

# GUAM NIKKEI ASSOCIATION

*“Inetnon Taotao Guam Ni’ Manggaihaga’ Hapones”*

P.O. Box 12961 Tamuning, Guam 96931

General Membership Meeting, April 14, 2016, Tamuning Community Center.

1. Acting President Gloria Duenas Cruz opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Introductions were done.

3. Treasurer’s Report

March--Beginning balance:	\$2,793.59	Paid members in 2015----15
Total disbursements:	241.12	Paid members in 2016----15
Ending balance:	\$2,552.47	

2. Monte moved and Luckie seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 3/10/2016 with the following change: correct the year from 2015 to 2016 in the heading.

3. Old Business:

a. Lantern Floating Ceremony. After 3 water trials, 2-prototypes were selected for approval. Joshua Cepeda reported on the cost of 400 lanterns—200 full boats (\$641.95) and 200 outriggers (\$850.55) for a total of \$1,492.50. Other expenses include the sleeves and adhesive.

Josh investigated the cost of buying the materials in bulk from off-island, but the cost would be more expensive. The materials will be purchased on island from Home Depot.

Fifteen to 20 volunteers will be working over 4 weekends: 4/23—preshaping, 4/30—drill holes and cut parts, 5/7—assembly, 5/14—quality check, boxing of lanterns for storage. The lanterns will be stored at Ambros.

Joshua asked for food and drinks for the volunteers on those weekends. Monte volunteered to provide snack packages for those weekends. Gloria volunteered 2 cases of water for the first 2 weekends and Luckie offered to contribute 2 cases of water for the last two weekends.

Monte made the motion to approve the lantern production and Fred seconded. **The motion to approve the production of 400 lanterns at the cost of \$1500 was approved.**

The receipts will be submitted to the Treasurer for reimbursement

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b. Kendama contest.

Monte reported that the contest may last 3 or 4 days depending on the number of contestants Preliminaries will be on June 11, 18 and 25 with the final championship on July 2. The current world-champion will be on Guam with her family from July 1-4. Her brother is a kendama champion in Japan. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, she will share her skills at kendama clinics at a private school and at the Guam Charter Academy. She will show her skills at an exhibition at Tumon Sands and at GPO. The chairperson of the kendama association in Japan will also be coming.

Sponsors are helping with prizes, hotel stay, car rental and possible discount on airfare.

GNA members will be helping at the preliminaries.

World championships will be held on July 16 and 17 in Tokyo.

c. US-Japanese-American Leadership Delegation

Monte returned from a weeklong memorable experience in Japan. His report was submitted to the Board and Consulate General Office of Japan. It will be mailed to GNA members and friends.

The main theme was continuing to strengthen U.S.-Japan relations.

(1) The US-Japan Council and the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) plans to continue promoting and enhancing US-Japan relationship (to include Guam). One good effort that the US Embassy in Japan is working on with the Japanese Government and the Narita International Airport is to potentially implement US CBP/TSA pre-clearance counters for all US bound flights at the Narita Airport to facilitate the immigration processing lines for Japanese visitors entering any US point of entry (to include Guam).

(2) Japan's MoFA is working closely with the US Department of Defense to reduce the community's tension against the military in Okinawa by reducing military personnel by 15,000 and relocating them to Guam, Hawaii and Australia. Guam is well positioned to accommodate this adjusted military relocation and the US DOD and Japan MoFA have revised their relocation plans to respond positively to the local community's infrastructure and social concerns.

(3) Guam is still a popular US resort destination for Japanese and we need to work on inviting more Japanese companies to open and invest on Guam.

d. Annual Issei Memorial Service. It is still projected to be held over the Thanksgiving weekend.

4. New Business

5. Announcements

a. John San Nicolas announced that the chapel at the South Pacific Peace Park will be cleaned on May 26. He is encouraging members to help with the clean up.

b. The Japan Club meets the third Thursday of every month.

The meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

**NOTE:**

2016 GNA General Membership Meeting Schedule at Tamuning Community Center,  
6pm-7:30 pm:

~~January 14, 2016~~

~~February 11, 2016~~

~~March 10, 2016~~

~~April 14, 2016~~

May 12, 2016

June 9, 2016

July 14, 2016

August 11, 2016

September 15, 2016

October 13, 2016

November 10, 2016

December 8, 2016