

JAPANESE AMERICANS IN NEW ENGLAND - June 11, 1978, Meeting

Attendance: Present at the June 11 meeting were Waichiro Hayashi, Marcia Iwasaki, Kei Kaneda, Alice Kinoshita, Rosemary Komatsu, Judy Herd, Eileen Nakano, David Sakura, Elaine Yoneoka; New Participants: Glen Fukushima, Akihito Fuse, Sharon Kimura, Mary Ellen McCarthy, Chiyoko Ono, and Jim Treece.

The meeting was held at David Sakura's house, and on behalf of everyone present, our thanks is expressed to him for his hospitality and to everyone who assisted in the potluck dinner.

The meeting was chaired by Rosemary Komatsu.

Committee Reports: Educational-Cultural Committee: Marcia Iwasaki reported that they would develop workshops for the Fall Workshops would include: 1) Demonstration and training in Japanese Arts, 2) Discussion and Exploration of Racial Sterotyping, 3) Presentation and discussion of the Japanese American Work Experience and Immigration. Since the Ed-Cult Committee is interested in developing other workshops, anyone who has additional ideas about workshops or who is interested in assisting in any of the workshops should sign up on the appropriate workshop sheet at the next meeting. Non-paid speakers are also being sought. Marcia also announced that Sonnett Takahisa of the Boston Children's Museum is interested in teaching Japanese dance to JANE participants. Call Sonnett for details

Organizational Committee: David Sakura reported on their proposal to develop a JANE Executive Board which would include two members from each sub-committee and a recording secretary. This Board would provide continuity through time for JANE as an organization and act as a clearing house for extra-organizational representation as well as be responsible for any business decisions. This proposal was presented for discussion by the general group and it was agreed upon that further discussion should ensue before acting upon a decision concerning the proposal.

Social Committee: Alice Kinoshita reported that they would organize a social gathering after O-Bon dancing on Friday, July 14th since many people were interested in socializing.

Old Business: The feasibility and desirability of JANE acquiring non-profit status was opened for discussion. While there is a specific advantage in saving postal fees as a non-profit organization, the question of how feasible and desirable this is in the near future was raised. It was agreed that further research needed to be done in order to reach useful decisions. Waichiro Hayashi volunteered to obtain more information and to report back with specific information regarding costs and requirements for non-profit status for the next meeting, and the Organizational Committee would pull together a report on fundings and their recommendations.

New Business: As a result of the decision to develop a comprehensive mailing/membership list, a JANE membership file was conceptualized whereby each member or meeting attendee would fill out an index card with his or her name, address, telephone number, and interests, and committee chosen to work with. This would then allow JANE to keep in contact with individual actively and peripherally interested in JANE. A discussion about covering costs for mailings was initiated and it was decided that any individual interested in receiving JANE mailings (including minutes and announcements) would be sent all mailings as long as they forwarded a mailing list fee of \$2.00. If in the future we find that \$2.00 dues does not cover mailing and duplicating costs, the fee will be modified to reflect actual costs. If you are interested in receiving any JANE mailings, forward \$2.00 to Waichiro Hayashi (Acting Treasurer), [REDACTED]

A JANE Brochure Task Group was formed to develop a bilingual brochure providing general information about and orientation to JANE. Akihito Fuse, Judy Herd, Rosemary Komatsu, Chiyoko Ono, and Jim Treece agreed to work together to develop a general brochure. At this time it appears the brochure will not be ready until our next meeting in July.

Kei Kaneda proposed an overnight workshop camp for either the summer or early fall, as she had contacts with possible retreat was postponed to the July meeting when more participants are expected to be present a more specific information about the camp could be presented.

The meeting was adjourned with the agreement that the next business meeting would be held at the picnic on July 30th. Proposals for an Executive Committee, non-profit status, overnight retreat, brochure distribution and any new business would be discussed.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE PICNIC!

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Komatsu, Judy Herd, and Waichiro Hayashi