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ROHWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
REPORT ON IMPORTANT BUSINESS OF 103rd REGULAR MEETING
June 25, 1945

A. ABSENTEES:

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| 1. Mr. Kichinosuke Ibezoe | Block 15 |
| 2. Mr. Kiyoshi Miwa | " 29 |
| 3. Mr. Eiichiro Matsumoto | " 14 |

B. REPORTS:

1. Chairman;

- a. Minidoka Center has reported the number of relocatees during May as follows:

Returned to West Coast:	Washington	168
	Oregon	178
	California	14
To other points:		387
Total		<u>747</u>

The total number of population as of May 31- 5,615

- b. Mr. A. Smith of Reports Office wants to be notified when any family in the center receives any medal of honor from the Department of War for the son's or husband's distinguished action. If he is notified in advance he will do something to honor the recipient when the medal is awarded.
- c. All-Center Conference at Topaz requests our support of its proposals which ask Mr. Myer to reconsider some of the recommendations made by All-Center Conference in February. We support all the proposals and are ready to add our own to them.

2. Mr. Kagawa, BOARD OF HEALTH

By the middle of July all the doctors will relocate leaving only Dr. Marks, the chief of medical staff, and Dr. Akinoto whose age is rather ripe, and health is broken. There are quite many expectant mothers in August. We must find some way to meet this serious situation.

3. Mr. Narita, BOARD OF EDUCATION

The board is planning to establish some kind of school to keep the children busy during and after summer vacation. If the plan can be carried out without any inconvenience the school may be opened in the first part of August. The board wants to take a census to know about how many children will enroll. The courses under consideration are art, English, Mathematics, physics, Spanish, U.S. history, beginning Shorthand, artificial flower making, and flower arrangement.

C. DISCUSSIONS:

1. Of typist of the Council

Miss Ruth Uyeyama is going to leave us by the end of this month because she is going to relocate in the near future. The Council decided to ask all the Councilmen to look for someone to take her place.

2. Of Collection of one dollar for each Soko-kai

As induction of the young men to armed force became very irregular now it is hard to decide when to collect such fund. The Council, therefore, decided to use the fund of the Council for the pins and flags, and not to collect any money from the blocks.

3. Cemetery Problem

Director Johnston has received a letter from Washington requesting his recommendation in regard to upkeep of the center cemetery after the center is closed. Nothing has been decided at Washington as yet, but his recommendation will do much in decision of this problem. So the Council agreed to ask Mr. Johnston to recommend to Washington that "the center residents want to preserve the cemetery permanently just as it is now."

4. Problem of Closing the Center

Washington has sent a letter to Director Johnston advising the residents that July, August, and September are the best months for relocation. But our greatest difficulty is the "housing problem". As some representative of the Council and the Managers will see Mr. Johnston Wednesday afternoon about this letter from Washington, the Council decided to appeal to WRA to take some actions to solve the "housing problem" so that we can relocate.

5. On Hospital Problem

Chief of Medical Staff, Dr. Marks has told the Council that by middle of July all the doctors except Dr. Akimoto will relocate. If only two (Dr. Marks, himself and Dr. Akimoto) have to take care of 5,000 peoples, only emergency cases will be attended and the clinic must be closed. That many other workers like nurses' aides, ambulance drivers, and etc. are also short is another reason that activities of the hospital must be closed.

Our past experience gives us no hope to ask Washington for some doctors. We may ask WRA to send us some doctors from Poston No. 1 or No. 2 that will be closed by Oct. 1, 1945 but all the center are short of doctors at present, and we can't have very much hope in this either. All of our doctors have sacrificed so much for the good of the residents and each one of them has his own family problems, so we cannot ask them to stay with us any longer. We know that many of us relocate for our own interest.

The Council, however, felt that it was necessary to see the doctors and ask them to stay with us even for a little while. The Council, therefore, decided to call a joint meeting of Board of Health, the Managers, and the Council at USO Hall tomorrow (Tuesday) at 8:30 a.m. to discuss this problem further.

6. Change of the time of Council's meeting.

As it became very hot the Council agreed to have its regular meetings in the mornings.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

M. Narita
Executive Secretary

ROHWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 REPORT ON IMPORTANT BUSINESS OF 103rd. REGULAR MEETING
 July 2, 1945

A. ABSENTEES:

1. Mr. Kichinosuke Ikezoe
2. Mr. Kiyoshi Miwa
3. Dr. Katsuji Onizuka
4. Mr. Yasuhei Imazu
5. Mr. Eiichiro Matsumoto

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B. REPORTS:

1. Chairman:

- a. Committee visited Mr. Johnston, to make a request for the leaving of the Cemetery as is. We think this matter has been already taken care of, by Mr. Johnston.
- b. The problem of closing the center and hospital has affected many families; who have sons in the Army. To this matter the U.S.O. had a meeting deciding to bring this matter up to the Department of Army.
- c. Committee visited Mr. Johnston, requesting that housing problems be solved by July, August, and September. Unless this is taken into action the residents cannot relocate. We think Mr. Johnston has already fulfilled this problem to Washington.

2. Mr. Yasuda and Mr. Suzuki.

- a. There is 5,000 acres of farm land near the outskirts of Arkansas City. In order to make this tour, the W.R.A. has released one truck. From each block there will be one representative.
- b. Families that are planning to return to California within the month of August should notify the Leave Office. purpose for this, so that we may make some arrangement for special trains.

3. Mr. Gomi.

- a. Sometime this week or next week, the Center cucumber crop will be ready to harvest. In order to harvest this crop, we ask for one volunteer from each block.

4. Discussion

Hospital Program.

After July 1st., hospital clinic will be closed; exception of baby clinic on Wednesday and for expecting mothers on Friday. Only emergency cases will be accepted.

Any operation or delivery will be performed at or nearest hospital.

The committee are exerting pressure to keep the doctors here. For their hard work the Council have agreed to give them a party. Block Managers and the Board of Health will join with the Council. Mr. Yamaguchi and Mr. Shiraishi were named by the Chairman to take charge of this party.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Respectively.

Mr. Mitsuo Nakamura
 Acting Secretary
 Community Council

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BOHNER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
REPORT ON IMPORTANT BUSINESS OF 105th REGULAR MEETING
July 9, 1945.

- A. Absentees:
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| 1. Mr. Kichinosuke Ikezoe | 15 | 3. Mr. Shinichi Okinaga | 33 |
| 2. Mr. Hatsuichi Chado | 28 | 4. Mr. Eddie Imazu | 38 |
- B. Reports:
1. Mr. E. B. Moulton.

All the sewing classes of adult education will be closed on July 31. Sewing rooms of Blocks 42 and 4 will be kept open for the sake of those who need sewing machine to prepare for relocation. Anybody who wants to use machine in those two rooms will have to see the room peepers and get their permission. All the sewing machines in the blocks will be collected on and after August 1. If any one wants to buy them arrangement will be made.

2. Chairman:

- a. Community chest which has 340 member communities throughout the country has announced that it will cooperate with W.R.A. in the relocation program. It will mobilize its committees for housing, health, recreation, and race relation, and will aid relocatees even after the W.R.A. is disbanded.
- b. On Monday last week our center steward, Mr. Hudson, announced that all the mess halls of the blocks whose population become 125 or less must be closed. The people of those blocks will have to go to the mess hall of the neighbouring block. The committee saw Mr. Johnston on the nextday and talked over this problem. It was said that closing of those mess halls will be done between 11th and 14th of this month.

3. Mr. Narita, Board of Education:

The committee meeting of last week decided that a meeting should be held in each block by the parents who would not be able to make any plan of relocation during the month of August or before, and their representative would be elected. The representatives of all the blocks would be called to meet at the Council Hall at 1:30p.m. on Saturday July 14. At this meeting structure of the temporary school and other important problems would be discussed.

Assistance of managers and councilmen is earnestly requested especially in calling the meetings of parents and electing the representative of the block.

4. Mr. Shiraishi, Resettlement Planning Commission:

The executive secretary of the commission, Mr. Yasuda, has resigned because he is returning to California in the near future.

C. Discussions:

1. School Problem:

Our Board of Education has to bear a very heavy responsibility of solving the problem of "educating the children after the summer vacation". The present members of the board felt it necessary to increase the members, and recommended the following persons whom the council unanimously approved as the additional members of the board.

Mr. Z. Imamoto	Block 24	Mr. T. Doi	Block 16
Mr. M. Kawaguchi	" 17	Mr. E. Yokoyama	" 13

2. Strengthening Labor Relation Board:

Labor Relation board is another committee which must face more and more serious problems of labor adjustment as the time draws nearer and nearer to the closing of the center. The council decided to increase the membership. The followings were recommended and approved by the council as the additional members.

Mr. M. Mizushima	Block 10	Mr. T. Gomi	Block 6
Mr. T. Hayashi	" 25	Mr. T. Okano	" 39
Mr. Fujiyama	" 3		

3. Letter of Thanks:

The council decided to send a letter expressing its gratitude to the workers who assisted greatly in making our appreciation party, held in honor of doctors, possible and successful.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully..

M. Narita

REPORT ON **IMPORTANT BUSINESS** OF 106TH REGULAR MEETING

JULY 19, 1945

A. Absentees:

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| 1. Mr. Kichinosuke Ikezoe | Block 15 |
| 2. Mr. Kiyoshi Miwa | Block 29 |
| 3. Mr. Eddie Imazu | Block 38 |

B. Reports:

1. Chairman;

- a. When the population of the block becomes 125 or less the mess hall of that block must be closed. The committee specially created to study the mess problems arising from the closing of the mess halls met with Mr. Hudson and Director Johnston and came to a conclusion that the following schedule was reasonable:

The last meal served will be the supper of

July 18	for Mess 28
July 19	for Mess 5
July 20	for Mess 14
July 23	for Mess 10
July 24	for Mess 32

All the people of these blocks will go to specified mess halls from the breakfast of the following days. If any block cannot follow this schedule the committee must be notified of the reasons at once. There will be 2 or 3 more mess halls to be closed within this month.

- b. Mr. Myer has given us the date of closing this center. This center is the last to be closed. The main reasons are said to be that this center is located remotest from California, and it requires more time for the residents to return than for the people living in other centers, and that when Jerome Center was closed last year, most of the old people and the sick persons were brought here. It will require some extra time to resettle these people.

- c. The x ray technician, Mr. Mori, wants an assistance. Any one will do, but if possible he likes to have some body with some interest in photography.

- d. Mr. Kagawa and myself presented our letter of thanks to Dr. Tanaka.

2. Mr. Kagawa, Board of Health.

- a. Dr. Tanaka wants to express his most sincere appreciation for our letter of thanks.
- b. I want to ask our Labor Relation Board to find a few ambulance drivers.
- c. It is heartily desired that obstetric cases be taken cared of at the center hospital. I wish the Council will take some steps toward this end.

3. Mr. Narita, Board of Education.

The meeting of the block representatives held on Saturday last week was represented only by 22 blocks, and nothing could be discussed. It was adjourned after making a few reports and promising to meet again at 8:00 P. M. Friday, July 20, at Mess 19. It is hoped that all the councilmen and the managers assist the representatives to be present at this second meeting.

4. Mr. Shiraishi, Resettlement Planning Commission.

They will be a meeting at the West wing of the Auditorium at 8:00 tonight. The report on the Hubson Ranch at Arkansas City is scheduled to be made. All of the councilmen are requested to report this to the respective blocks.

5. Mr. Sugimoto, Community Activity.

The last centerwide exhibition has been planned by C. A. and decided to be held on July 21 and 22 (Saturday and Sunday) at the Auditorium. All the residents of the center who have anything to exhibit are asked to report to C. A. by Thursday noon (July 19). If anything is too large or too heavy a truck will be sent after it.

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C. Discussions:

1. Petition to be made to Mr. Myer.

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The Canal center of Gila Project has sent us a copy of petition consisting of 15 articles made by that center to Mr. Myer. Rohwer Council agreed to draw its own petition again and send it directly to Mr. Myer.

A special committee was created. The committee together with the Resettlement Planning Commission will study and formulate our petition as soon as possible.

The following five were recommended and approved by the council.

(names)

Mr. S. Kunitsugu.....Block 11
 Mr. E. Yokoyama.....Block 13
 Mr. T. Gomi.....Block 6
 Mr. M. Narito.....Block 29
 Mr. H. Okubo.....Block 1

Five more are expected from the manager group.

2. On Executive Secretary of Resettlement Planning Commission.

The Council decided to bring the office of the Commission to Council's office, and that Executive secretaryship of the commission would be assumed by the executive secretary of the council. But the council's executive secretary is very busy without any addition of the duty the council agreed to find two secretaries to take the place of Mr. Yasuda and Mr. Muraoka who has been assistant secretary of the commission and has signed up to return to California by next train.

3. All the members of Labor Relation Board will meet at the council hall at 8:30 A. M. Thursday July 19. The members are earnestly requested to be present.

4. Dr. Onizuka, the councilman of block 34, is going to return to California in very near future. He has been the councilman since the very first meeting and worked very well as the chairman of Welfare Committee of the Council. He made heartfelt farewell speech. The chairman responded and thanked him for his good work as a doctor and as a councilman.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A. M.

Respectfully,

M. Narita

Executive Secretary

ROHWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
REPORT ON IMPORTANT BUSINESS OF 107TH MEETING
JULY 23, 1945

A. Absentees:

1. Mr. Isamu Sugimoto Block 25

B. Reports:

1. Mr. Kagawa, Board of Health

- a. Dr. Marks says that he has received no reply from Washington as yet regarding to our request for some doctors.
- b. Dr. Marks also says that obstetric case that requires instant attention will be taken cared of at the center hospital, and those that can allow sometime will be sent to Dumas.

2. Chairman

- a. Following persons are new councilmen:

Mr. Yanagizawa, Tomotaro Block 38
Mr. Okamoto, Naichi Block 34

- b. J. A. C. L. has sent us a note telling that Attorney General of State of California, Robert W. Kenny, announced a \$1000 reward for any persons who caused capture, conviction and sentencing of any one committing act of terrorism against persons of Japanese decent.
- c. A letter of thanks to the workers of Mess 28 has been written by Mr. Kunitsugu.
- d. The talk that our evacuee doctors have been frozen by Washington is nothing but a groundless rumor.
- e. A letter of thanks has been presented to Dr. Kuroiwa.

3. Mr. Narita Board of Education.

The second meeting of the representatives of the parents, held at Mess 19 Friday night last week, elected Mr. K. Aoki of Block 12 and Mr. H. Yakushiji of Block 8 to see Director Johnston to talk over the problems of education. I will join with them. The third meeting of the same persons will be held at the mess 19 at 8 P. M. Monday, July 23.

4. Mr. Gomi, Labor Relation Board

- a. Mess division had not yet requisitioned to the placement office for the men to make up ice crew. I asked Mr. Hudson to do so at once, and at the same time I told him to see if he could get some people from the bridge crew or coal delivery crew.
- b. The hospital had one ambulance driver, and another one is in prospect.
- c. Four sacks of calcium chloride will be delivered to each block. It is to petrify the dust. So I want you to scatter it around the mess halls or where dust must be controlled.
- d. Miss Mary Okamoto, formerly our typist, came back from her vacation I saw and asked her to come back. She agreed to help us.

5. Mr. Watanabe, Agricultural Committee.

Our victory garden has already produced the following crop, and the committee is grateful to the volunteer harvesters:

218 baskets of cucumber
15 baskets of tomatoe
34 baskets of egg plant
37 baskets of green pepper.

Our schedule for this week for crop gathering is as follows.

Tuesday July 24 Group I (Blocks 7, 8, 9, 10, 23, 24, 25, 26, 34, 38, 39)

Wednesday July 25 Group III (Blocks 1, 2, 15, 16, 17, 29, 28, 32, 33, 40, 41. JB)

Friday July 27 Group II (Blocks 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 27.)

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6. Mr. Shiraishi, Resettlement Planning Commission.

On Tuesday last week a truck was issued to take a group of investigating team to Hubson Ranch near Arkansas City. Mr. Hubson himself will come to this center at 1 P. M. to talk with those who have some interest in that ranch. We like to have a meeting at 8 o'clock tonight at the west wing of the Auditorium to prepare ourselves to see Mr. Hubson. I hope all of the councilmen will report about it in the block.

7. Mr. Narita, Committee for Drawing Petition to Mr. Myer.

This Committee met on Thursday and Saturday last week and formulated 10 of 12 requests of the Rohwer Center. These requests will be published on the Outpost as soon as the committee is ready.

C. Discussion:

1. Of the right to Issei to lease land in California.

This question is very important for Issei, but it involves citizenship in California. Therefore, the council decided that this was too large a question to be answered by W. R. A.

2. Of Secretary of Resettlement Planning Commission

As any other divisions in the center this commission suffers shortage of man power. The Council could not find any body for the secretary of the Commission; therefore, decided to get the help of Managers who know the people in the block better than the councilmen.

3. Of the passes to go out of the fence when the special train leaves here for California.

Chief Clayton wants to be very strict for going out of the fence when the official train leaves for California on this 26. But as there are many persons who need assistance of the Managers or Councilmen, the Council decided to ask Director Johnston to issue special passes to enable the Councilmen and managers to go out of the fence. and render the necessary services. These passes were issued when segregation trains left here for Tule Lake.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A. M.

Respectfully,

M. Narita
Executive Secretary

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Community Council

Report on Important Business of 108th Regular Meeting

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July 30, 1945

A. Absentees:

Mr. Shigeshi Nagayama	Block 2
Mr. Kichinosuke Ikezoe	Block 15
Mr. Kiyoshi Miwa	Block 29
Mr. Naioichi Okamoto	Block 34
Mr. Eiichiro Matsumoto	Block 41

B. Reports:

1. Chairman:

- a. All-center Conference has notified us that Mr. Myer gave his answer to our second recommendations. This will be printed and distributed to each center soon.
- b. According to the letter from All-center Conference, Amache (Granada) center has proposed to the conference to take some action against the decision of the Superior Court at Stockton, California. A copy of the protest drawn by Amache Center has been received.
- c. The Judicial Commission of the Council had two cases. Sorry to say that both were carnal abuse. One had a sentence of three month imprisonment, and the other was freed on probation for two months.

2. Mr. Narita, Board of Education:

At 8 P.M. on Monday last week July 23, we had the third meeting of the representatives of the parents at Mess 19, and elected 12 directors, who met at the Mess 12 Thursday evening (July 26). In this first directors' meeting all the necessary offices were filled. In the morning of July 27 Board of Education of the Council had a meeting, and the report was made on the progress of the matter up to date, and some of the members were assigned to see those who had been recommended to be teachers.

On Saturday July 28, Mr. Aoki and Mr. Yakushiji joined with me and met with Messers Rains, Moulton, Price, Smith, and Thompson, and Dr. Viles of Washington D.C. After sincere exchange of the opinion about education all of these six gentlemen agreed with us in making some kind of system where children can study after the summer vacation. There are two determining factors that promise our success or failure. The first is to have suitable persons for teachers, and the other is to secure text books. The Board wishes you to find teachers, and at the same time, it is trying every possible way to get text books for the children.

3. Mr. Kagawa, Board of Health:

- a. Board of Health had its meeting Saturday night last week, and decided to the Council's approval the following 4 things (1) to continue the appreciation while there is any service at our hospital; (2) to ask the Council to write to W.R.A. to send some doctors at once, because only two doctors can not take care of over 4000 people; (3) to make a report on the situation of our hospital to the Swiss Embassy at Washington D.C.; (4) to request W.R.A. that in case we can secure any doctor of Japanese ancestry from outside, W.R.A. will hire and pay at the equal footing with any Caucasian doctor hired by the W.R.A.
- b. Wards 6 and 5 are going to be combined, it does not mean that the patients are put together side by side. They are strictly separated, and moreover, patients of Ward 6 will be relocated before long. There is nothing to be afraid of.
- c. Mr. Kunitsugu helped to make posters asking the people for some ambulance drivers. One has been assigned, but we need at least four more.

C. Discussions:

1. On the Proposal of Amache Center in regard to the decision of Stockton County Superior Court:

As has been reported, Amache Council sent its protest against the decision, and urged All-center Conference to take some action. The Rohwer Council agreed unanimously to support Amache's protest and give them more information on this case.

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- The Council agreed to express its hearty thanks to Mr. Fujino who has done his best for the good of the residents as a whole.

Executive Secretary

Report on Important Business of 109th
Regular Meeting

August 6, 1945

A. Absentees:

Mr. Shigeshi Nagayama Block 2
Mr. Tomokichi Wada Block 5
Mr. Shizuo Fujii Block 9
Mr. Tokiharu Sato Block 33

B. Reports:

1. Chairman:

- a. Mr. Price, the relocation officer of the center, gave us a notice that Mr. Hyde of New Orleans Office will be here between August 20th and 25th inclusive. All those who have interest in relocating in the south are advised to see him.
- b. Seabrook Farm can accept 131 families, and the families with three workers, married couple, or the couple with one child are most welcomed.
- c. Wire was sent to All-Center Conference at Topaz supporting Amache motion and the third petition to Mr. Myer.
- d. The petition made by the Canal Council of Gila Center to Mr. Myer, consisting of fifteen (15) suggestions, was flatly refused or discarded.
- e. The answer from Mr. Myers for the second request of the All-Center Conference has been received from Topaz Center.
- f. Heart Mountain requests for the second meeting of All-Center Conference according to the report from Topaz Center head-quarter. The date has been set for the early part of August at Denver, Colorado, or elsewhere.
- g. All-Center Conference wishes to ask by wire to the Swiss Embassy to call all the centers.
- h. The Students of the Topaz Center have planned to ask President Truman to reopen the schools.
- i. To thank Mr. Fujino for the service he rendered us during his stay, the Council sent him a letter of thanks and some money.

2. Mr. Kagawa, Board of Health:

- a. Awning must be put up to the Hospital windows and would like to have some ladders and volunteers from each block to fix them when everything is ready.
- b. We are glad to have had a maternity case in our hospital this morning.

3. Mr. Hayashino: The purpose of the Stockton Superior Court is to deprive the Isseis of their rights to lease houses or buildings. Due to being enemy aliens, the Isseis are unable to establish any business connections. We are determined to take the necessary procedure for our rights to the Supreme Court, even though we must pay a high price. There's only one citizen among the stock-holders, but the majority being Isseis, this judgement was made. Fresno courts are going to follow this judgement.

4. Mr. Narita, Board of Education:

At the Second Meeting of the Board of Directors held on August 1st, Mr. Furuya of Blk. 3 was elected as the new chairman of the Board. The Board decided to ask the assistance of Mr. Thompson, Miss Humbarger, Dr. Hunter, and Miss Brown. In order to buy some Spelling books we must know the exact number of children. This board is planning to take the second census. When Director Johnston comes back from his vacation, we are going to see him about the school rooms.

5. Mr. Sato, the Steward:

Ice delivery has been done by the mess workers, in their turns, but with so few workers, it is quite impossible to continue. Could the blocks have volunteers' help to do this work? I hope the managers will discuss about it tomorrow, and let us know by tomorrow evening as to this volunteers.

C. Discussion:

1. Second-All Center Conference:

The Council decided to let Topaz know the atmosphere of this meeting and after having their response, we would discuss the problem again.

2. Of the Secretary of the Council:

The Council decided to ask Mr. Kaneko to find a Secretary.

3. The Rohwer Jiho wishes to have two or three workers to help in printing at the office.

4. Mr. Fujino has left the center, and Mr. Fukunaga, the vice-chairman, is unable to carry on due to personal reasons, so the election will be brought up at the next meeting.

5. Of Ice-crew

For the last three meetings making of new ice-crew was discussed, but due to the lack of workers, it was not successful. So the Members of the Council decided to cooperate with the Blk. Mgrs. and take the responsibility of sending one person from each block to go out to work every day in turn.

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ROHWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
August 13, 1945

Minutes of 110th Regular Meeting
Time: 9:15

Chairman: Mr. H. Fukunaga

Place: Council Hall

A. Recordings:

1. Chairman Fukunaga called the meeting to order at 9:15 A. M.
2. Executive Secretary took the roll 24 were present, 2 were late, and seven were absent.

Absentees:

Mr. Shigeshi Nagayama	Block 2
Mr. Shizuo Fujii	Block 9
Mr. Magoshiro Nakajima	Block 10
Mr. Kichinosuke Ikezoe	Block 15
Mr. Yotaro Arimura	Block 19
Mr. Kiyoshi Miwa	Block 29
Mr. Takiharu Sato	Block 33

3. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and the Council approved it as read.

B. Reports:

1. Chairman:

- a. According to the minutes of Canal Council of Gila Center, Language school at Reedly, California is temporarily opened for the returnees. Mr. Demroku Sasaki is the person who takes its charge. All those who want to utilize this opportunity will have to get contact with him directly. His address is

Mr. D. Sasaki
Rt. 1, Box 276
Reedly, California

- b. General Pratt, the commander of Western Defense Area announced on July 30, that the War Department^{was} responsible for releasing the persons of Japanese ancestry from the relocation centers, and W. R. A. was not held for any responsibility.
- c. Minadoka Council has reported on the relocation during July as follows:

To: Washington	195
Oregon	81
California	14
Others	264
Total	<u>554</u>

Its population as of July 31 was 4331.

- d. All center conference at Topaz notified us that it sent the third request to W. R. A. on July 23, upon the approval of the councils of all the centers. Minidoka approved the request but did not support the second resolution in regard to the case of Stockton Kogyo Kaisha.
- e. We have given some information to all center conference as decided at the last meeting in regard to the case of Stockton Kogyo Kaisha.
- f. We also informed the all center conference of our attitude toward the second inter-center conference as proposed by Heart Mountain Council.
- g. W. R. A. has announced its program for closing the centers. For those who stay here until last six weeks, the departure is almost compulsory.
- h. Miss Aiko Yamashita of Block 28 has been helping the Council since Tuesday last week (August 6.) We want to thank Mr. Kaneko who worked to get her.
- i. Mr. Masano Yasuda is the new council man of Block 20.

2. Mr. Kagawa, Board of Health.

- a. Ownings have been attached to all the windows of the sick rooms by the volunteers. The board, the patients, and the hospital staff want to express deep thanks for the cooperation of the people.
- b. There are only three cooks working at the hospital kitchen, and they can not continue the proper service any longer. I sincerely wish the

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special report of the Labor Relation Board on finding some people to work in the kitchen.

C. Discussion:

1. On the announcement of the program of closing the center.

The Council discussed for a while on the question "how to let the residents know about the program." As this is very important to the residents, it must be known by each of them thoroughly, correctly, and well.

The Council decided to bring the matter up to the managers' meeting next morning and ask them to take the lead and find some way to let the people know correctly about it.

2. Of the workers of the hospital mess hall. If it so happens that the hospital must be closed due to shortage of the workers, our past effort to keep it open would be of no value.

In order to meet this necessity the Council decide to call a joint meeting of the councilmen, managers, members of Board of Health, and all the stewards, at 8:30 A. M. Wednesday August 15, at the U. S. O. Hall.

3. Of the committee to find the way of presenting our appreciation to doctors. The joint meeting of the councilmen, managers, and members of Board of Health decided that each of these three would select three member to form a special committee to study the ways and means of raising the fund and distributing it among the doctors as our special appreciation for the effort and sacrifice of the evacuee doctors. The Council had its chairman appoint the following three for the purpose.

Mr. Naoichi Okamoto 34

Mr. Mitsutaro Fujiyama 3

Mr. Hoichi Yamaguchi 40

Nine members of this special committee would meet at the Council Hall at 1:30 P. M. Tuesday Aug. 14, 1945

4. Election of new chairman of the Council

Even though vice-chairman, Mr. Fukunaga, did not want to take the position of chairmanship, the council asked him to accept. Due to lack of time, the council decide to turn it over for the next meeting.

5. Promptness of the meeting.

With the closure of the center looming before us, many difficult problems have arisen to be discussed at our regular meetings. Every regular meeting must be opened earlier. From now on, the meeting will start at 8:30 A. M. sharp, and the members, please be present promptly, at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Narita, Executive Secretary.

ROHWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RELOCATION, ARKANSAS

MINUTES OF 111th REGULAR MEETING

Date: August 20th 1945
Chairman: Mr. N. Fukunaga

Time: 8:40 a.m.
Place: Council Hall

A. RECORDING:

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fukunaga.
2. Executive Secretary, Mr. Narita, called the roll.

Absentees:

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| 1. Mr. Shizuo Fujii | Block 9 |
| 2. Mr. Kyoichi Aoki | 12 |
| 3. Mr. Kichimosuke Ikezoe | 15 |
| 4. Mr. Tomojiro Yanagisawa | 38 |
| 5. Mr. Eiichiro Matsumoto | 41 |

3. As the new members of the Community Councils, Chairman Fukunaga introduced:

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| 1. Mr. Sunao Kadomoto | Block 11 |
| 2. Mr. Tsunekichi Kadotani | 19 |

Reports by the Chairman of the respective committees were made.

B. REPORTS:

1. Chairman:

- a. According to Dr. Pressman's reply, he has been trying to obtain as many doctors as possible. But the conditions being as it is outside with so few doctors, it is very hard to secure them. It is especially difficult due to being for a short time that they can stay on the job. It is said in the reply that he has advised to Mr. Johnston and Dr. Marks some plan over the phone, but as yet, nothing of this conversation has been forwarded to the Community Council.
- b. According to the report from the All-Center Conference Headquarters at Topaz, Mr. Baldwin, of the American Civil Liberty's Union at New York, is very sympathetic towards the people who are living in the relocation centers and who are leading a difficult life. He has written a letter to the Secretary of the Interior and to the War Relocation Authority in our behalf.

The letter is dated April 19, 1945, and the contents

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of the letter is:

"It will take over a year to prepare for intergration at the outside. Try to aid the people, who are unable to relocate by giving more time and assist them to complete their relocation in better attitude."

The reply to this letter received from Secretary Ickes was dated on May 1, 1945.

"The center will give an easy target for race-baitors. The longer the center life, the harder will be the adjustment to the normal life. The sooner they leave the centers the better will be for America and for themselves. To the people who are leaving the center, W. R. A. is offering as much assistance as possible."

Mr. Myers letter to Mr. Baldwin is dated May 4, 1945.

"The longer we keep the center open, the more unkind we would be to the people. There are many who want to stay in the centers, because they are pro-Japanese. Also, there are many parents who cannot relocate, because their children do not wish to take care of them. This is not a right attitude for the children to take to their parents nor to the country."

On May 5, 1945, Mr. Baldwin wrote to Mr. Myers.

"The American Government must take the responsibility for its action as the necessary measure for the extraordinary time of war. We oppose to having any Japanese made to be permanent recipients of public charity. The present plan of the W. R. A. does not fulfill the government obligation arising from its action taken under the war situation. There is no plans or preparations at present to repair the necessary damage that these people suffered."

The reply of Mr. Myers to this letter of Mr. Baldwin dated May 14, 1945, stated that:

"I agree absolutely, for the government to take the full obligation for the action of the government, and what we have done is the first step toward this goal. If we start now, it will take much less time than after the war to reintegrate them."

The All-Center Headquarter at Topaz sent a letter of thanks, together with our requests, to the W. R. A.

Mr. Foster answered to Topaz in place of Mr. Baldwin who was absent from his office.

"We are opposed to the closing of the center. We can't help but agree to your propositions."

We believe that is too big a job for W. R. A. to give the privileges of the Japanese Citizens, which is right fully theirs and had been enjoying before the war.

If the attitude of the Congress is the way it is now, the W. R. A., nor any agency of the government, will not be able to do much toward the satisfactory end. Any measure which benefits the people of Japanese ancestry is always defeated.

- c. We received a copy of the request made by the Gila Center to the W. R. A.
 - d. Heart Mountain Community Council has agreed with the suggestions brought up by the Amache Community Council in regard to the "Stockton Kogyo Kaisha."
 - e. Poston, Community Council opposes to the Heart Mountain's Proposition on the Second Inter-Center Conference.
 - f. Topaz Center has informed each center of the visit of the Swiss Representative.
2. Mr. Narita, BOARD OF EDUCATION:

The Third Director's Meeting was held on the night of August 14, Tuesday, at Mess 20. It decided at that time, to order the tent books, and that the salary of the teachers be \$19.00. School will open on Monday, September 3, 1945, and the school-rooms will be in Block 31, 35, and at the auditorium. On Friday, the 17th the fourth representatives' meeting was held at Mess 33. Then the reports were made and the body approved all that had been done by the directors. Also, much discussion was held as to the finances of the school. It was finally decided to ask the Coop for \$600.00 under the name of the Parents Association and the Community Council. In order to execute this plan, a committee was formed.

Mr. Kagawa, BOARD OF HEALTH:

- a. There are many people who still go to the Hospital Mess for their meals. I would like to have it reported at each block so the people will refrain from going there to eat. At present there are very few cooks at the hospital, and people must stop going there to eat. I have been to Mess 42 to ask the cooks to be transferred to the hospital kitchen, but since all the cooks are relocating it will be impossible to have anyone from there. I have been asking many people to cook at the hospital but did not get any results.

b. Call for Ambulance Driver

At present there are only four ambulance drivers. We need at least two more. There is a suggestion that the emergency calls be assisted by the police force.

c. Nurses' aides are also short. I am sure that in the near future, it will be necessary to add more nurses to the forces.

3. The committee in charge of the Ways and Means of thanking the doctors went to the Coop. But due to the lack of time, we were not able to bring up to the Special Meeting of the delegates of the Coop, hold on the other day.

The committee met the directors of the Coop, and got a promise from them that they will discuss this problem at the directors' meeting at the end of this month and will bring this up to the meeting of the delegates of the Coop early next month.

C. DISCUSSIONS:

1. Board of Education

Of the fund to maintain the study-halls for the children. Discussion made by the parents' representatives was approved by all the members of the Council present.

The chairman appointed three members to form a committee to communicate with the Coop.

They were: Mr. Oshiki	Block 4
Mr. Yokoyama	13
Mr. Nakashima	10

2. About the problems on the workers at the hospital.

The hospital must be kept open until the very last evacuee relocates.

A hot discussion took place and finally agreeded that since the opinion and the assistance of the four committees must be secured, it was decided to hold another meeting of the Managers, Council, Stewards, and the Board of Health. At the last regular meeting, the members were so few that not enough opinions were brought up to be formed. I wish that each block would be absolutely sure to have someone present to discuss this very important problem about continuing the assistance of the hospital.

Also, previous to this meeting, with those four organizations of each block get together and hear the opinion of the people of their block and then attend this meeting.

As to the time and date for their joint meeting the managers would be asked to set at their regular meeting tomorrow.

3. Of the managers and the councilman of Block 27.

At present there is no Block Manager and Councilman from Block 27. Because of this reason there is no connection between them and the Administration and the Community Council, and the people of Block 27 must face with some difficulties. The council decided to have the support of the Managers to see Rev. Hayashima, and ask him to help the block people to select their manager and councilman.

4. Complaint on Special-trains.
The special trains leaving here had many defects in the compartments, and the service was very poor. The returnees had much difficulties.
The Council decided to get in touch with the W. R. A. and have the necessary improvements made.
5. Election of Chairman.
Mr. Yokoyama and Mr. Kaneko suggested that Mr. Fukunaga be elected chairman even until his relocation. At first he refused this proposal, but after much persuasion he accepted.
As to the Election of the Vice-Chairman, it was decided that the chairman would appoint someone for this position. The chairman appointed Mr. Gomi of Block 6, who refused the appointment for his family reason and his personal feelings. It was finally decided that Mr. Gomi would answer at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Narita
Executive Secretary

ROHWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RELOCATION, ARKANSAS

MINUTES OF 112th REGULAR MEETING

Date: August 27, 1945
Chairman: Mr. H. Fukunaga

Time: 8:45-10:30 a.m.
Place: Council Hall

A. RECORDINGS:

1. Chairman Fukunaga called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.
2. Executive Secretary took the roll. 26 were present. One block had no councilman. 6 were absent.

Absentees:

Mr. Hiroji Okubo	Block 1	Mr. Kyoichi Aoki	Block 12
Mr. Shigeshi Nagayama	2	Mr. Kichimosuke Ikezoe	15
Mr. Shizuo Fujii	9	Mr. Tsunekichi Kadotani	19

3. The minutes of the last meeting was handed over to all the members present and was approved as printed.

B. REPORTS:

1. Chairman:

- a. We received a note from Topaz All-Center Headquarter that the Heart Mountain proposal for the second inter-center conference was supported by Minidoka, and refused by Amache, Gila, and Poston. Topaz was undecided.
- b. Topaz Headquarter also notified us that our information in regard to Stockton Kogyo Kaisha case had been sent to other centers.
- c. Topaz Headquarters sent us Mr. Myers' answer for the third request which had been sent to him with the approval of all the centers. (The chairman read the entire reply.)
- d. J.A.C.L. wishes our approval and support of their request to the W.R.A. The requests have been drawn by the J.A.C.L. in a hope that they can help us who are still in the centers. (The chairman read the entire letter.)
- e. Mr. Nagami of Block 3, and Mr. Yamaguchi of Block 27 are the new councilmen of those blocks.
- f. Miss Mizue Arihara has been helping the Council as the "waited for" typist since last week.
- g. Mr. Kagawa, chairman of our Board of Health went to Chicago for a few days, and left words to me to report to you that Dr. Taira left the center on August 25th and a letter of thanks was presented to him. I saw him personally in my block and thanked him for his valuable service in the past on behalf of the center residents.
- h. Mr. Gomi, whom I appointed Vice-chairman of the Council, has accepted on the condition that he would serve as long as I, myself, would stay in the chair.

2. Mr. Narita, BOARD OF EDUCATION:

We appointed a committee who asked the Co-op to donate \$600.00 in support of the temporary school but the Co-op could not help due to its financial condition. The representatives of the parents met at this place (the Council Hall) and discussed on the plan to meet the need, and agreed to have a benefit movie sometime before long. Steps have already been taken for this purpose.

School-rooms have been cleaned up; tables have been brought in; everything is ready for classes. September 3rd will be the opening day. Dr. Griswold has promised us to see three Caucasians who might be able to help in English classes.

3. Mr. Hayashino, THE MANAGERS:

The Managers have been asked to set the date for a special joint meeting of the Council, Managers, Board of Health, and the Stewards, in order to discuss the ways to meet the urgent need of the cooks and helpers of the hospital. As we had a man from Block 17 for the cook, and Mrs. Kagawa

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for the vegetable cleaner, the situation turned to be much better, and did not see much need of having such a joint meeting. We have to have some more help, so I hope you will continue to look for them, and the managers will be watchful, too.

C. DISCUSSIONS:

1. Of the Resolution of the J.A.C.L.

The Council is very appreciative of the steps taken by the J.A.C.L. and has unanimously approved such a request and decided to answer favorably at once.

2. Of Appreciation to the Doctors.

Although Dr. Taira could not stay with us as long as we wished him to, but since he came back from his short visit to California, he helped the hospital without any compensation. He even has given two or three major operations. At the same time Dr. Akimoto has been taking care of practically all the cases by himself attending the clinic even on Sundays. We cannot go without doing something to the doctors.

The Co-op refused to help us financially.

So our discussion was centered on how to raise the necessary fund. There were two suggestions:

- a. by Mr. Yokoyama that we must raise it among the residents even by increasing the monthly appreciation of 10¢ per head that we have been paying;
- b. by Mr. Gomi and Mr. Hayashino that the Council should ask the Co-op for reconsideration. The Council decided to ask the Co-op for its reconsideration, and that the former committee created for the purpose of negotiating with the Co-op would negotiate again, and that if the Co-op would still refuse, the Council will call a joint meeting of the Council, the Managers, and the Board of Health to discuss the matter over again.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Narita
Executive Secretary

ROHWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RELOCATION, ARKANSAS

MINUTES OF 113th REGULAR MEETING

Date: September 10, 1945
Chairman: Mr. H. Fukunaga

Time: 8:45 a.m. to
11:10 a.m.
Place: Council Hall

A. RECORDINGS:

1. Chairman, Mr. Fukunaga, opened the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.
2. The Executive Secretary, being absent on a short trip, the roll call was taken by the Acting Secretary, Mr. Gomi. There were 22 present. 11 were absent.

Absentees:

1. Mr. Shigeshi Nagayama	Block 2
2. Mr. Masakichi Takahashi	3
3. Mr. Hideji Yakushiji	8
4. Mr. Shizuo Fujii	9
5. Mr. Kichinosuke Ikezoe	15
6. Mr. Sakujiro Watanabe	24
7. Mr. Katsujiro Enomoto	27
8. Mr. Kiyoshi Miwa	29
9. Mr. Tokiharu Sato	33
10. Mr. Tomotaro Yanagizawa	38
11. Mr. Eiichiro Matsumoto	41

3. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved by all the members present.

B. REPORTS:

1. Chairman:

Before the reports were made, the chairman introduced the new councilman as Mr. Kanjiro Sumi of Block 20.

Mr. N. Shinhira, of Block 8, handed in his resignation due to relocation.

a. Concerning the Enlargement of the Hospital Force.

We received a reply dated August 24th, 1945, from Mr. Myer concerning the addition of the doctors of the center hospital. He understands the predicament confronted by the hospital, but due to the fact that the center populations is declining rapidly, he feels that the doctors will have less cases to handle. In case of emergencies Mr. Johnston will take a special means to meet the necessary requirements.

b. Topaz headquarters of the All-center Conference, sent the request to Father Hugh Lavery of Maryknoll (Church), which was the third request to Mr. Myers. Father Lavery's reply to this letter stated:

"I do not think I'll be able to get any results, but it will be better to get something done than not at all. I sympathize with the aged and the sick people and also the other unfortunates; and I pray that the government will not force these people out, but instead to let them stay as long as possible as the human conduct to perform. I believe that the government will think the same way. Since matters have changed greatly, I believe that some of the opinions stated in the request has lost its purpose."

The contents of this letter further stated that the people who are physically strong should try, more than ever, to leave the center for outside life.

c. As of August 27th, the Topaz Community Council will have to close its functioning body so the necessary steps must be taken accordingly. From the reports received here, it was decided that everything concerning the minutes of the council, the supplies that could be utilized, will all be transferred outside as further preparation for community life.

d. Topaz Community Council informs that the center will not be able to close on the scheduled date designated by the W.R.A. so the fourth request to its effect will be made. Many will have to stay until the end. This view was stated on the letter of Sept. 3 and with further study on it, wishes the name of four people. Mr. Fukunaga made a report to this effect.

- e. Project Director, Mr. Johnston, has called Mr. Fukunaga, the chairman of the Community Council, about Mr. Hayashino, of the Managers. Up to September 8th, 1945, the population of the center, now, composed of 2600 people, and with many more residents leaving within few weeks, there will be employment deficiency, so the blocks composing of residents less than 125 people, will have three boiler tenders and janitors instead of four workers for these jobs. There will be one block reporter to two blocks, and also one block clerk to two blocks. But the workers who have previously been working in their respective jobs will be turned over to the work where there are vacancies due to relocation.

Consideration of the peoples' age with their working capacity will be stressed so that the type of work will fit them.

- f. Mr. Narita, the Executive Secretary, has left on a two weeks' tour.
- g. Mr. Narita, Chairman of the Board of Education is on a short trip, the Chairman, Mr. Fukunaga, took his place. The program for the High School and the Grammar School, consisting of different problems that must be faced, was ably (capably) assisted by the project director, assistant director, and by Dr. Griswold.

The Coop requested the financial assistance and was able to receive the help of \$300.00 from its' treasury for which everyone of the councilmen are very grateful for this help.

2. There were no reports from other respective committees.

C. DISCUSSIONS:

1. According to Mr. Fukunaga's suggestion, it was decided to study the propositions of the Topaz Community Councils' decision to transfer all matters outside upon their relocation, thereby telling the people outside know how matters were performed in the center.

Everyone present agreed to study and inform Topaz when the right time comes for further discussion upon it.

2. On the request from the Topaz Community Council for its fourth request, Mr. Yokoyama's suggestion that he believes that since there is no result from Mr. Myers, it will be a better idea to negotiate directly to Secretary of the Interior, Ickes, to obtain some preferable results. Chairman Fukunaga believes that it will be the right approach to consult Mr. Myer due to the fact that the W.R.A. is still functioning. It was finally decided to send the copy of the fourth request to Mr. Myer and also to the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Ickes. Later, send one to the Topaz Community Council.
3. The Red Cross Office will be in charge of Mr. Ziegler for the present time.
4. The Co-op
Each blocks' donation of \$1.00 for assistance was decided.

At the Block Manager's Meeting tomorrow, Mr. Hayashino will report on the result of the meeting and the Community Council has decided on \$1.00 donation from each block. If agreed, the Councilmen, Block Managers, soldier's families, Block Representatives will take the necessary steps to contribute the money.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hisao Fukunaga,
Executive Secretary

ROHWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RELOCATION, ARKANSAS

MINUTES OF 114th REGULAR MEETING

Date: September 17, 1945

Time: 9:00 a.m. to
11:45 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. H. Fukunaga

Place: Council Hall

A. RECORDINGS:

1. The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Fukunaga.
2. The Executive Secretary, Mr. Gomi, called the roll with 23 present and 7 as absent.

Absentees:

1. Mr. Shigoshi Nagayama	Block 2
2. Mr. Tomokichi Wada	" 5
3. Mr. Shizuo Fujii	" 9
4. Mr. Kichinosuke Ikezoe	" 15
5. Mr. Isamu Sugimoto	" 25
6. Mr. Tomotaro Yanagizawa	" 38
7. Mr. Eiichiro Matsumoto	" 41

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved by all the members present.

B. REPORTS:

1. Chairman:

- a. Notice on Special Train:
The Special Train which left here on September 7, 1945, arrived safely at Los Angeles, California, on Wednesday, the 12th, at 9 o'clock in the morning, as stated by Mr. Price and Mr. Allison.
- b. Mr. Ishii and Mr. Ariki of Block 19 were unable to leave for Seabrook due to the train being filled to capacity, so, being of bad weather returned from McGehee. They wish to have it reported that they will leave the next day, expressing that the train reservation be kept and that Mr. Johnston will be notified to its effect. Mr. Allison and Mr. Price both related that they will arrange the bus so that it will not hinder further communication and let the people in the center feel at ease about it.
- c. Last week there was a notice from the center office on the number of working hours limited to each worker as 40 hours.

On Saturdays the center will close all working hours limited to each worker as 40 hours, but, if any immediate needs should come up, it will be necessary to notify, through telephone, by Friday afternoon, so that a special means of preparations will be arranged.
- d. Until the present time Fort Snelling Intelligence School had been conducting its school activities in secret to the people at large. From now on they will announce the ways and objectives of their school courses.
- e. The Army and Major General Platt, Commanding Officer of Western Defense's announcements are already published in the Outpost and other newspapers. Reports have been made that the Japanese American Citizens and Japanese Nationals are free to return to the West Coast the same as the privileges attributed to the other people.
- f. Mr. Moulton inquired the Community Council concerning the Rohwer Cemetery and reported the building of the highway from the Rohwer highway to the cemetery. Mr. Moulton, also, made as a suggestion to return the books that are in the Community Council's office, at present, to the International Headquarters of the Red Cross.
- g. Inquiry on School Books:
Inquiry on school books has been made to Miss Humbarger of Stockton California and also to Dr. Onizuka upon his return to Stockton. Dr. Onizuka wrote to Mr. Narita about the school requirements that are necessary for the returnees.
- h. Mr. Kaneko, of the Health Committee:
 1. Drivers for the Hospital Ambulance:
There are only 2 ambulance drivers, at present, and wishes the council's assistance.

2. Appreciation to the Hospital Mess Workers:

There was a report on the amount of \$86.00 given to the hospital mess workers in appreciation for their efforts. The Co-op's donation of \$300.00 is to be divided among the Health Committee and the other committees after further discussion on how to dispose it of among the respective committees.

i. Mr. Hayashino, of the Block Managers:

Due to the change in working hours the post office will close on Saturdays.

2. Meals on Special Trains:

The meals on the Special Trains to Stockton was \$9.00. At present it is changed to \$10.00. The time of a third special train was 7 hours shorter for this entire trip.

3. Mr. Fukunaga, Educational Department:

In place of Mr. Narita, Mr. Fukunaga, the Chairman of the Community Council, reported that there are over five hundred small children enrolled in school by September 3, 1945.

The Parents have left the matters of the courses taught by the teachers up to the Community Council since there were quite a few points of disapproval.

The Co-op and the Community Activities Committees venture of holding a movie to aid the school funds has been successfully carried out.

4. From the Health Committee:

In appreciation to the Nurse, Miss Gohata:

There was a report to the effect that a written acknowledgment and remembrance was presented to Miss Fumi Gohata by Mr. Kaneko.

C. DISCUSSIONS:

1. Of the Cemetery of the Rohwer Residents:

Since Mr. Narita was in charge of the matters concerning the cemetery, it was suggested by Mr. Okano to let the matter stand until Mr. Narita returns from his trip.

2. Five suggestions on the Red Cross and their Japanese Books.

- a. Suggestion was brought up by Mr. Okano to contribute the Japanese books to Camp McCoy and to the Tule Lake Center.
- b. Also, there was a suggestion by Mr. Kaneko to send the Japanese books to the Old People's Home as a contribution for consolation.
- c. Mr. Yokoyama suggests sending out letters to other centers to make an inquiry on how they will handle this matter of the library books.
- d. Mr. Hayashino suggests sending the Japanese books to the Internment Camp since the Internment Camp will be kept open.
- e. Mr. Aoki suggested asking for the opinion of the International Red Cross so that we could send to the other chapters our discussion and thereby ask for their opinion on it. Chairman, Mr. Fukunaga, suggested considering inquiry to the Topaz All-Center Conference Headquarters and ask their opinion on how the other centers have planned to dispose of the Japanese Books and whether other centers have reported any plans and have further discussion on it after hearing from them.

3. A letter from Mr. Usui, who has returned to Stockton, to Mr. Ogawa stated that his promise at the center office and the Stockton W.R.A. has quite a difference in their handling of the matter due to his being an Alien. There are quite a number of people who are in the same predicament as Mr. Usui. It was decided that the Community Council look over the name of the list of people and take the necessary steps to communicate matters properly.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Fukunaga
Executive Secretary

ROHWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RELOCATION, ARKANSAS

MINUTES OF 115th REGULAR MEETING

Date: September 24, 1945
Chairman: Hisao Fukunaga

Time: 9:a.m.
Place: Council Hall

A. RECORDING:

1. The regular meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Fukunaga, at 9:00 a.m.
2. The roll was called with 22 members present, and 6 members as absent:
Absentees:

1. Mr. Shigeshi Nagayama	Block 2
2. Mr. Kichinosuke Ikezoo	" 15
3. Mr. Tomotaro Yanagizawa	" 38
4. Mr. Eiichiro Matsumoto	" 41
5. Mr. Koki Kaneko	" 28
6. Mr. Tokihara Sato	" 33
3. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved by all the members present. Reports by the respective committees were made.

B. REPORTS:

1. Chairman:

- a. Mr. Narita, the Executive Secretary left on September 3, 1945 for his destination. We received a letter of appreciation from him, which was read at this time. He will return here later than he had planned, arriving here on the 26th or the 27th of this month.
- b. Dr. Onizuka has already written us twice on the matter pertaining to the school text books. As previously stated, he will take the responsibility for the English books and will send it back.
- c. Mr. Usui's Case:
Mr. Usui met Mr. Van Dusseldorp to discuss about his case. She talked to the head of the Stockton W.R.A., Mr. Robertson about this. It would be best to await for further "complete statement" on this case. Then was a suggestion to study this case since it seemed advisable for the council. There was a report that the elder Mr. Usui's case was too hastily brought up without much thought.
- d. The reply from Mr. Myer on the fourth request for the forty suggestions did not have such a good result.

2. Mr. Shigetomi, Committee on the Board of Health:

Reports were given by the chairman, Mr. Fukunaga who reported in his place. There was a special joint meeting of the Board of Health and the Special Committee at which time the Co-op's \$300 be divided to pay Dr. Taira \$50 in appreciation for his work here at the hospital, to Dr. Aki-moto, for the month of August for \$75.00, and to handle the rest of the amount accordingly.

3. Mr. Gomi, of the Labor Relation's Board:

Mr. Sagoro Sato and Mr. Hokichi has reported that the boiler tender at the hospital which was being done by fifteen workers is now only done by nine people. It is impossible to continue with only this number of workers so would like to have ten workers and one foreman. This suggestion was agreed by all.

4. Mr. Hayashino, of the Block Managers:

After discussing the matter of the workers with the Project Director it was decided to cut down the number of workers from janitor or boiler tender of 4 workers to 3, and minus one worker. From secretary or yard-man, it will be necessary to cut down one person and turn him over to some other work in the different division of labor. This is to be done by the end of September. If the population of the block has diminished to 50 people, it will be necessary to have only one boiler tender and one janitor. If the population of the block is 30 people or less, it will be necessary to combine with the other block.

C. DISCUSSION:

There were no discussion.

Mr. Hayashino will be leaving for California on the special train on the 28th of September. There was an announcement to that effect. Every member present thanked him for his work during his stay here.

Since Mr. Fukunaga will be leaving on the same train as Mr. Hayashino, there was a suggestion from Mr. Gomi to forward a letter of appreciation and a token of remembrance for his work. Every one present approved of this suggestion.

Mr. Fukunaga addressed the members of the council upon his announcement to return to California with a speech.

ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER

MINUTES OF 116th REGULAR MEETING

Date: October 1, 1945
Chairman: Mr. T. Gomi

Time: 9:00-11:15 a.m.
Place: Council Hall

A. RECORDINGS:

1. Vice chairman Mr. Gomi called the meeting to order.
2. Executive Secretary took the roll. 20 were present, 8 were absent. 5 blocks were not represented.

Absentees:

1. Mr. Takahashi	Block 3
2. Mr. E. Yokoyama	13
3. Mr. K. Ikezoe	15
4. Mr. N. Nakamura	16
5. Mr. I. Sugimoto	25
6. Mr. T. Yamaguchi	27
7. Mr. T. Sato	33
8. Mr. H. Yamaguchi	40

3. Minutes of the last meeting was handed to all the councilmen and approved as printed.
4. Election of the Chairman:
Due to return of Chairman Fukunaga to California, Vice-chairman Gomi took the chair temporarily and asked the body to hold the election of the chairman. Mr. Okano proposed that the vice-chairman be made chairman and the body supported him unanimously. Mr. Gomi accepted.
5. Election of vice-chairman:
Now newly elected chairman opened the floor for election of vice-chairman. Mr. Aoki suggested that the vice-chairman be appointed by the chairman. All supported his suggestion. Mr. Gomi appointed Mr. Okubo of Block 1.

B. REPORTS:

1. Chairman:

- a. Mr. Usui's case.
His letter was translated into English and handed over to Miss Van Dusseldorp, the Welfare head. At the same time Mr. Johnston received a letter from Mr. Robertson of Stockton, California, who explained the Welfare system of San Joaquin County, that there is no old age pension but the persons who have been accepted as the eligibles for the county assistance will have all the bills paid by the county (no cash is given) and there is no discrimination in eligibility due to nationality or citizenship. However, the applicants must show that they are the regular residents of the county. If such proof is impossible hardship may arise.
- b. Mr. Fukunaga.
Mr. Fukunaga returned to California yesterday. He wished to give his deepest appreciation for the help and support of the Council. He also wanted to thank very much for our gift and letter of thanks. We sent him a gift of \$35.00.
- c. Mr. Rinsuke Fujima is the new councilman of Block 23.
- d. Received a letter from Heart Mountain, which proposes all the centers to organize a kind of society temporarily named "Kosei Kai" (regenerative or revival society) in order to protect the rights and to promote the happiness of the people of Japanese ancestry.

The chairman read the proclamation and the body agreed to discuss about it later.

- e. Received a letter from Topaz center, which tells that our fourth appeal to Mr. Myer has been replied.
2. Mr. N. Yoshinaga, Board of Health:
Shortage of man power has long been very serious in the center. So it is in our hospital. We have only two ambulance drivers at present, and one is under negotiation, yet we need four more.

We must have four more boiler-men. We are negotiating with two. Even when this is successful we need two more. Two laundry helpers have left for California. Here I must also ask your support and cooperation.

There is a little hope to get some help when the number of the block workers is reduced.

C. DISCUSSIONS:

1. Miss Mary Brooks of St. Louis W.R.A. office is going to visit us in this center for four days, October 15, 16, 17 and 18. She has worked very hard for the good of the relocatees even at her own expenses. Mr. Price has suggested the Council to show some kind of welcome gesture, which our former chairman Mr. Fukunaga heartily consented.

The council, after discussing briefly, agreed (1) to have a tea party in her honor; (2) to ask the Managers and Stewards to cooperate with the Council; (3) to have a committee consisting of the representatives of these three bodies; (4) and to have six of such representatives of the Council be appointed by the chairman. Chairman Gomi appointed the following:

Mr. T. Okano	Block 39
Mr. K. Aoki	12
Mr. H. Y. Kushiji	8
Mr. M. Nakajima	10
Mr. I. Takomura	14
Mr. Sumi	20

(5) and to have this committee to decide the date, place, dishes and etc.

2. Of the books sent from Japan through the International Red Cross: Disposal of these books has been on discussion for some weeks. Topaz has replied our inquiry as to their disposal. The Council decided to study the problem a little further.
3. Of Cemetery of the Center: The Council also tabled this problem for the later discussion.
4. Of the Minutes of the Council: We have had a suggestion to bring the minutes of all the Center to one place and arrange them and make something out of them. But as it was not clear as to who arranges them, what to make out of them, who will pay for such labor and etc. The Council agreed to write to TOPAZ asking for the reply for these foregoing questions.
5. Of the proposal of Heart Mountain to organize "Kosei Kai": The idea of creating such a society to promote our interest is splendid, but the letter from Heart Mountain is very simple and lacks explanation.

The Council decided to write to Heart Mountain asking them:

1. how to organize
2. who is to carry out and how
3. who is to pay such an expense
4. where to have its headquarter

6. Inquiry to Gila and Poston as to closing a part of their Centers: The Council decided to send a letter to each of these two centers asking them for the description of how Canal Center and Poston #2 and #3 Centers were closed. Our center will also be closed within three months and a half, and it is not a bad thing to know how those centers have been closed.

D. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Mr. Sumi; Now Co-op has discontinued cashing checks for us how can we cash our checks from now on? I presume that there are quite many soldiers' families who receive checks from the War Department.

Mr. Gomi; I shall see Co-op directors and find out their attitude, and will report to you at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

M. Narita, Executive Secretary
Community Council

ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER
MINUTES OF 117th REGULAR MEETING

Date: October 8, 1945
Chairman: Mr. Tamotsu Gomi

Time: 8:50-10:30 a.m.
Place: Council Hall

A. RECORDINGS:

1. Chairman Gomi called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.
2. Executive Secretary took the roll. 17 were present, 1 came later, 9 were absent and 5 blocks were not represented.

B. REPORTS:

1. Mr. C. H. Moulton:

Mr. Moulton brought a note to the council and made an announcement that the program for the last six weeks before closing of the center had been made and would be carried out accordingly; that the notice of departure would be given to the resident starting Oct. 22; that the first departure would come on Nov. 5; that in setting the date of departure for any person his choice of destination, family conditions, reception at the point of destination, grouping the families in order to take advantage for special transportation would be considered; that due to hazardous condition of transportation in December most of the remaining center population would be departed by the end of November; and that cooperation of each one was heartily hoped.

2. Chiirman:

Topaz council has sent us copies of letters sent by Mr. Baldwin of American Liberties Union to Mr. Narahara of Topaz, chairman of all center conference. The letters (attached to the minutes) tell the impression of Mr. Baldwin on the policy of W.R.A. in regard to its closing the centers. (Mr. Chairman read the translation of the letters).

3. Mr. Yoshinaga, Board of Health:

Since last Monday, by Mr. Gomi's effort we secured 3 boiler men and 1 ambulance driver for our hospital, but we still need 1 more boiler man, 3 more ambulance drivers. Situation of hospital kitchen has been improved very much. Now we need 1 more dishwasher and 1 porter. All other places have been filled.

4. Mr. Narita, Board of Education:

Our temporary school lacks in fund. It was decided to collect 10 cents from each child as the tuition for September.

It was also decided that some kind of notice will be sent home for disobedience, tardy, and absence.

It was further agreed that ~~before long~~ all the damages done by the children to the barracks we now use for this school be repaired before we return them to the government. So all the parents are asked to come out with tools by 9 a.m. Saturday Oct. 13 and do this repair work.

C. DISCUSSION:

1. Of final departure program:

As Mr. Moulton announced the departure program will be carried out as directed by W.R.A. office at Washington D.C.

The Council agreed to publish on the Outpost the outline of the program so that all the residents will be able to know and expect what would happen.

2. Of our appreciation to the special service of Mr. Yakura:

Mr. Yakura has written for the Council many of letters of thanks. Some of them required very painstaking work.

The Council unanimously decided to send him something to express its appreciation for his willingness and service. The Executive Board was asked to decide what to send.

Minutes of the last meeting was distributed and the Council approved it as printed.

Meeting was adjourned 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

M. Narita, Executive Secretary
Community Council

MINUTES OF 118TH REGULAR MEETING

Date: Oct. 15, 1945
Chairman: Mr. Tomotsu Gomi

Time: 8:50 - 11 a.m.
Place: Council Hall

A. Recordings:

1. Chairman Gomi called the meeting to order.
2. Executive secretary took the roll. 17 were present, 3 were tardy, 8 were absent, 5 blocks were not represented.
3. Executive secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, and it was approved as read.

B. Reports:

1. Chairman:

- a. Movies offered by C. A. has been discontinued. Although Mr. Kobayakawa is willing to be the volunteer operator, C. A. has no fund to get the films which may please the residents. That is the main reason for its discontinuing the activity.
- b. Executive Board of the Council decided and sent ten dollar gift to Mr. Yakura, who appreciated the gift very much.
- c. Mr. Narita translated the announcement regarding to closing the center. It will be mimeoed before long and distributed to each block.
- d. The tea party in honor of Miss Mary Brooks of St. Louis will be held at mess 15 at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 17. Dishes will contain some fruits, cake, potato salad. Ice cream will also be served. We are grateful to our Co-op who will donate all the drinks. All the councilmen are requested to be at the place as early as possible and help sitting the table.
- e. I saw Mr. Toda who showed me the letter sent to him by Mr. Koyanagi. This letter explains to certain degree how social welfare of Los Angeles is helping the returnees. Mr. Koyanagi says that he did not apply for any help from Welfare while he was in center, but he found himself financially in a hard situation after relocating in Los Angeles area. He applied for the assistance of the welfare of the county. Now he gets an assistance of \$6.00 a day for two months. Within this period he is supposed to find a job for himself. He says there is nothing to be afraid of in applying for the help. Mr. Koyanagi is a citizen. We are not sure whether alien can enjoy the same privilege.
- f. I wrote a letter to Poston and to Gila asking for information in regard to the manner of closing a part of these two centers, but have not received the reply.
- g. The chairman and vice-chairmen of the Managers came to my apartment and asked me about the steps which would be taken by the Council toward the announcement of Mr. Johnston in regard to the final departure of the residents of the center. They also suggested to the Council to write a letter to Mr. Myer. We shall discuss about it later.

2. Mr. Yoshinaga, Board of Health.

During the last week we were not able to obtain any body for our hospital. We still need three more ambulance drivers, one boiler-man, and two kitchen helpers.

3. Mr. Narita, Board of Education.

- a. On Saturday last week, due to the fact that we have to return the barracks to the government before long, we had a general clean up and repairing. A big group came out to help the work, and did a nice job. The Board of Education
- b. appreciates such a spirit of cooperation.
- c. The letter of thanks from the Council and a gift from the Board of Health were taken to Miss Gehata, who appreciated them very deeply, and said that she would keep them forever as her treasure. She also wanted to send her best wishes to every member of the Council and of the Board of Health as well as to all the residents of the center.

C. Discussions:

1. Disposal of Books. We have quite many books sent from Japan through International Red Cross. As the closure of the center is coming near we must do something with these books. Of this problem the Council discussed and decided to divide them into two and send them to the Buddhist churches of Los Angeles and of Stockton, California, and ask them to keep these books for the good of the people.

2. Disbanding of the Council

As the time of closing the center approaches nearer and the population decreases more it will be impossible for us to continue the activities of the Council very well. The Executive Board asked the body to set the date and manner of disbanding the Council.

Mr. Aoki proposed that the Council would ask the Managers to consider incorporation of these two bodies. Mr. Okubo supported him and also proposed that such combination would take place the first of November.

The Council unanimously supported these two proposals.

3. Of Closing of the Center.

Our center will be closed on or before December 15 according to to the program.

What worries us most is how can we get houses to live after we are sent back to California. Mr. Myer has told us that he would not take us out of the center unless the social agency of the county where we are sent has assured our future, and the living quarters have been found for each one of us. But we have had many reports from those who were sent out of Poston or Gila that great many of them did not have any place, consequently they had to sleep in the tents under the bridge. At Poston a few were even imprisoned for refusing to go out because they had not been able to secure any living place.

This may be a rumor that City Council of Los Angeles, unable to handle all these forced returnees nor to house them, had to ask Poston Director to hold shipping the people out to Los Angeles Area.

The Council decided after discussing the matter for 15 minutes that the Council and the Managers would create a special committee who would write a letter to Mr. Myer and see whether he could provide all the forced returnees with the houses to live and not tents under the bridge. If houses are not available the forced return be postponed until the weather becomes little warmer.

The body asked Mr. Goni and Mr. Narita to be the committee of the Council. Mr. Goni also appointed Mr. Okubo to be the third member. These three agreed to meet at the Council office at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 16.

Meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

朗和市政参事會

第百三回週例会重要事項報告
缺席者 一九四五年六月二十五日午後二時開會

池添吉之助氏(十五)、三輪清氏(九三)、松本宗一郎氏(四三)

諸報告

一、福永議長報告

(イ) ミネドカセンターよりの報告

五月中の外部轉住者の数

ワシントン州 一六八名

オレゴン州 一七八名

カリフォルニア州 一四名

其の他の地方 三八七名

合計 七百四十七名

現在の人口 五千六百十五名

(ロ) 情報部のスミス氏より、名誉ある勳章を受けける通知に接した家族は早速スミス氏又は参事會へ通知して頂き度いとの依頼がありました。勳章を受取る前に通知して頂けば何等かの敬意を表し度いとのことであります。

(ハ) センター内の労力問題も複雑化して來つある現在、労働協調部に於ては、早速議長を選挙して陣容を整へて頂き度い。

(ニ) トパスセンターの全センター代表者會本部よりマイヤー長官への再申請書に對する承認を求めて來て居ります。當センターの意見書も近日送る様になつてゐます。

二、衛生部香川氏報告

來月中旬までに日本人医師が全部出所轉住される事に決定して居ります。後に残られるのは院長マークス氏と秋本タクシーだけでありますが、秋本タクシーも過激な仕事に加へて老年の事故最近健康を害して居られます。八月にお産をする婦人だけでも相當数あるのですが、センター居住民にとっては重大問題であります。何等の對策を講ずる必要があると思ひます。

三、教育部成田氏報告

センターに居残る子供達を無爲に遊ばして居るのは可哀想です。から一時的に私設の學校を設けてやり度いと計畫中であり、ますが大体八月一日頃に開校の予定で、先づ當分センターに居残る子供の数を調査する事に決定して居ります。

教授し得る課目は、英語、圖畫、數學(算術、代數、三角、平面並立体幾何)、物理、スペイン語、米國歴史、初步速記、造

花、生花等であります。

討議事項

一、参事会タイピストの問題

現任の上ルース嬢は近々の中に出所される筈で、今月限りで辞任される事になりました。後任のタイピストが早速必要になったので、全参事負は適當な人を物色する事に決定した。

二、壮行会費の問題

第十四回目までは各ブラックから一弗宛贈金してゐたのを、今後第十五回目からは参事会の基金から支出する事とす。

三、墓地の問題

ワシントンより所長ジョンストン氏に對してセンター内の墓地の整理の伴に就て問合せの書類が來てゐる。ワシントンに於ても未だ方針を決定してゐないので、各センターからの報告書を検討の上作製する事になってゐる。發掘、發送、火葬等に関する遺族の希望もあるであらうし、又無縁佛もあり、種々の問題はあるが、墓地は現在のみ、保存しなさいのが住民の意向である事を通知する事に決定。

四、センター閉鎖に関する問題

ワシントンより、センター閉鎖に伴ふ所民の出所轉住に關し、七八、九月が最も適當であると言ふ勧告が來てゐる。我々の轉住に當つて最も至難なのは住宅の問題である。今週の水曜日に参事会及区長会の代表はジョンストン氏に会見して、W.R.A.は住宅問題を早く解決して我々の出所可能ならしむる様に努力する様申込む事に決定。

五、病院の問題

院長タクター・マークス氏よりの話では、來月の中旬頃までに現任の日本人医師は秋本タクターを除いて、全部出所轉住される事になってゐる。看護婦助手、其の他の病院従業員も減少してゐる現在、二人の医師で五千人を受持つとなると、クリニックも閉鎖して、只エマーゲンシーのケイスのみしか取扱はれない状態になる。ワシントンへ医師を依頼しても現在までの経験では不可能である。ホストンの第二、第三キャンプの閉鎖に依つて、当所へ医師を招聘方をW.R.A.を通じて交渉する方法もあるが、どのセンターも医師不足に悩んでゐる現状及医師も出所を希望されてゐる等の理由で望みが薄いと見ねばならない。当所のタクター達も今迄に既に犠牲的に最大の努力を拂つて頂いたのであり、且一身上の問題もある事だから之以上引当める事は情に於て忍びない。現在まで在米同胞の爲にと言ふ名に依つてタクター達を引当めてゐたのですけれども、在米同胞自身それ／＼の目的に依つて出所して行く現在、参事会の立場としては、所内居住民の爲に一応留任請願をする必要はあると思ふが、尚之が對策を協議する爲参事会には区長会並に衛生部との今月協議会を開いて研究する事に決した。

— 以上 —

(閉会午後四時四十分)

Minutes of 119th Regular Meeting

Date: Oct. 22, 1945
Chairman: Mr. T. Gomi

Time: 9:15 a.m.-11 a.m.
Place: Council Hall

A. Recordings:

1. Chairman Gomi called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
2. Executive secretary took the roll. 16 were present; 10 were absent; 7 blocks were not represented.
3. Executive secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and the Council approved it as read.

B. Reports:

1. Chairman:

- a. Topaz Council was disbanded on Oct. 11, 1945 (chairman read the letter written by Mr. Nodobara)
- b. All-Center Conference sent us a copy of Mr. Myer's comments on the suggestions made by the Topaz Center on September 21, 1945 (the chairman read the translation)
- c. We have seen Mr. Johnston about combining the Council and the Managers. He said he was expecting such union sooner or later. He also approved Nov. 1, 1945 as the date of union
- d. Mr. Fukunaga sent us a lengthy letter telling his impression on the trip and explaining the conditions of housing and jobs in Los Angeles. (The chairman read the letter through)

2. Mr. Narita

The committee, created last week to write a letter to Mr. Myer, met, discussed, and wrote an appeal to him. (Mr. Narita explained the contents of the letter)

C. Discussion:

1. Letters of thanks and gifts to some of the Council members. The chair proposed that before combining the Council and the Managers the Council should reward the members who served in the Council's Activities for last one year or more, and letters of thanks should be sent to them. The Council discussed the matter briefly and approved the proposal unanimously, and agreed to create a committee to make all the necessary arrangement. The chair appointed the following four as the committee members:

Mr. Takahashi	Block 3
Mr. Nakamura	" 16
Mr. Sumi	" 20
Mr. Yamaguchi	" 40

D. Additional report.

Two letters were received before adjourning the meeting. One was from Poston Center, and the other from Butte Camp of Gila Center. Both of them were to the reply to our inquiry as to the manner of closing a part of those centers, and difficulty risen from the movement. Each had its own problems but as a whole the difficulty was much less than it had been feared.

Meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

M. Narita
Executive secretary
Community Council

MINUTES OF 120th REGULAR MEETING - ROWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: October 29, 1945
Chairman: Mr. Tamotsu Gomi

Time: 9:00 to 11:15 A.M.
Place: Council Hall

A. RECORDINGS

1. Chairman Gomi called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.
2. Executive Secretary took the roll. Fourteen were present; four came later; eight were absent. Seven Resident Blocks were not represented.
3. Minutes of the last meeting was handed to each member and there was nothing to be corrected.

B. REPORTS

1 Chairman:

- a. I wrote a letter to Heart Mountain Council asking more about the "saisei kai" but have not received their reply as yet.
- b. Mr. Takemura will make boxes to pack the books to be sent to Los Angeles and Stockton.
- c. Speaking of the key workers who have received Notice of Departure between November 5-9th, we have asked Mr. Johnston to defer their departure for a while, and sent the names to Mr. Moulton, but so far, we did not have any official reply. Somebody told me that they have decided not to make any deferment for those who have received the Notice of Departure.
- d. It seems possible to get the government permission to have the land used as our cemetery, and to have the road built from the highway to the cemetery. It is requested, however, to have some kind of organization or an individual who can be responsible for the possible negotiation with the government which may arise after closing of the Center.

2. Mr. Takemura, for U. S. O.

U. S. O. will have its meeting tomorrow night and will decide when to have the dedication of the memorial tower of the soldiers. The U. S. O. members are hoping to have it on Sunday, November 4th. The definite date will be published on the Outpost. I ask the assistance of all the servicemen's families, the Council and the Managers.

3. Mr. Yoshinaga, Board of Health.

- a. Many hospital workers received the notice to leave on the 9th of next month. Two out of three ambulance drivers must go, and five boiler-men, about three kitchen workers, some janitors and nurses' aides are also leaving the hospital. More than ten of them can stay if deferred, but as the Chairman announced, the deferment does not seem obtainable, and Hospital operation will be very seriously hindered.
- b. The Board of Health has been discussing about November appreciation. Some People may object to pay for November because they will not be in Center during that month, but still there may be some who are willing to give. I want your consideration on this matter, whether we should collect it or ask only for volunteers, or not collect at all.

4. Mr. Narita, Board of Education.

The members of Board of Education of the Council and of the Board of Directors of School Management had a joint meeting Friday night last week, and decided the following things:

1. Temporary school will be closed on Friday, November 2, 1945.
2. A meeting of Block representatives of education will be held at 7 a.m. Wednesday, October 31, 1945.
3. A little gift (about ten cents worth) will be given to each child.
4. General cleaning of the school building will be done on Saturday, November 3, 1945, at 9 a.m.
5. An appreciation tea party will be given in honor of all the teachers at 7 p.m. Saturday, November 3, 1945, at Mess Hall 23.

C. DISCUSSION

1 Of Cemetery

According to Mr. Moulton, government has demanded a blue-print of the location of the land used as our cemetery. It means that there is much possibility for us to have the grant of that particular piece of land. But it is necessary for us to have somebody or an organization who can accept and represent the ownership after the Center is closed.

Mr. Yakushiji proposed that we should raise some money and donate it to some local or religious organization on the condition that such party will protect our cemetery. Mr. Toyota wanted to see Park Commissioner of the County to look after the cemetery.

The Council decided:

1. To write and ask Mr. Y. Nakagawa and Mr. S. Shingu, possibly somebody else, who have relocated near Little Rock to be the responsible persons in case there is any negotiation with the government.
2. To raise some one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars, and in raising such money the Council would ask Managers' consent and assistance.
3. To find and negotiate with the Park Commission of Desha County.
4. To report and ask the cooperation of U.S.O. in carrying out of these decisions.
5. To report these decisions to Buddhist and Christian churches and ask them if there is any suggestions in regard to upkeep of our cemetery.

2. November Appreciation for Hospital Workers.

There is no question in collecting appreciation for October, but for November the question is different because some of the residents will leave the Center early November, and there will not be many workers left in the Hospital next month. The problem is that most of the members of Board of Health will have been gone by the end of November, and nobody would take care of distributing the appreciation. So it seems wise to give it in advance.

The Council decided that the appreciation for November would be collected only from those who are willing to donate, and such collections would be made within this week.

3. Letter of Thanks to Dr. Akimoto and Dr. Ohira.

The Council sent its letter to all the doctors expressing its thanks for their sacrificial service. The question was brought out a few months ago that the Council must do something to express its thanks for Dr. Ohira who had been helping the residents from purely nonprofit basis, although he did not work in Center hospital.

The decision of the Council was as follows:

1. The Council would send its letter of thanks to Dr. Akimoto.
 2. It will reserve itself from sending the letter of thanks to Dr. Ohira who had been helping the people privately whereas the Council should not go into any private matters unless it does harm to the public.
4. Letters of thanks and gift to some of the members and workers of Council.
- The Council created a committee to decide to whom such letters and gifts would be sent. The Committee decided the following as recipients: Messrs. Gomi, Narita, Chairman and Executive Secretary respectively of Council; and Messrs Okubo, Blk 1, Nakajima, Blk 10, Takemura, Blk 14, Sugimoto, Blk 25, and Nishikata, Blk 26, Block Councilmen.

5. Of Shortage of Rice.

Mr. Yokoyama proposed that the Council should do something against the shortage of rice.

Our meals are cooked in such a way that we cannot enjoy food unless we have rice; in other words--food is cooked in Japanese style in most of the cases. Japanese food without rice is more or less American food without main course.

The Council agreed that Mr. Gomi and Mr. Narita would see Mr. Hudson and discuss about the situation.

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D. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Yokoyama: Most of those who are sent back to California are furnished with temporary housing. Do they have to have their furniture delivered to those houses. They must go out of those before long.

Mr. Gomi: I heard through unofficial channel that baggage is sent to the temporary houses, but freight can be kept in the Center until a permanent house is found. Of the baggage, a full fare person can take 150 lbs.; a half fare person, 75 lbs; and child younger than two years old cannot take any baggage, but 500 lbs. of express is allowed. In this case, the contents of the package must be known to the officials. Expenses of carrying baggage from station to the residence is different in various localities. In Los Angeles evacuees have delivery of baggage at their front door, but in Chicago they get it at station.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M. after Chairman's announcement that Council would meet Tuesday morning from now on.

Respectfully submitted

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