

WASHINGTON COALITION ON REDRESS

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Minutes of meeting held 3/30/83, Seattle JACL offices.

Present: Jane Yambe, Wes Hikida, Theresa Takayoshi (note-taker), Tim Okimura, Tom Scott, Sam Shoji, Wayne Kimura, Chizu Omori, Ken Nakano, Karen Seriguchi, Cherry Kinoshita, Chuck Kato (chair)

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Kato at 7:40 PM. New member Wes Hikida was introduced as the representative of Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs.

Minutes of the meeting held 2/23/83 were approved. Treasurer reported that WCR had about \$6800 in the treasury.

The group decided that since we made money on the Day of Remembrance program, a small honorarium should be send to Rep. Mike Lowry, who spoke at Nisei Vets.

Chuck gave report on progress of HB 268 (state employees compensation bill). Lillian Baker sent out copies of her book to all the legislators.

Karen gave a rundown on national redress bills. Ruthann Kurose, aide to Mike Lowry would like help on lobbying in Washington, D.C.

MSC (Seriguchi/Yambe) to send a lobbyist to D.C. for about 10 days at a cost of up to \$2500.

The group suggested that WCR write a letter to all WCR organizations informing them our this decision. A letter is also to be written to national JACL.

Karen reported on a colloquy on redress organized by Sen. Metzenbaum of Ohio. 18 senators from around the country participated.

Chuck reported that he had been invited to attend a meeting with NCRR and JACL at the JACL Tri-District conference in Reno. MSC (Seriguchi/Nakano) to send two representatives to the meeting and to cover their travel costs.

Chuck announced that the memorial at Puyallup fairgrounds was back on track; that is out be erected within the grounds and that George Tsutakawa was designing it. The cost is expected to run \$4000 over the original estimate. Seattle Chapter JACL is underwriting this amount, but will need to raise it somewhere. As WCR is not directly tied into the Puyallup memorial, discussion was tabled.

Karen gave a report on Joanne Yamauchi's speech workshop. Cherry gave a report on the fund-raising flyer that went out to 6,000 people.

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Blaine Memorial Methodist Church
Faith Bible Church
Japanese Baptist Church
Japanese Presbyterian Church
Nichiren Church
Seattle Buddhist Church
St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Member Organizations

Japanese American Citizens League
Lake Washington Chapter
Puyallup Valley Chapter
Seattle Chapter
White River Valley Chapter

Japanese Community Service
Keiro Nursing Home /
Nikkei Concerns, Inc.
Nisei Veterans Committee, Inc.
Tomonokai
Washington State Commission
on Asian American Affairs

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Chuck proposed that someone talk to Nikkei Concerns board to generate/reaffirm support for redress. We could emphasize that redress could benefit Keiro, as individuals could donate all or a portion of their redress payments. The group felt we should go to all the boards of our organization to bring people up to date on the redress effort, including lobbying efforts.

Announcements

Karen announced that "Mitsuye and Nellie" was showing that Sunday at Bush=Asia Center. Sam Shoji reported that copies of "Personal Justice Denied" (the CWRIC report) were available. If we ordered 100 copies we could get a 25% discount.

MSC (Seriguchi/Kinoshita) to order 100 copies of "Personal Justice Denied" and to charge the government's price of \$8.50 for copies picked up and \$10 for postage paid copies.

Sam reported on the Fukuyama family filmstrip and the program cosponsored by JACL and Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. MSC (Shoji/Seriguchi) to cosponsor program at end of May, keeping WCR donation to a minimum.

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