

**UNA-USA Pomona Valley Chapter
Minutes Tuesday, October 18, 2014**

Welcome and Announcements:

Mel Boynton, Chapter President, welcomed 26 members and guests. Rizek and Alice Abusharr were thanked for the refreshments. Distributed were: membership brochures; thank you forms to UN Peacekeepers in the shape of helmets; summary notes of UN activities and notices of a “conversation” about UN future goals.

Chapter events for the fall will include:

October 23 UN Day Observance Luncheon at International Place (in coordination with I Place)

The Program will be comprised of three speakers: Mel will talk about the UN Post 2015 Agenda and two of our interns, Sana Khan and Julius Kellinghusen, will talk about their recent summer experiences in India and Viet Nam. McKenna Auditorium, Cost of the luncheon is \$7.

November 18 Sally Seven will speak about World Health Care, Jack and Carolee Monroe to provide treats.

Other UNA-USA events are:

November 1 “ Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals” Conversation at Chapman University,
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

November 8 Southern California UNA-USA Division Meeting at the Pasadena Red Cross

Program:

David Mann, a United Church of Christ minister, professor and community organizer offered those in attendance information about PICO, a community organizing program that facilitates change. The faith based program uses principles initiated by Saul Alinsky. These principles enable people with little power to negotiate with those in power so that their needs can be addressed. The Reverend Mann told of his personal experiences that led to his decision to choose this career. He also spoke of several community problems that, with PICO help, were effectively resolved. The history of PICO, which began as a local effort and has grown to be international, was told.

A handout, “PICO Faith Based Community Organizing Model” and “PICO Principles for Community Organizing” was distributed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolee Monroe, Secretary