

# Next Generation Group, Eng Family Association L.A.

## Meeting Minutes for Saturday, September 30, 2006, 11:00am

The meeting was held at the Eng Family Benevolent Association of Los Angeles Headquarters, 418 Cottage Home in Los Angeles.

### Call to Order

Three of the five NGG officers were present and thus achieved a quorum for a meeting. They were Lance Eng, President; Serena Ng, Vice President; and Wayne Ng, Vice President. Alex Eng, Chief Financial Officer, was out of town attending to a family matter. Janice Ng, Secretary, arrived later due to a prior commitment

The meeting was called to order by Lance at 11:30am.

The following NGG members were in attendance: David K. Ng, Claire Wu and Rick Eng. New member: Cynthia Wu.

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

### Approval of August 2006 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the August 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

Due to the small assembly of members, Lance thought we could forego the agenda and deal directly with topical issues. Lance emphasized the importance of adopting a Mission Statement for the group, so it could decide on what its goals and activities focus should be. He received feedback on the statement he crafted and submitted for review on the NGG Yahoo group website. Lance said the group should vote on a statement by the next meeting.

Lance reiterated the importance of regularity and continuity for NGG involvement, such as regular monthly meetings and communications to the membership. The NGG Yahoo group site should be used for ongoing dialogue among the membership on ideas for promoting the group. Members should register at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ng-ngg/>.

The floor was open for suggestions on how to increase membership and ensure participation, recognizing that members have personal lives, distances, and commitments that may prevent them from attending and participating on a regular basis.

A recommended program designed to attract more interest that was suggested by Wayne was a mentoring program. The target audience could be the winners of the 2006 Scholarship Fund.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Due to the absence of the Chief Financial Officer at the meeting, no report was given.

## **Old Business**

*NGG Mission Statement.* Lance re-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 asked members to submit ideas for the Mission Statement in the NGG Yahoo group site: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ng-ngg/>.

*Scholarship Fund.* Although NGG is not directly involved in the Scholarship Fund, Association elders Ben Ng and Peter Ng were asked to provide an overview of the scholarship program and the recent ceremony awarding the monies to recipients. A recent NGG newsletter covered the ceremony.

## **New Business**

*Welcome New Members.* Cynthia Wu was officially welcome at the meeting.

*Donation.* The National Association Western Regional Grand President Peter Ng officially donated a check for the amount of \$1,000.00 to NGG. Peter's past support and ongoing encouragement was recognized and appreciated by the NGG members.

*Halloween Celebration Dinner.* Much of the remainder of the meeting was focused on the Halloween Celebration Dinner organized by the Women's Group of the Eng Family Benevolent Association/L.A.. The event is scheduled on Saturday, October 28, at 6:30pm. The location of the event is the Golden Dragon restaurant in Chinatown. About 16 tables were estimated for the turnout. The cost per seat is \$25.00. It was encouraged to have NGG members occupy two tables. The Women's Group organizers would like NGG members to help with decorations of the tables and banquet room for the event and also contribute to the evening's entertainment. Costumes were encouraged. Serena, Janice and Cynthia agreed to meet on Saturday, October 14, at the Association headquarters to shop for materials and supplies for decorations, which would be expensed from the operating budget.

## **Committee Reports**

No Committee reports were given at this time.

## **Next Meeting Date**

The next NGG meeting is schedule for Saturday, November 4, 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 12:50pm.