

Next Generation Group, Eng Family Association L.A.

Meeting Minutes for Saturday, August 12, 2006, 4:00pm—5:30pm

The meeting was held at the S Restaurant in Westminster, California.

Call to Order

Four of the five NGG officers were present and thus achieved a quorum for a meeting. They were Lance Eng, President; Serena Ng, Vice President; Wayne Ng, Vice President; and Alex Eng, Chief Financial Officer. Absent was Janice Ng, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Lance at 4:45pm.

The following NGG members were in attendance: Steven Ng, Tracy Quinto, David K. Ng, Darren Ng, and Rick Eng. New members were Claire Wu and Priscilla Wu. No senior members of the main Eng Family Association were in attendance.

In absence of the secretary, the minutes were recorded by Rick.

Approval of July 2006 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the July NGG meeting were approved by unanimous vote of the NGG officers present. Lance instructed Rick to post the minutes on the NGG website for download.

President's Report

Lance wanted to publicly acknowledge David and his law firm, Ng Do-Khanh, PC, for hosting the meeting at the S Restaurant. The location offered relief for those who commute from far distances to Chinatown for regular NGG meetings at the Association headquarters. The restaurant also offered a relaxed setting to conduct business and engage in social conversation during the subsequent dinner.

Lance reported on Mrs. Kam Fong Lee Ng's 80th Birthday Party celebration on July 29 at the Empress Pavilion restaurant. NGG members in attendance were Lance, Janice, Serena, David, Wayne, Steve and Rick. The NGG officers in attendance presented Mrs. Ng with an honorary member certificate, the first given by NGG. Mrs. Ng's family in appreciation of the recognition and of the group's efforts generously donated a check of \$300.00 to the group. Pictures of the event can be viewed at NGG Yahoo group website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ng-ngg/>.

As with last month's meeting, Lance emphasized the importance of regularity and Continuity for NGG involvement, such as regular monthly meetings and communications to the membership. He reiterated that the NGG Yahoo group site should be used for ongoing dialogue among the membership on ideas for promoting the group. Members who have not registered are encouraged to do so.

Treasurer's Report

Alex received the \$300.00 check from Lance to deposit into the Maximizer checking account he had setup for NGG, which is under the name of the parent group (L.A. Chapter of the Eng Family Benevolent Association). Disbursements of monies from the account require the signatures of two NGG officers.

Old Business

NGG Mission Statement. Lance circulated his suggestion to the members present for their opinion. His submission is “*To provide NGG members the opportunity to cultivate relationships for personal and professional growth to positively impact our family and community relationships.*” Lance had asked if anyone had submitted ideas for the Mission Statement in the NGG Yahoo group site. Lance will post his contribution on the Yahoo Group forum for members to review and make comments.

Mrs. Kam Fong Lee Ng's 80th Birthday Party Celebration. Lance said he would draft a thank you letter to the Ng family for their donation to the NGG. Lance asked Rick to make a stationary template with the NGG logo.

NGG Yahoo group website. Lance reminded everyone to sign up for the NGG Yahoo group website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ng-ngg/>.

New Business

Welcome New Members. NGG welcomed new members Claire Wu and Priscilla Wu, residents of Southern California. Both are sisters and stated their grandfather was very active in the Association in New York City. Darren asked if other regional chapters were involved in setting up their own NGG. Boston was named as a city that had shown some interest at our activities. Wayne suggested that a project in the future would be a template/start-up kit that could assist the other chapters to start their NGGs.

NGG member survey. Please see Communications/Marketing Committee report below.

Next social event. Janice proposed a social gathering in between monthly meetings. Please see the Social/Membership Committee report below.

Mike Eng Birthday/Fundraiser. Wayne announced that Mike Eng, the Democratic candidate for the 49th district of the California Assembly, was having a birthday celebration at the Ocean Star restaurant in Monterey Park on August 30. It is a celebration given by friends and supporters of his election efforts in November. Wayne recommended that NGG members could become involved individually by attending the event and individuals could support Mike's candidacy by purchasing one table (\$99 individual, \$1,000 for “Gold” table). The currently bylaws of the Association prohibit any political endorsement but does not prohibit its members from engaging in these activities as individuals.

Committee Reports

Communications/Marketing

Committee chair Rick and member Darren have developed a NGG member survey incorporate a mix of statistical and fun questions in order to gauge the interests, concerns and beliefs of the collective. The survey was posted on the website and announcements were sent inviting participation. At the August meeting, Rick and Darren collected a substantial number of the completed surveys and both will work on a presentation showcasing the results of the survey, probably in electronic form (i.e., *PowerPoint*).

Finance/Fundraising

Alex submitted his update in the Treasurer's Report above.

Legal Affairs

Committee chair Wayne continues his ongoing review of the governing documents and looking into the ramifications of the tax exempt status change for NGG, from 501(c)(7) to 501(c)(3).

Social/Membership

Serena said she will work with Janice on ideas for promoting social events for building membership and strengthening collegiality. Janice had originally proposed a beach volleyball/BBQ gathering at Rick's place in Long Beach in September. Rick said he was more than happy to accommodate. However, Janice was not in attendance at the August meeting, so the discussion on a date was inconclusive. Serena urged members to use the Yahoo group site for posting their availability in September.

Special Projects

Special Projects Chair Steven Ng reported that he had tried to capture audio at the birthday celebration for Mrs. Ng in July, particularly during the presentation of the NGG honorary member certificate. However, the audio was not clear due to the decibel level of conflicting sounds coming from the dining room. Steven was hoping to capture audio to use for the Oral History Project for the Association. Steven would like to move on this project as soon as possible since he will be busy with other work commitments. Steven asked members at the meeting for candidates for the interviews as well as interviewers. Some members felt that Janice is ideal to interview participants because of her fluency in Chinese.

Next Meeting Date

The next NGG meeting is schedule for Saturday, September 30, 11:00am, at headquarters of the Eng Family Benevolent Association L.A. Chapter in Chinatown. Rick will post announcements on website and send updates to all members.

Adjournment

With regular business concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm to fully participate in the sit-down dinner.