

KACA NexGen  
October 19, 2017  
5:30PM - 8PM  
Hosted by: Ms. Kapsun Enders  
Location: New York Life Building, Floor 13

### **Mission Statement**

- Overall, people liked it. May need to edit it to be more specific

Going over each part of our goals:

### **Definition of a Leader**

- Leaders are not bosses
- A Leader
  - Inspires
  - Reaches consensus with everyone else
  - Encourages teamwork

### **Knowledge:**

- Sharing knowledge of communities and volunteering opportunities
- What do we want to know?
  - Career opportunities
  - Economic knowledge
  - Crime Rates, SB91
  - Municipality People
  - College Figures
  - Other non-profits
  - Resources for assistance
  - Life skills
  - How-to live in Alaska
  - Teaching Koreans and non-Koreans differences in cultures

### **Encouraging communication between communities**

- Attending other cultural events
- Inviting other orgs to our meetings
- Alaska Native community involvement
- Event coming up: Bridgebuilders Potluck November 11 6PM-8PM
- Lia will look up spring Alaska Native Artist Event

## **Preserving Cultural Identity**

- American vs cultural identity
  - Holding onto cultural values
- Celebrate our holidays with other people
- Teaching youth about Korean traditions and celebrations
- Knowing own identity
- Celebrate Korean pride
- Cultural appreciation
  - Adopting and adapting
  - Knowing history
- Respect Culture
  - Individual and traditional
- Cultural Adaptation in America
- Sharing our own experiences
- Inviting other to teach about culture
- Sharing facts about Korea and its history and culture

## **Mentoring Youth**

- Sharing our own experiences
  - To inspire
  - To hopefully help them avoid future troubles
- KAYAK: Korean American Youth of Alaska
  - UAA based org?
  - Special Interest group but open to all
  - Teaching Goals
    - About life
    - School
    - Career
- Korean Language School
  - Meeting students
  - Build a reputation
  - Develop relationships
- Sometimes a person just needs someone to care

## **Civic Involvement**

- City board and commissions (~40)
  - Mayor needs volunteers
    - Ethan and Mara want diversity
- Training
  - Foraker, prominent nonprofit training
    - Willing to train in terms of leadership roles

## Voting (Chuck Kim)

- Chairman of the Civic Empowerment Committee
- helped create a database of registered Korean voters in Alaska
  - difficulties: non-korean last names, areas that are more isolated, need address and contact information to verify
- about 1,600 Korean Alaskans are registered to vote (but this is only what is verified)
- Target # of voters for Mayor Election: 1,000
  - voting = power
  - Elected officials only care of being elected
  - Need to use our voting numbers as leverage
- Encourage voter participation

## Suggestions and feedback:

- Bring a friend to every meeting
- Group seems to be growing and gelling/evolving
- Private Facebook Group
- Throw a Holiday Dinner for those who do not have family here/can't go home
- Think about what the older generation can do for you
  - volunteer at elder shelters
  - Needs rides, teachers, etc