

UNA-USA Pomona Valley Chapter

Minutes: Board Meeting Saturday, November 22, 2014

10:00 AM Porter Hall, Pilgrim Place

Present: Mel Boynton, Katie Gerecke, Art Sutton, Marjorie Bray, Marilyn Brunger, Charlene Martin, Rizek Abusharr, Bob Wallace, John Moore, Joe Salas, Sharon Musa, Julius Kellinghusen and Carolee Monroe

Agenda: Added were: Library Display, Nominating Committee and Snack schedule

Officers' Reports:

Secretary: Minutes of the September 14, 2014 Board meeting were accepted.

Treasurer: the Treasurer's Report was discussed in detail as there are several unresolved issues. These include: dues owed to the Southern California Division; filing of tax forms because of a tax identification number problem; membership amounts forthcoming; and the annual University Club contribution toward the essay contest. Solutions were suggested, including the formation of a Budget Committee, outreach to other organizations, a fundraiser, reducing the amount allocated each item in the budget, reducing the reserve and actively recruiting more members.

President: Chapter meetings have featured speakers who have attracted attendance. The Global Forum scheduled for September 20, 2015 will celebrate the 70th year of the United Nations and will encompass the past, ongoing and future issues before the United Nations. Marjorie Bray, as Advocacy Chair, was recognized for her leadership in meeting with area congresspersons.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, February 1, 2015: UNA PV Chapter Annual PotLuck meeting 5:00 PM

Set up will begin at 4:00 PM. Decorations and supplies were discussed. A Program, including topics, an award and/or speaker, was to be followed up. Invitations will be extended to local MUN groups.

Intern Reports: Sharon talked about the newly formed Claremont High School MUN Club. Julius first spoke of Sana's project of making greeting cards with elementary school children. He then shared his difficulties in arranging a discussion about the Israeli/Palestinian situation. Suggestions were made. Another possible program at the Claremont Colleges would feature speakers on various current topics. Lastly, the essay contest, scheduled for the spring, is in planning stages

Topics for Upcoming Meetings: Charlene Martin, as a member of the Program Committee, recorded the many suggestions for topics and speakers at 2015 Chapter meetings. Some were: Syria/Adnan Aswad, Middle East history, Ward McAfee, West Africa, Ebola/Nigel Boyle, Girl UP/Half the Sky, criticism of the United Nations, the environmental movement, water, South Sudan and HIV/AIDS/Karl Haushalter. The issue of parking at Pilgrim Place was also discussed, with other possible sites for meetings given.

Those signing up to provide refreshments at 2015 meetings are:

February 17 Adnan Aswad

March 17 Mel Boynton

April 21 Katie Gerecke
May 19 Charlene Martin
June 16 Art Sutton
September 15 Carolee Monroe
October 20 Rizek Abusharr
November 17 **OPEN**

Nominating Committee: Joe Salas and Adnan Aswad agreed to serve on the committee. Sylvia Whitlock was suggested as a possibility while Rizek Abusharr will be resigning.

Library Display: Katie Gerecke said that the early months of 2015 were open if our Chapter were to choose to furnish a display. With International Womans Day occurring in March, that month will be checked for availability.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolee Monroe, Secretary