

Next Generation Group Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, January 10, 2009

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Home of Janice Ng and Tu Ahn, Costa Mesa, CA

Attendees: David Ng, Serena Ng, Lance Eng, Tracy Quinto, Keith Fay, Tu Ahn, Janice Ng, Rick Eng

Board members and officers Janice Ng, president, Serena Ng, secretary, and Tracy Quinto* were present, thus constituting a quorum to hold meeting.

*By Board affirmation Tracy Quinto was elected Co-Vice President in December 2008.

Janice called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Janice thanked NGG members for attending and for contributing to the potluck dinner.

Janice welcomed Keith Fay, the husband of Catherine Eng, to the meeting.

Group Accomplishments

Janice talked about the great strides the Next Generation Group had made in 2008 regarding strengthening collegiality, elevating its presence before the parent organization (Eng Family Benevolent Association) and laying the foundations for future civic/community outreach. The Las Vegas weekend in July helped to cement friendships and the co-sponsored Youth Career Day in August was a huge success as attested by the attendance figure (more than 80 participants). Many of the active Eng family members got to know NGG members faces as they provided service and support during several special occasion luncheons at the clubhouse in Chinatown.

Agenda for 2009

Janice asked attendees what should be goals as well as priorities for the group in 2009. The major event of the year will be the Eng Family World Convention in September aboard a Carnival Cruises ship. NGG members planning on attending will be expected to provide support services, such as assisting seniors on board and possible transportation between ship and airport. Other events are career development workshop series and possible Artwalk. Another Vegas trip also was also proposed. With a broad perspective on the coming year and the available resources and commitment, what activities and goals would be achievable?

Lance Eng emphasized the importance of trying to get other members to become more involved in NGG activities. One suggestion was contacting Rita Ng, who was Miss California in 2000, and is reportedly working at Cedar-Sinai. A high profile member such as Rita may help with recruitment efforts.

Action Items:

- Janice will meet with Darren Ng, co-organizer of the proposed Artwalk, to discuss the viability of holding such an event with what appears to be an already full calendar of events.
- Lance, with Darren's assistance, will try to contact Rita Ng.
- Rick Eng will start to implement the first of the career development workshops (possibly in March).

Expanding Profiles of Other Members

Janice indicated that both she and Lance have been the "face" of the group at public functions. She wanted to encourage others to speak at future public functions, so other NGG members will become familiar to the immediate Eng family community. Chief Financial Officer Cynthia Wu was mentioned as a good candidate.

Increasing Membership

Rick suggested the need for a membership coordinator to focus mainly on the implementation of programs designed to increase interest and participation. One of the responsibilities of the coordinator is to research proven methodologies and to create programs unique to the goals and objectives of the Next Generation Group. Membership issues could be managed by a committee of volunteers or an individual with the support of volunteers when required.

Next Steps

Dates for NGG's calendar of events will probably be confirmed after the Eng Family Benevolent Association/L.A. Chapter Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, January 18. As current president of the NGG, Janice can attend. Lance as a co-vice president and Rick as chair of the student scholarship committee will be present.

Having no further topics of discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

These minutes were recorded and submitted for approval by Rick Eng, executive director.