

Xiong JeiVah Family Foundation, Inc.
Annual Meeting 04/08/17

Meeting minutes:

- Pao opened meeting with financial reviews from 2016 and 2017 fundraiser. Reported donations for the 2016 Picnic, New Year and 2017 fundraiser. Fundraiser profit of \$4,711.38. Reviewed donations for Col. Song Leng Xiong, Laim Xiong (Laos) and uncle Chia Va Xiong (Eau Claire).
- Pa Ger reported on Cultural committee with training from 2016 and upcoming training. Discussed in length on funeral as follows:
 - Yog muaj ib tug laus neeg puv 120 xyoo, peb yuav tsis muaj hu "ntxhais vauv zov qauv" lawm. all in attendance in favor of proposal.
 - Yog muaj ib tug laus neeg puv 120 xyoo, peb yuav tsis muaj siv tsiaj txhuv lawm. Tsuas pub muab nyiaj coj los ntaus ua tsiaj txhuv xwb. Qhov yog hais rau cov qhua txooj thiab qhau tab tipsis. Tsis pub muaj tua tsiaj tuaj rau tim tsev txias lawm vim nws tsis zoo saib rau lub tebchaws no thiab lwm haiv neeg. All in attendance in favor of proposal. Tsuas kom hauv qhua nqa ib ntsuas ntawv, ib hwj cawv, thiab ib pob mov tuaj laig dab lawm xwb.
 - Kev qhib tsev txias ntawv ces nyob ntawm tsevneeg thiab tus laus neeg los yog menyuum yaus. Tseem yuav qhib hnuv Friday mus los nyob ntawm lawv tsevneeg thiab seb haujlwm yuav ntau npaum li cas. Tiamsis xav kom pib hnuv Saturday mam yuav zoo dua.
 - Training txog kevcai dab qhuas hauv tsev yuav rov qab pib dua lub 11 hlis ntuj. Ntsuab Yias yog tus yuav qhia.
- Chao reported on family weddings, training and currently status on trained mejkoob. Held class during fall of 2016 but only a few were interested. Reported that only Chue Pheng, Chao, Pa Ger and now Cha Xue are mejkoob for the family. Ntxhw Jesse is also another mejkoob for family but lives in the cities.
- Mrs. Nao Moua reported on Education Committee with two new scholarships for this year. One for continuing education for college students and one for high school graduates who are pursuing college education. Each scholarship is \$350 and based on essays. Will announce winners at the graduation party. She also present education programs to the families and her assistance in high school education. Most in attendance in favor of continuing to give out scholarships to support education in our families.
- Naoleng presented information in regards to annual family donation to the Xiong JeiVah Family Foundation. He proposed a required annual donation/contribution of \$100 per family paid between January - March of each year. This year, families have until end of June to pay the \$100 contribution. Pao defined family as husband and wife with kids living with parents or husband and wife living on their own (with or without kids). Voting took place during the meeting and majority voted for \$100 annual contribution. Other suggested \$50 but votes didn't meet criteria. Uncle Nao Tou proposed that a list of the expenses (programs) be listed to show the contributors of the intent of the money being used.
- Naoleng proposed that Xiong JeiVah Family Foundation will no longer pay for the rental hall fee for the graduation parties each year. Xiong JeiVah will issue certificates and plaques only during graduation. All in attendance favor the proposal.
- Pao present the purchase or acquirement of a Family Center for the Xiong JeiVah families for gatherings, weddings, etc. Boua Chao presented that he has already made contact with the city

to divide up his land to donate 2 acres toward the building of a family center. Boua Chao is to continue working on this issue and report back to the committees.

- Pao presented that form 1023 is to be completed for 2017 to gain tax exempt from the IRS. Will need the assistance of a few other people to make this happen since the process is long and exhausting.
- Pao presented the voting of two ladies as leads to coordinate the ladies in the Xiong families. Since not many were in attendance, uncle Nao Tou appointed Mrs. Nao Moua to coordinate a gathering so discussion and voting can take place. The intent is to draw everyone together as a team and not be so divided as they are today.
- Pao reported on behalf of the Website & E-Communication committee. Vision is to build a video history of our elders. Boua Chao proposed that we need to select two people dedicated to do this project since it takes a lot of time and commitment. All in attendance in favor of this initiative. Selection not made during this meeting. Committees to meet and drive this initiative.
- Open discussion at end of meeting -