

MEETING OF RECEPTION COMMITTEE
August 28, 1943 -- 2:30 P.M.
Public Welfare Office

REPORT OF MEETING

I. The following persons were present:

Ed Eakler	Mrs. Ruth Hudson
James Hikido	Enoch Dumas
John Azeka	Shiro Abe
Minoru Matsuda	Giichiro Mitani
Toshio Ninomiya	Yasutoshi Yoshizawa
Kuhachi Ikuta	Walter Higuchi
Frances Shuck	Lester Suzuki (Rev.)
Harlow Tomlinson	W. Ray Johnson

The following persons were absent; all for legitimate reasons known to the chairman of the committee:

John Rademaker	Lewis Fanslan
Harry Nishijima	Dr. Robert Obi
Yuri Domoto	

Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Johnson had to leave early for a meeting of the Segregation Board.

The chairman outlined the committee structure and functions along with progress to date as follows:

1. Our problem is to receive 1,000 people, making the necessary changes in as smooth a manner as possible.
2. This problem breaks down into two main jobs.
 - A. To make room in this Center for the additional people.
 - B. To extend hospitality to the new comers.
3. This job, since involving mutual interests of both evacuees and administration seemed to require a joint committee representing these mutual interests. The organization consists of:
 - A. The main committee.
 - B. Sub-committees:
 1. Space
 2. Registration
 3. Hospitality
 - C. Co-chairman of sub-committees: one evacuee and one appointed personnel.
4. Steps taken in getting the work of this committee under way were:
 - A. Presentation to and securing approval of general plans from, the council and block managers.

- B. Appointment of representatives on the committee from the council and block managers.
 - C. An initial meeting of the general committee.
 - D. Confirmation of appointment of committee members by the Project Director.
 - E. An outline covering all work of committee to date sent to all committee members after initial meeting.
5. At the initial meeting of the committee, the following steps were taken:
- A. The adoption of a schedule for this program of reception activity.
 - B. Approval of co-chairmen for sub-committees.
 - C. A start on thinking through the functions of the sub-committees.

In conclusion the chairman asked that three things be kept in mind by all committee members.

- 1. The necessity of doing a thorough and complete job for the sake of the community and people coming into the community.
- 2. The importance of working out this problem through group action, which admittedly is a slower procedure, but which is probably more thorough and more efficient in the long run than any other type of action.
- 3. The chairman expects to report in full on the activity of this committee to the Project Director.

II. Reports from the sub-committees were requested.

A. Space Committee:

Chairmen: Ed Baklor and James Hikido

A preliminary series of conferences with block managers have been completed. One hundred and ninety vacancies in the 29 blocks have been created to date as follows: Small units, 58; medium units, 69; large units, 63. Although it was impossible to estimate accurately just how many persons these will house, it is likely that at present, we could take care of about 828 additional people. In addition there are vacancies for about 35 single men in bachelor quarters.

Formal notices have been given to all persons scheduled for moving.

Continued conferences will be held with block managers until there are enough vacancies to accommodate the total number of incoming persons. The committee strongly urged that a list of incoming people be secured from Tule Lake as far in advance of Sept. 21 as possible.

B. Hospitality Committee:

Chairmen: Enoch Dumas and Shiro Abe

The following program is being arranged.

1. A bulletin of Center information to be given out at time of registration. This bulletin, now being prepared, will include a map of the Center, a short welcome by the Project Director and chairman of the council, and several pages of information of interest and importance.
2. The school will be asked to arrange a special hospitality program for the children. Responsibility for this program is to be left with the school principals.
3. The Block Managers are to be asked to set up welcoming committees in the blocks. This committee is to see that apartments are in order before the new residents arrive; to make introductions to the block managers, and make families at home in the mess hall. A suggestion was made that some blocks will want to hold parties for the new people.
4. A note is being sent to church groups and other community groups asking that they can undertake some special welcoming events as a part of their group activity.
5. A reception for new people to take place October 7 at the High School Auditorium is proposed. At this reception certain key people will be introduced; there will be short items of entertainment; these features to be followed by simple refreshments. Money to support the reception is to be requested from the Recreation Department.

C. Registration committee chairman:

Chairmen: Lewis Fanslan and Toshio Ninomiya

This committee reported briefly but could not make a full report due to the fact that no committee meeting had yet been held. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 1943 at 2:30 o'clock. The functions of the sub-committee were discussed briefly by those present. It was their unanimous opinion that much depends upon the care with which the actual registration takes place. The committee requested that the sub-committee meet at the earliest possible moment and submit a detailed plan for the registration procedure.

III. Other Actions:

The above committee reports were adopted.

It was unanimously agreed to hold another general committee meeting Sat., Sept. 11 at 2:30 o'clock. This meeting was not originally scheduled in the time table.