Minutes of the meeting |

of the 2007 Annual Meeting of Japanese Teachers Association of Texas (JTAT) held at 5:00 PM on Friday, November 16, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm on November 16 at Tokyo Inn at 819 W Hildebrand Ave, San Antonio, TX by Hiroko Sato, President of the JTAT. Present were:

Kawabe-sensei	**Nourishirazi-sensei**
Suzumura-sensei	**Sanada-sensei**
Sweigert-sensei	**Tang-sensei**
Reade-sensei	**O'Donnell-sensei**
Sato-sensei	**Yabe-sensei**
Legris-sensei	**Johnson-sensei**
Makita-sensei	**Kuwahara-sensei**
Brotherton-sensei	**Hardt-sensei**
Bolinger-sensei	**Adcock-sensei**
Okutani-sensei	**Sheridan-sensei**

Upcoming Events

Sato presented upcoming events starting with Nengajo Contest in Nakashige sensei's absence, who will be in charge of the event. The contest format will be the same as last year unless there were any new ideas to be implemented. No new ideas were proposed by the present members and Sato moved for approval of the event the same as last year, which was approved by all attendees.

Sato presented updates on the Speech Contest with the report made by the Speech Contest Committee consisted of members from Consul-general of Japan at Houston, Japanese Association of Greater Houston, Japan-Business Association of Houston, and JTAT. Updates included:

1) Poem selection : will be made by Speech Contest from 2009
2) Regional and state contests: Houston, Dallas and San Antonio regional will be held each in February on dates provided on JTAT Website.
3) State Final will be on 2/23/08 at Rice University, Houston. The State final venue has changed due to its cost now charged by HISD.
4) State final location (2009) : Speech Contest Committee proposed change of venue because of Houston's sole operation in the event.

Sanada sensei moved to oppose the proposal for the past examples of venue in rolling cities. Sanada sensei moved to initiate the Speech Contest being centralized for Houston for the venue because of the location of CGJH which is a major reason to be conducted in Houston. Attendees seconded.

Sato presented Financial Report in absence of Jinbo sensei.

Sato presented Web Domain & Mail Server for JTAT.ORG. which were approved by attendees.

Hardt sensei presented Board Operations & Bylaws and discussed:
1) Officer duties
2) Proposed changes to bylaws in terms of Term of office, Purposes of JTAT, Clarification of the Board of Directors and Officers
3) Newsletter
4) Forming Committees
No motion was made by attendees for objection on amendments on the Board operations and bylaws.

Unfinished business

1) Japan Knowledge Bowl (tentative)
2) Benkyookai
3)Stipend for teacher training or professional development (tentative)

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM for dinner and social.