

Guam Nikkei Association
Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2018

THE GUAM NIKKEI ASSOCIATION, Regular Meeting was called to order on Thursday, February 8, 2017 at 6⁰⁰12 p.m., at the Tamuning Mayor's Gym Conference Room by President Pauline Okada.

ATTENDANCE: Pauline Okada, Cathy Rivera Castro, Frank Shimizu, Julie Caquioa, Monica Guzman, David Okada and Ken Haga.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

J. Caquioa motioned with a second by Pauline Okada to approve the November 2017 meeting minutes. With no objections, the motion passed.

C. Castro motioned with a second by J. Caquioa to approved the January 2018 meeting minutes. With no objections, the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

President Okada requested the Treasurer's Report to be tabled till the March meeting when Acting Treasurer M. Mesa would provide as he is currently traveling.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Courtesy Call with Counsel General Seki :

President Okada reported the Courtesy Call with new CG Izumi Seki on January 17. In attendance was F. Shimizu, M. Mesa, P. Okada, C. Castro, and M. Guzman. CG Seki is the first female CG for Guam and was pleased to meet with the GNA. Member J. Caquioa mentioned she was not informed of Courtesy Call and asked in future that she be notified.

B. 2018 Japanese American Leadership Delegation: President Okada congratulated M. Guzman for being nominated by the Office of the CG to participate in this year's JALD. This will be the second time Guam will participate. Monte Mesa was a member of the 2016 Delegation. Guzman will be traveling to Los Angeles for the Orientation in February with the Tokyo trip scheduled in March.

Ken Haga advise the membership that the Nikkei-gin Association has an annual meeting in Tokyo and in future, GNA should participate. He added that up to 5 master musicians/dancers (Bugaku) to Guam on July 28 and participate in local events if possible. The self-funded trip is organized by Mr. Mita of the Mita Gagaku Assn.

C. US Consul General's meeting: President Okada announced she will be meeting with Deputy Consul Ogata to discuss her participation at that meeting in Chicago along with CG Seki.

D. Okayama Homestay: As discussed, this year Guam will be sending our kids to Okayama for a 1-week homestay from July 24-30. Three nominees have been received to

date (Chairman Shimizu-2, JCaquioa-1). President will communicate with Miyuki-san to get more details. Initial airfares range from \$450-520. She will research airfares to Okayama for further discussion at the March GNA meeting to include selection process, and other costs. Earlier discussions from M. Mesa suggested securing airfare sponsors. Julie Caquioa submitted her letter of recommendation for Leaveha J.C. Toves to participate in the Homestay program.

- E. **Okayama City Delegation, May 6-9, 2018:** President Okada will contact the city rep to get further information on the visit to Guam and their expectations for the GNA.
- F. **Sushi, Soba and Joy of Sake:** Event Chair David Okada reported tentative date for event is Friday, October 19, 2018 (GovGuam payday) from 4pm to 8pm at GCC. Menu will be determined by GCC Culinary Program who will be preparing the food. Nikkei dollars will be used and no admission fee will be charged. He has a template for the solicitation letter and will need assistance from the committee for publicity and marketing.
- G. **Lantern Ceremony:** The committee moved that the Lantern Ceremony will be moved to September. Final dates will be determined.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- The 150 year anniversary of the first immigrants to Hawaii will be celebrated in June and the CG Office is requesting if GNA will be participating. Research done by Chairman Shimizu's sister Connie shows that the first Japanese immigrants in 1868 included 40-42 came to Guam. President Pauline suggested researching the manifest of boats to identify who the 40 were.
- K. Haga brought up the concept of doing Christmas Caroling at the hotels. For many years he led a group to do this and although GVB does the illumination, caroling really is more personal and festive. He suggests doing it one night on Dec. 20.
- President Pauline reminded everyone that we need to do a membership drive.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, M. Guzman moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

MONICA OKADA GUZMAN
Secretary