

Minutes UNA-USA Pomona Valley Chapter May 18, 2017 Meeting 5:30 PM
Napier Center, Pilgrim Place

Charlene Martin, Vice President, welcomed about 25 members, guests and presenters. She encouraged attendance and bringing a friend along.

Programs scheduled until the summer recess are:

June 20 Mel Boynton, National UNA Advocacy Chair, will talk on "The UN in the Time of Trump"

July 18 Kathryn Dunn, Claremont Courier Editor, will discuss "Freedom of the Press"
Both meetings will be at Napier Center.

Sheryn Scott thanked Leena Khan and Sylvia Whitlock for the refreshments and asked for volunteers for June and July.

Katie Gerecke, Vice President, said that we will have a booth at Claremont's July 4th festival in Memorial Park and asked for volunteers to staff the booth.

Mary Gindhart said that a report on the recent Status of Women 2017 meeting will be given on Thursday, May 25 at 3 PM at Decker Hall, Pilgrim Place.

PROGRAM

Charlene introduced Marc Scarcelli, professor of Political Science at Cal Poly and faculty advisor to the Model United Nations Club, along with several club members, Mirette Morcos, Tripp Hatch and Jake Messenger. The club represented the country of Slovenia at this year's MUN competition and was given Outstanding Delegation and Outstanding Position Paper awards. The students were asked various questions about Slovenia, including its location, policy regarding nuclear weapons, allies, attractions and countries with similar strategic interests. The students were also asked about their year-long preparations along with their experiences and impressions while in the simulations and during "down time". Finally, the students shared their plans for their futures.

Adnan Aswad talked about "Refugee Resettlement Team #2", a local group that is providing assistance to refugees in this area. He said that help is needed, especially donations of money to be mailed to Claremont Presbyterian Church, 1111 N Mountain Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711 with the notation "RRT#2" written on the checks.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolee Monroe, Secretary