel and others for causing indebtedness, time and anguish. Bannai said she would look into this.

President Matsudaira made a few statements involving the JACL Pacific N.W. Council and support by the National JACL office. He concluded by volunteering that he would write to the National JACL office asking their support relative to this situation.