<u>Xiong United Association of Sacramento, Inc</u> General meeting w./Board of Directors n advisors

Meeting Minutes/Synopsis

9/25/2013
6:00pm

1. Roll Call

Present: Chaiv Pao Xiong, Nhia Pha Xiong, Norbee, Larry Ma Xiong, Nhia Pao Xiong, Nhiabee Xiong Channon L. Xiong, Victor Neng Xiong, Tommy K. Xiong, Charlie Xiong, May Cha- Xiong

2. Action Item: Approval of Ms. May Cha- Xiong's changed of position from being XUAS treasurer to XUAS secretary.

Mr. Tommy Xiong announced the changed of Ms. May Cha – Xiong's position and why both Mr. Nhiabee and Mr. Tommy had decided to change her position. Mr. Tommy acknowledged that even though Ms. May cha was elected by the people to be the treasurer for XUAS. Ms. May Cha has been acting and playing the role of both the treasurer and the secretary due to her understanding of maintaining the necessary documentations for organizational purposes. She and Vamoua both had worked very hard to keep accurate records of XUAS activities however Ms. Cha's dedication to the organization is a clear indication to both Mr. Nhiabee and Mr. Tommy that they needed her to help maintainws the organizations' documentations as it is extremely crucial that the community have accurate information of XUAS performances and activities. The board of directors and advisors supported both Mr. Nhiabee and Mr. Tommy's proposal to change Ms. May Cha-Xiong's position. The transfer of Ms. May Cha's position is now official. She will be the secretary of XUAS.

3. Discussion/Action Items: Membership forms, Treasurer Application deadline, Xiong United National Presidential Election Date, Xiong United National Scholarship Availability, Blong Xiong Political Campaign, leaving general discussion and Q/A for last.

Mr. Nhiabee reminded the board of directors the importance of encouraging their members to turned in their membership form to XUAS as soon as possible. A deadline date has been given to them but so far no application has been turned in. XUAS need to have these forms to determine the appropriate services that needed to be developed to better serve the community (members).

Mr. Tommy Xiong announced the Treasurer position and encourage all board of directors to take the application home to their members and to help encourage all interest parties to return to the application to XUAS by the date posted on the application.

The agenda discussion as listed has been changed from its' original drafted. Mr. Tommy Xiong feels that since there were many subject that needs to be discussed pertaining Xiong United National... he proposed to moved Mr. Blong Xiong Political Campaign discussion to be discussed first. Mr. Nhiabee seconded his motion to move Mr. Blong topic of discussion.

Mr. Tommy announced that Mr. Blong Xiong the previous councilman in Fresno County had reached out to XUAS for support for his next political campaign. Mr. Blong Xiong would like XUAS to help raised \$20,000 by October of 2013. He is now running for Board of Supervisor in district 1 in Fresno.

Mr. Nhiabee highly recommended that XUAS should help Mr. Blong Xiong with his campaign and raise the money he needed for him. However, before moving on with such plan of action XUAS should hold a conference and asked Mr. Blong Xiong to present his purpose for running for such position. He should allowed the community members to know his cause and need this way it would be easier for XAUS to raise the money he needed from the community members.

Mr. Cha Lee (Charlie) seconded Mr. Nhiabee's proposal to have Mr. Blong to be present at the conference.

Mr. Cha Lee (Charlie) also feel that Mr. Blong Xiong failed to acknowledge those who supported him in his previous campaign for Congressman. Mr. Cha lee is one who gave his heart and money to support Mr. Blong Xiong but at the end so many did not even hear from Mr. Blong Xkong. It was a great disappointment to Mr. Cha Lee. However, this should not be a reason not to support him. Mr. Cha lee added that XUAS should support him and move forward with the campaign.

Mr. Norbee added that Mr. Blong Xiong had brought a positive outlook to our Xiong Clan. His involvement in politics have been both a great role model for our young people and inspire our older folks to become more political active. This is a good thing, he says.

Ms. Channon Lee Xiong however does not share the same feelings of Mr. Norbee. Ms. Channon had received many negative, and mix feelings from the people she knew well.

Mr. Larry Ma Xiong feels that we can take this up to our community members and asked for their support. XUAS should put together a plan as to how we can support Mr. Blong Xiong with his financial need to successfully reach his goal.

Ms. May Cha and Mr. Tommy Xiong added that it is a plus to have one of our Hmong persons in office no matter where they lived. It is also a plus that Mr. Blong Xiong is not just one of our Hmong persons but he is a Xiong and that makes our Xiong Clan stronger in the eyes of other clans in the community. XUAS should help him to the best of our abilities and do our best to give him the support he needs. One person's accomplishment is all Hmong people's accomplishment.

A team of committee was will be appointed to help move Mr. Blong Xiong campaign in the next days or so. Mr. Nhiabee has been elected or appointed as the chair to take on such tasks.

Moving on down the agenda, Mr. Tommy seeks for recommendations from the Board of Directors and the advisors as to how XUAS should handle the issues with Xiong United National presidential election application.

He added that the position of the Xiong United National President is now opened for interested parties. The application has been sent to Mr. Looj Yig our state of California representative but XUAS has not received this information till much later in the year. It is now too late for anyone to reply or submit their interest to the organization. Mr. Tommy read the letter from Mr. Looj Yig to the board of directors and the advisors. He also informed them of the deadline for the applications. Mr. Tommy also clarified Mr. Looj Yig position with Xiong United National so that it does not confuse anyone in the community.

Mr. Tommy also stated that Mr. Looj Yig has not work in collaboration with XUAS to fulfill the expectation of Xiong United National. He did not followed or abided by their guidelines. However, Mr. Tommy is not sure what was in Xiong United National's bylaw. What their restriction, regulations are Mr. Tommy does not know. This makes it hard to deal with the concerns regarding Mr. Looj yig behaviors and attitudes.

Mr. Nhiabee added that he really wanted to know what Mr. Looj yig's title is with Xiong United National.

Mr. Cha Lee (Charlie) address Mr. Nhaibee's question. Mr. Cha Lee also stated that he had verified the application for the new president position with Mr. Txawj Xyooj whom is currently the president of Xiong United National. Mr. Cha Lee made a recommendation to Mr. Txawj Xiyooj that he should send the application to Mr. Tommy K. Xiong instead. Mr. Tommy k. Xiong is the president of Xiong United Association of Sacramento, Inc. here. He also stated that he asked Mr. Txawj Xyooj if Mr.Looj Yig has been declared as the president here in the state of

California. Mr. Txawj Xyooj acknowledged that Mr. Long Yig is just a representative and not the president.

Mr. Norbee update the staffs of his meeting with Mr. Long Yig's recent meeting. He stated that Mr. Long yig had formed a group of multiple committees, which include, a junior committee and a senior committee. Mr. Long Yig also appointed Mr. Norbee to be a counselor for him.

Mr. Long Yig will be the president and Mr. Tswv Vam is his leading vice. He appointed 19 advisors.

Mr. Nhiabee explained that people with high education should not be too quick to jump into this sort of things. It is wise to pay attention and research to see if it's legit or not before taking part in these kinds of committees.

Mr. Tommy Xiong recommended that if there is any issue pertaining to the Xiong United National November election should arise...it should immediately be directed to XUAS so that XUAS can appropriately handle the problem.

Mr. Victor Neng Xiong recommended that whatever decision XUAS has decided on in term of whether to participate or not in the election should be communicated to Mr. Long yig so that he is aware of it.

XUAS and its staff have concluded that since it is so late in the year already it would be too hard to be involved in the election process so we'll have to pass this year. Hopefully in the next few years XUAS will have these issues sort out so that XUAS and its members can take part in this election.

On the general discussion: Mr. Tommy announced the funeral of Mr. Vaj Leem in Fresno County. He asked to see if anyone would be interested in going with him and Mr. Nhiabee to attended the funeral. He invited those who may be interested to give him a call so that they can coordinate date and time of leaving Sacramento together.

Moving on down the agenda...Mr. Tommy quickly announced the XUAS New Year Dinner Event for this coming year. He also stated that since this event has so much to do with celebrating our traditional culture...Mr. Nhia pao, our culture chairperson should take the lead in this project.

Mr. Victor Neng Xiong feels that it's been a long time coming. XUAS should host this New Year Dinner Event.

Mr. Norbee seconded Mr. Victor Neng's proposal. Mr. Cha Lee agreed with both Mr. Victor Neng and Mr. Norbee Xiong.

Mr. Larry Ma suggested that since the board of directors are at the present of this meetings...it should be voted upon and see if majority approved it or not. Mr. Nhiabee Xiong seconded Mr. Larry Ma's proposal for a vote.

A verbal vote was cast and majority won. The New Year Dinner will take place sometime in November or December. A committee will be appointed to handle this task.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.