

MINUTES – Pomona Valley United Nations Association
January 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Mel Boynton.

Richard Harris recognized Mel as the new UNA Southern California Division President.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, January 24, Gala Pot Luck and Annual Meeting, 5 - 7:30 PM Decker Hall, Pilgrim Place:

Mel distributed call sheets to board members so that each Chapter member would be contacted. Mel reminded all present that the agenda included giving awards to the essay contest winners, all three are Claremont High School students, and a presentation by Sustainable Claremont. Richard distributed a draft of the 2010 Proposed Budget, to be voted on at the pot luck/annual meeting, and Mel asked for suggestions to improve it.

Chapter Meetings:

Tuesday, February 16 Mel Boynton “The 2000 UN Millennium Development Goals; Progress?”

Tuesday, March 16 Karl Haushalter “The Global HIV-AIDs Pandemic”

Tuesday, April 20

Tuesday, May 18 Malika Kachani “Zoonotic Disease Prevention in Developing Countries”

Refreshments were provided by Mel Boynton. At least 35 persons were in attendance.

Concerns regarding the physical condition, along with the lighting, of the flags at Pilgrim Place were discussed. Mel asked for suggestions regarding speakers.

The program was presented by Pierre Englebert, Professor of Politics at Pomona College. The Democratic Republic of Congo was a colony exploited by Belgium from the 1880s until 1960. The newly independent country had a weak central government and strong tribal leaders. The country has institutionalized corruption. It is a failed state with 19,000 United Nations peace-keeping armed forces and 10,000 civilian workers. The Chinese are building roads between the port and the mines. With continued interference from both outside and within, the country remains destabilized.

Mel recognized Ardi Rashidi as a new Member of the Board of the (national) UNA of the USA.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolee Monroe