

March 7, 1944
Tuesday
9:00 AM--11:35 AM

Absentee: Block 29

Minutes of March 3 meetings were passed as read.
Minutes of March 5 meeting were passed as rescinded.

The Council approved the petition to be sent to Mr. D. S. Myer as drafted by Mr. Katagi.

Mr. Matsushige reported on gate pass. The gate officer requested issuance of passes to only relatives of relocatees in order to avoid encumbrance.

As regards reaction in a number of blocks with reference to the petitions drawn by the Council Committee, following councilmen reported:

Mr. Motoyoshi, Block 17	Retention for time being
Mr. Takimasa, Block 22	Expression of petition too weak
Mr. Tani, Block 24	Residents swayed to non-participation factions
Mr. Takahashi, Block 30	Same as Block 24

However, the Council referred the matter of petitions to the Petition Drafting Committee (originally, Draft Study Committee) for any correction on the phraseology of said petitions and decided that upon completion of a general proof-reading, copies of the petitions shall be sent to President of the United States, Secretary of War, Military Affairs Committees of the House and the Senate, Director of the War Relocation Authority, and the Community Councils of eight other relocation centers.

Following communications were reviewed:

To Mr. Motoyoshi, Education Committee, from Miss Virginia Lynn, Vocational Counselor, on scholarship fund; Jerome /Community Council informing its decision not to participate in the evacuee conference due to dissolution of that center before June, 1944; Granada Community Council accepting position as host to delegates from other centers in evacuee conference; Mr. M. O. Anderson, Assistant Project Director, informing WRA policy not to issue police with uniforms; Mr. Vaughn Mechau, Reports Officer, recommending publishing the contents of the memoranda from the State Department to the Spanish Embassy in the "spanese" section.

The Council approved Mr. Mechau's recommendation as stated hereabove.

Mr. Nagumo reported that two nisei in Block 12 were told to go home when they refused to report for their physicals. Mr. Hayashida showed a caption of the Pacific Citizens (Vol. 18; No. 9; March 4, 1944) dealing with an article wherein Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes' announcement of March 2 that 7 nisei out of 409 ordered to report for physicals failed and apprehended by F. B. I.

Mr. Paul M. Motoyoshi tendered his resignation as of date due to his request for repatriation. The election date was set for Monday, March 20 and names of the candidates are to be filed in the Council office by March 10. Messrs. Nagumo and Tsumokai were appointed to the Election Committee.

Mr. Shogo Iwanoto submitted request for his resignation, effective March 13, on the ground of his personal reasons. The Council accepted his resignation as requested.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

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