

UNA-USA Pomona Valley Chapter

Minutes: Board Meeting Saturday, September 13, 2014

1:15 PM Porter Hall, Pilgrim Place

Present: Mel Boynton, Katie Gerecke, Art Sutton, Sally Seven, Marilyn Brunger, Charlene Martin, Rizek Abusharr, Bob Wallace, Sana Khan and Carolee Monroe

Introductions and Expectations: After words of appreciation about summer responsibilities and the announcement of the death of Valerie Beynon, Mel distributed a contact information list of board members. Two corrections to it: Sana Khan's email is <sk0d2013@mymail.pomona.edu> and Sally Seven's phone number is 626-6021 while her email is <saseven@verizon.net>. Mel then asked those present to share their hopes for the chapter during the coming year. Suggestions fell into the general categories of: topics, speakers, room arrangement, change of venue, the essay contest, outreach to young people, visibility/publicity, use of interns and adding a project that could get attention, raise money and be published. Some of the possible topics suggested included activities of the UN, its programs, plans and research (the National Staff is available to come here to speak); reports from our interns, Julius Kellinghusen on UNAIDA in Vietnam and Sana Khan on Summer NGO work in Mumbai, India; current world events, such as the Ebola epidemic and global water as a reason for conflict. Beyond meeting at Pilgrim Place, Chapter meetings and events could be scheduled at the Claremont Colleges and Padua Theater (this may also address the parking situation). The essay contest needs careful consideration of the topic with more high schools invited to participate, more lead time given to high school teachers and scoring done in a manner that prevents bias. Addressing concerns of young people may be a way of attracting them to meetings. Our two college interns can work a maximum of 80 hours each semester; all three interns have "connections" that can be utilized to plan for speaker s and events. Finally, the National UNA has a one hour/one day program that a classroom of students can use to replicate a MUN. PLEASE see below the report by Sana Khan that includes both her suggestions for the chapter and her activities this past summer.

Secretary's Report: Carolee said that the results of voting for Regional Representative were decided, the tie was broken.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Marjorie Bray, her report was discussed. It was clarified that there are currently 60 members in our Pomona Valley Chapter. For each member, the chapter is given \$2.50.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, **September 16: UNA PV Chapter meeting** 5:30 PM

Speaker: Dr. Linda Reinen, Professor of Geology, Pomona College

"California Earthquakes: Past, Present and Future" (Sally Seven – treats)

Wednesday, September 17: 7th Annual West Coast Global Forum Luncheon Event (noon – 3 PM)

Speaker: Melissa Hellenbrenner, UN Foundation, Director of Girl Up (Attending: Mel, Charlene)

California Endowment 1000 N. Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA (Art, Katie and Bob)

Tuesday, **October 21: UNA PV Chapter meeting** 5:30 PM

Speaker: Dr. David Mann, Pomona College, former Director of Pacific Institute for Community Organizing (PICO) "Community Organizing" (Rizek Abusharr – treats)

Thursday, October 23: UN Day Luncheon at International Place

Charlene Martin and Donald Delgado will work together

Saturday, November 1: Post 2015 Event at UC Irvine, Orange County

Topic: "Sustainable Development Goals"

MSA: Art Sutton made a motion that \$50 be allocated toward transportation for students to attend; the motion passed unanimously.

Saturday, November 8: Annual Division Meeting of Southern California

Site to be determined, cost will be approximately \$30-40.

Tuesday, **November 18: UNA PV Chapter meeting** 5:30 PM

Speaker: Sally Seven Health Care Advocate

"World Health Care" (Carolee Monroe – treats)

Saturday, November 22: Chapter board meeting

NO December Chapter meeting.

Sunday, January 25, 2015: Annual Chapter Meeting/Potluck

Intern Reports: Sana spoke of her work; please see below. Although Sharon wasn't in attendance, Katie Gerecke told of ongoing research about the Millennium Goals that Sharon and she have been doing, along with their efforts to establish a MUN at Claremont High School.

New Business for Next Meeting: To include plans for a March National Women's Day.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolee Monroe, Secretary

Sana's Report:

Her suggestions were to-

-conduct MUN workshops that simulate emergency committees in middle and high schools that have MUN programs or are looking to establish one, in order to increase interest about MUN and further about the goals of the UN

-have some kind of collaborative activity that involves all of Claremont: maybe committing to reading certain articles and learning about a particular issue or contributing to a collective artwork

-teach elementary school students about the MDGs and ask them to illustrate what they think we should strive for in the future on greeting cards that we then sell at different shops/restaurants/cafes/etc. around Claremont

-collaborate with the International Student Mentor Programs at the 5Cs

Over the summer, I conducted arts and writing workshops centered around the themes of identity and community with underserved students in Mumbai, India, over the course of a month. At the end of this time period, we held an art exhibition at an art gallery. These workshops also contained an element of intercultural exchange; my friend conducted similar workshops that also culminated in an art exhibition in Pomona, CA and both groups of kids communicated via the Internet about the work that they had done and their cultures. This program was funded by a Pomona College SURP grant and conducted under the aegis of the non-profit I started in 2010, Dear Imagination.