



Santa Fe Japanese Intercultural Network (JIN) General Minutes – February 26, 2011

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We had good attendance for this Matsuri planning meeting. Approximately 45 members showed up.

New flyers have been printed. These have the picture of the featured artist, calligrapher Chosho Yabe, and name the musical performers. Members should distribute them throughout Santa Fe and, if possible, Albuquerque. You can pick them up at Shizuko's home or at the next general meeting.

The 2011 Matsuri posters have been printed. These will be sold at the JIN booth at Matsuri. Banners are also ready. Only the membership brochure is left to print.

The school project has been going well. Several volunteers have already been to the classrooms. We will provide calligraphy lectures to art classes in a total of 20 schools this year.

We've ordered additional t-shirts this year so they can be sold at the JIN booth and also given to each Matsuri volunteer. The design is the Matsuri kanji in black and red on black shirts.

We will have a \$2 admission charge for adults (over 12 years) this year. A sign will be posted on outside doors to alert attendees to this fact. After paying, people will have their hands stamped with a Matsuri kanji stamp which will allow them to enter and exit freely.

The Lions Club has agreed to handle the audience survey required by the city grant. The Lions Club will take the survey and compile the results.

The stage schedule has been completed and the program is close to being done. The plan is to have programs printed by mid-March.

The food committee will prepare 700 bentou meals for the festival. This will be enough to sell and to offer free of charge to Matsuri volunteers. Jo Tataki will handle the snack booth.

There are still spaces open for vendor booths. We have sold about 20 spaces and there is room for about 40. If possible, we want the setup to allow more space around the stage.

Jodie Erickson and Shizuko Kobayashi collected donations from businesses, about 30 in total. These will go into the Silent Auction. Buffalo Thunder is also sending a gift package.

Recently, Santa Fe JIN participated as a sponsor for the Bentou Cinema at Warehouse 21. We gave a \$600 donation and received promotion in the advertising for the event. Snack sales brought in \$154.

New members Kumiko Kusuda and Chizuko Matsumoto were introduced. Chizuko teaches folk and classical dance and will be teaching a dance to the Japanese children's class to perform at Matsuri.

Interested parties were reminded that scholarship applications are due to the committee by March 1st.

Japanese language classes will be continuing with adult (beginner and intermediate) and children's classes. Please contact Maggie Phoenix if you're interested in studying Japanese.

Following the meeting, Norio Hayakawa entertained us with a short concert of Japanese oldies from the '60s and later. Norio will also be performing at the festival.

Upcoming Events

- Board Meeting at Lan's Vietnamese Café – Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 6:00 pm.
- General Meeting at Shizuko's – Sunday, March 20, 2011, 4:00 pm.