

**2014 JTAT & Japan Foundation Sakura Network Workshop
Annual Meeting & Luncheon Minutes**

Japan Foundation Sakura Network & JTAT Workshop 2014
Rayzor Hall 123 at Rice University in Houston, TX

Members in attendance (24 participants)

(敬称略) : Yayoi Takeuchi, Hiroko Sato, Yoshiko Fujii Gaines, Chizuko Borlinger, Yuko Kawabe, Kazuko Sanada, Masumi Reade, Mihoko Yamamura (Nakashige), Midori Ukita, Junko Hatanaka, Yoshimi Sheridan, Noriko Baxter, Makiko Fukuda, Erina Romanowich, Daniel Watanabe, Akiko Watanabe, Elizabeth Hojo, Sachiko Fukushige, Yukie Aida, Chikako Hirayama Cooke, Yumi Yoshida, Yuko Kato, Noriko Komatsu Herring, Yuki Waugh

The meeting was opened by President Takeuchi sensei

1. Finances Report & Approval (Vice President Fujii sensei)
 - The current balance is \$4,406.38. The expense in Fall 2013 to Fall 2014 includes \$12.35 for postage, \$230.00 for the 2013 JTAT summer workshop, and \$215.76 for webhosting for the JTAT listserv (in total of \$458.11). The income includes the memberships from the Japan Foundation, Los Angeles and AATJ in total of \$795.00. The total change is \$336.89.
2. New Officer Election (Fujii sensei)
 - New officer election for president, treasurer, and one committee will be conducted online. The election committee will nominate candidates and elect. The election committee chair and committee members will be elected.
3. 2014 ACTFL @ San Antonio Preparation Progress (Kawabe sensei)
 - JTAT will host a table of a origami dolls (*anesan ningyo*) workshop at ACTFL.
 - JTAT will display a panel of slideshows with pictures of students' activities from San Antonio, Dallas, Austin and Houston regions.
 - Each person is to send four photos to the regional officer for the slideshow:
 - San Antonio - Romanowich sensei
 - Dallas - Nakashige (Yamamura) sensei
 - Austin - Hatanaka sensei
 - Houston - Waugh
 - The photos should show activities/actions, not group pictures.
 - Each JTAT Welcome Committee member introduced themselves:
 - Noriko Baxter sensei from Incarnate Word High School
 - Erina sensei from University of Texas at San Antonio, Toa Gakuin coordinator
 - Yuko Kawabe sensei from San Antonio College

4. 2015 Speech Contest (Sato sensei)
 - 2015 Texas State Japanese Speech Contest is scheduled on March 7, 2015.
 - The Houston Regional Japanese Speech Contest is scheduled on February 7, 2015.
 - Takeuchi sensei asked for speech contest division information. Sato sensei responded that she will announce after she discusses with the Speech Contest Committee.

5. 2015 JTAT Workshop Themes (Takeuchi sensei, Kawabe sensei)
 - The 2015 workshop instructor will be Dr. Seiichi Makino and is schedule on Sunday, May 17 in San Antonio.

(Minutes taken by Secretary Yuki Waugh)