

## **JETAA Canberra Inc Committee Meeting**

Held: Sunday 9 November 2008  
Location: Amanda West's house  
Time: Start: 3.00pm, End: 6.00pm

Next Meeting: Friday 12 December 2008  
Location: Machiato Bar  
Time: 5.30pm

**Attendees: Amanda, Aler, Nicola, Murray, Lucy, Ailsa**  
**Apologies: Andrea, Ewan, Rachel, Nicole, Vanessa, Megan**

### **Position Reports:**

- **President:**
  - Candlefest went well,
    - Very successful with Floriade
    - Held a month early
    - Photos have been uploaded to the website
    - Our tent may have been the least popular
    - Great weather contributed to success
    - Beer was very popular – Andrea bought an extra 10 cases
    - 12 cases of leftover water – Sold at softball and to members to recoup cost
  - Liaising with CLAIR and the Embassy
  - Oceania preparation underway
    - Receiving inquiry about our fund raising before the conference: Dan from JETAA WA/NT has requested information on our recipe for success
    - Very important topic due to talk of CLAIR cutting funding
- **VP/Secretary:**
  - Minutes were revised and uploaded to website
  - Jade's minutes were also finished
- **Treasurer:**
  - Mailbox: CLAIR minutes and McFest notice – Nicola will give to Megan
  - \$17,605.75 + \$130 Embassy Newsletter cheque
  - By the end of December, send out receipts to GIA CLAIR
    - Will be getting more GIA since Lucy is Country Rep
  - Made \$2,805.19 at Candlefest
    - Found one extra box of gyoza at the end of the night
    - 2 unknown cheques: \$11.41 for water and matches, could be for Nicole; \$12 for shallots and ice, could be for Vanessa
  - Made \$50 selling leftover water at Softball
- **Social Coordinators:** Unattended

- **Webmaster:**
  - Facebook: 28 members, slowly growing, photos are uploaded
  - Website – Redesign is in the works, make it flashier, not just functional
    - Should be ready in about 2 months
    - Website is hosted through Canada and so is free
    - No blog on current server or calendar
    - Weekly emails have been uploaded regularly
    - People are still contacting Murray to be signed up to weekly email
  - 2 new JETS were met at Candlefest
- **Orientation Coordinator:** Jade is in Hawaii

**Trivia:** Has run for 3 years.

- Will be recommended for next year's committee to continue
- Yuko got Embassy staff to turn up and provided some equipment

**Candlefest:** Made nearly \$3,000

- Thanks to Vanessa and all her hard work
- This will be a major contribution to the Oceania Conference
- Think about: Turning the tent around and selling beer from one side
- Kirin's cheaper but Asahi is more popular
- Risks involved with the event: Bad weather, but can still sell off excess to members
- Have an Otsukarasama Party with CJC, AJS and the Embassy to discuss
- Try to order gyoza further ahead of time
- Works well with one main coordinator plus a sub committee

**Multi Cultural Fest 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

- Can not have glass bottles, check with Cambell's Cash and Carry if they sell and Japanese beer in cans
- Consider having a keg
- Jim Murphy's only has Sapporo in cans
- Kirin has supplier in Perth, Murray will email about supply
- Consider running the tent after the dinner shift and only selling beer
  - Need extra people to cover the time
  - Lots of drunks at this time
  - Ask Embassy to help as we are the only group representing Japan
  - Contact AJS to make and provide snacks to sell with beer
- Health restrictions are tighter than Candlefest
  - Makes it harder to bring in extra supplies and food
- Another meeting will be needed to decide everything
  - Have a meeting before Bon Enkai to get the ball rolling

### **Young Cherry Picking Field Trip Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

- Invite has been sent out on Facebook
- Meet in Canberra at 10am
- Drive to Young and have lunch around 12pm
- There's a tourist centre for souvenirs
- Around 1:30pm head to the orchard and enjoy cherry picking
- Drivers and passengers will be coordinated
- JETAA will pay for petrol for members
- Lucy can't go
- Aler will write up a blurb for the weekly email for invitation
- You only pay for the cherries you take home
- Consider inviting AJS?
- 2 hour drive one way

**Sydney:** Might go down for their MCFest. Next year's committee can consider this possibility

**News:** Emma has started working at the Embassy as the new JET recruiter

### **JALTs:**

- Varying degrees of relationships
- Complicated when they move around during their homestays
- Saori is by far the most active
- Essay Contest: Last year 4 participated, this year only 1
  - Winning essay will be sent to Aler to be uploaded to website
  - Give Saori \$100 cheque
  - Nicola will make up a certificate
  - This will be presented at the final O-Shaberikai of the year
- Invite them to Bon Enkai, Cherry Picking and O-Shaberikais

**Film:** Free passes to be given out for this year's Japan Film Festival

**Softball:** Went well. Photos are up. Practice was fun. Didn't win. But will encourage next year's committee to participate

**CLAIR:** Have a good relationship with the director, Kenji Ikeda

- Families came to Candlefest
- Will ask CLAIR and Sydney JETAA to participate at MCFest
- Murray will drop off some omiyage at Christmas time
- Try to find out when Japanese come to town – encourage more grassroots internationalization.

**ANU Presentation:** 13 people turned up. Quality is going down

**Recruitment:**

- Try to do a presentation at University of Canberra – get a wider audience
- Consider putting information in alumni magazines and career centers
- Go out to schools and embassies
- Make up booklets with Embassy publishing money
  - Key phrases in Japanese
  - JET info
  - Hand out at language sessions. And the Embassy can hand them out
- Contact the Japanese teachers at UC
- Put up posters at CIT

**O-Shaberikai:** Last one for the year is on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at the Holy Grail. It will be informal as always with some Japanese language exchange

**Oceania Conference:** All the preparation is finished. Presentation was sent around to committee members for review. Suggestions taken into account. Lucy will email Ailsa with Logo competition information to be added to the presentation CD. Need about 8 copies for all JET chapters and CLAIR.

**Country Rep/ Paris Update – JETAA International Conference:**

- Each country gave an example of what their chapter is up to and events
  - Auckland does a great DVD competition
- Sponsoring a charity this year – will revisit again and decide if it should be changed
  - Room to Read – Gives books to children in Laos and Cambodia
  - Have a book drive – Bring a book to next event
  - JETAA pays postage to CLAIR, or they can be taken to Sydney
  - Check website for details
  - Books should be in English, new and not textbooks
  - Consider having people bring a book to Bon Enkai for a discount
- Budgets – CLAIR is cutting funding.
  - Will happen all at once
  - CLAIR may announce that JETAA can no longer use GIA food and drinks at events
  - CLAIR wants breakdown of funding for each chapter: Spending, GIA, Embassy, JETAA
- Make up a general Oceania logo that can be used with New Zealand
  - Print the logo on pins, ties, pens, clear plastic sleeves and hand towels
  - Give these items as gifts to Embassy and CLAIR staff
  - Sell items to departing JETs to be used as omiyage upon arrival
  - Give them to departing JETs to remind them to contact JETAA when they return
- CMS – “JETAA only Facebook”
  - Looks promising
  - Security concerns addressed by CLAIR agreeing that individuals need not post a physical address – they can be contacted via their chapter

- CLAIR Tokyo just needs chapter mail list
- Good for administration – all you have to do is log in
- Keep new member updates and recent returnees updated
- CLAIR is covering the set up costs then JETAA I will contribute to maintenance
- Chapters won't need to contribute

**Bank:** Failed to sign Ailsa up, have been coping, won't bother now

**Lanyon High:** Had to re-issue the cheque

- Students are away during Candlefest so can't help out
- Ask if they can help for MCFest
- Can't maintain this level of gifting
- Consider giving book prizes for speech contests, students and libraries
- Consider having a new committee position of School Liaison

**Bon Enkai:** \$55 per head. Pay for drinks as you go

- Invited Guests: Mr & Mrs Shinki and children, Yuko - \$0
- Non members (AJS, partners) – Full price \$55
- Members & JALTs - \$20
- 30 spots available so RSVP
- Murray should confirm booking and schmooze a bit with the chef so he knows who JETAA is

**AJS:** Elaine(AJS VP) emailed to set up a meeting with Murray to evaluate the working relationship between the two groups and what can be improved upon

- They are an older demographic, not much in common
- Try to cross promote events
  - Our events are supposed to be advertised in their newsletter
- Consider formalizing our relationship: What's the benefit?
  - Pooling resources for activities
  - Influence with the National Federation of Australia Japan Societies
  - Could we piggy back on their insurance?
- Ask for help at MCFest and continue our informal relationship
- We don't have to sit on their committee