

MINUTES – Pomona Valley United Nations Association

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Katie Gerecke called the meeting to order. She shared her impressions as a first-time attendee of the annual UNA meeting, held in Washington, D.C. She updated members on the procedure of the merger between the UNA and the UNF. She said a report of the merger is due at the end of this month. She added that a national convention by proxy will be held. Lastly, Katie noted that Julie Steinbach, Divinia Himaya, David Amarasinghe and she had staffed the booth shared with the Peace with Justice group during the Independence Day festivities.

MSA (upon a motion by Lois Thompson and seconded by Frank Amon) The nominating committee for 2011 will be composed of Mel Boynton, Shirley Williams, David Levering and Divinia Himaya.

CHAPTER MEETINGS and EVENTS:

Saturday, September 18 – Chapter Board Meeting, 9:00 AM until 12 noon

Tuesday, September 21 – Andrew Winnick, “Israeli/Palestinian Prospects: A Two State Solution” (treats: Shirley Williams)

Tuesday, October 19 – Rizek Abusharr, “A Visit to the Holy Land” (treats: Rizek)

Thursday, October 21, UNITED NATIONS DAY Lunch at International Place

Tuesday, November 16, Gloria Reynolds, Soka Gakkai International, lay Buddhist organization (Treats: Divinia Himaya and David Amarasinghe)

Tuesday, December 21, Michael Fay, “American Economics and Global Reform” (Treats: Carolee)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Friday, August 6, 6:30 PM - 8PM Peace with Justice Center of the Pomona Valley’s “2010 Hiroshima-Nagasaki Day Vigil” at Our Lady of Assumption Church

Residents of Pomona were asked to sign a petition regarding the election of city councilpersons.

Katie showed the plaque given to Richard Harris as this year’s UNA Arnold Goodman Award recipient. Richard’s daughter, Joanna Harris, was in attendance.

Treats were provided by Ardi Rashidi.

PROGRAM:

Katie introduced La Veda Dvrol, who spoke on “Human Trafficking, Slavery in America”. In discussing trafficking and slavery, Ms. Dvrol gave statistics, definitions and types, and told of locations, some nearby. She encouraged the audience to learn more about this topic.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolee Monroe