LASR Meeting: Sept. 25th, 2000  
Begins: 5:40pm

Agenda
I. Minute correction  
II. Announcement  
III. Fundraising  
   a. progress of book distribution  
   b. stadium clean up  
IV. Lao class petition  
V. News letter  
VI. Point Reyes  
VII. Schedule for study time  
VIII. Lao trivia game  
VIII. Cultural presentation  
X. T-shirt

Samantha: Asked for minute correction: No one has any.

Mai Der: Talked about the progress of the book distribution and said that it was going well, and that we will meet our deadline Thursday. She said she will email out if she needs any additional help. She also talked about the Stadium Clean-Up on Oct. 1st. (Sunday): The clean-up will be bringing in $300.00 for the club. It will start at 9:00 AM but we are meeting at 8:45 AM, and we will have 4 hours to clean our given section. She will email out additional information later on the week. (Sign-up sheet going around the room.)

Patti: (I) Talked about the Lao Class petition. My Thai professor told me that the Southeast Asian Studies Dept. is pushing for Cambodian language taught at Berkeley, and she noticed that there are many students that take/took her class because Lao isn’t offered. She suggested that we start a petition to show that there are strong interest and that Lao should be considered as one of the next language offer at Cal. It’s not that the Cambodian people don’t deserve to have Cambodian taught, but I just thought that there is a growing number of Laotian Students at Berkeley and each year indicates how young these students are and which means they are farther away from their heritage—most of them probably can’t even understand Lao any more. It would be a good idea that Lao is an option for them if they want to learn Lao. Also I know that there are some Lao students here that aren’t joining the club for whatever reason, maybe they think that we are a small club and that we are not doing anything to make ourselves know on campus. This would also show that we are making ourselves known. This might even attract new members. (Petition sign up sheet going around the room)

Roger: Said that he and some other Hmong students are thinking about starting a Hmong De-cal class, but don’t know how to go about starting the class just yet, and is looking into it. But, maybe if we can’t get the Lao class we
can start a Lao de-cal class, or even do a joint de-cal: where Hmong, Lao, and Mien will be taught alternating 5 weeks each. So that we would be able to learn a little bit of each other’s language.

Iasee: Agreed with a smile.

Samantha: Talked about the Newsletter. APA is funding us if we want to do a newsletter. We need people to work on them and whoever is interested can stop to talk to her after the meeting.

Iasee: Asked if we can do it in the form of pamphlet instead of newsletter.

Samantha: Yes! We can pretty much do whatever we want. We can put things like Birthday announcement, event announcement, socials, etc.

Mike: Talked about Point Reyes. This is a place where they let us rent out a place near the Beach. We can go there and spend a night: bond fire, games, etc. It’s basically a BIG slumber party. We are thinking about doing it after the first round of midterm (Latest midterm is Oct. 26) so it’s like a celebration and relax and get to know each other better. The trip will be FREE.

Lao Trivia Game

Divide people into two groups (Team one and Team Two). Each team has the responsibility to come up with questions that has something to do with Laos, and to know the answer to the questions of the opposing team about Laos. Each team is given time to come with questions and also answers to those questions so to be sure that they are asking questions they themselves know the answer to. Give their questions and answer to the Neutral person (Me). When a team ask a question and the opposing team doesn’t know the answer they acquired a point as well as when they answer the opposing team’s question correctly.

Team Two won: Good job!

Presentation

Lo: Group of people would present cultural facts about Laos—the different ethnicity of Laos and their tradition. It can be about life, religion, etc.

Samantha: It’s not a group project, anyone who is interested in doing it just get together and come up with something. We will have weekly theme, i.e. this week can be Hmong week and next and be Mien or Lao. You don’t have to belong in the ethnic group that the week is dedicated to, you can join the group if it interest you and you want to find out first hand about that group. There will be one
presentation each week. Those interested in doing presentation should let the officers know by the Friday prior to the meeting that they want to present.

Viengkham: We can have member’s profile/life story where a member can just talk about his/herself. Life story, tradition, events, etc.

Mike: T-Shirt design. Need ideas and designs. PLEASE!!!

Viengkham: Suggested that this year we need to have somewhere on the T-Shirt that LASR is at Berkeley, NOT just any school.

Ends: 6:30PM