

Japanese American Citizens League

Mile High Chapter

August 6, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Attendees: Dylan, Richard, Tom, Lauren, Michael
 - i. Absent: Marge (Dylan)
 - ii. Guests:

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM June 2025

- a. [JACL agenda - June 2025.docx](#)
 - i. Richard motions, Michael seconds
 - 1. Unanimously passes

III. ATTENDEES

- a.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. Richard may look into how Paypal accepts donations
 - i. Specifically offering donors a chance to leave comments
 - ii. Ask Allison if she has any suggestions
- b. \$200 from Nancy Mgee, Richard motions to move to scholarship fund, Michael
 - i. Unanimously passes
- c. Dylan will reimburse Lauren for water weights for Japanfest

V. ONGOING BUSINESS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- a. Nikkeijin Kai picnic
 - i. August 10th, Sunday
 - ii. Dylan will bring watermelons (12 total, seedless)
- b. CIRC Assembly
 - i. Dylan, Marge, and Lauren will attend
- c. Spirit of Japan
 - i. Sep 12-14
 - ii. Japanese food and drinks
- d. National Park Conservation Association is doing an action on August 23rd
 - i. "Save our Parks"
 - ii. Dylan will reach out to Tracy Coppolla

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Recap of National Convention
 - i. Amicus briefing to repeal Alien Enemies Act
 - 1. JACL is collecting testimonies for people imprisoned under AEA (as opposed to EO 9066)

- a. <https://jacl.org/alien-enemies-act-stories>
- 2. Do we know anyone in Colorado?
 - a. Marge mentioned most of them have probably passed
 - b. Marge's grandfather was picked up under the AEA
- ii. Discussions around biannual convention
 - 1. Could happen, but sponsors would likely need some kind of accountability from board

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mochitsuki 2025
 - i. Dylan and Tom will meet with Rev Brian Lee at Simpson about Mochitsuki this year
 - 1. Asking about the church selling mochi
 - ii. Dylan still needs to look for a new usu
- b. New meeting time - sent poll
- c. Developing Mission and Vision
 - i. We've talked about doing this for a while now, and with new members, now might be a good time
 - 1. We have a mission and vision, but we've talked about creating our own apart from National's
 - ii. Engaging members outside of Exec board
 - iii. Creating a separate committee, similar to what we did with
 - iv. May lead to creating a new logo
 - v. Too many cooks situation?
 - 1. Reaching out to a select few, the most engaged
 - vi. Include a facilitator?
 - 1. Avoid a complete rebrand, more of a charting a course
 - vii. Survey to members:
 - 1. Why do you remain a member? What do you think of our Mission and Vision?
- d. DOR Speakers
 - i. Reach out to Art Hansen on topic of camp resistance
 - ii. Jackie Tono
 - iii. Emiko Omori

VIII. COMMITTEES' REPORT

- a. Webmaster
- b. Scholarship
- c. Membership
- d. Newsletter

IX. NEXT MEETING

- a. Wednesday, September 6th?

X. ADJOURNMENT

Brain Dump/Notes

- Grateful Crane Ensemble for Colorado Sesquecentennial
 - Nikkeijin Kai is looking to bring them out
 - Could JACL partner with them?
 - We could pitch it to the state for the 150th, but it could be our own thing
 - Show strength in community
 - Volunteer time in order to attend in lieu of payment or to reduce the price
 - Nikkeijin Kai subsidized the last time they were in town