

MINUTES – Pomona Valley Chapter UNA-USA Board Retreat
Wednesday, May 12, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Katie Gerecke and Richard Harris, chairs; Art Sutton, Mel Boynton, Rizek Abusharr, Lois Thompson, Bob Wallace, Shirley Williams, Mary Johnson, Barbara Riley, Harry Brunger and Carolee Monroe.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION:

Discussion centered around the “Holy Land Pilgrimage” trip that Rizek plans each year. It was suggested that UNA PV take an active role in this project. The purpose is to meet with Israelis and Palestinians to promote peaceful reconciliation.

Messages to Angela Bekzadian-Avila were written. Katie thanked Carolee for the Chapter banner. Katie provided treats.

The formal meeting was called to order at 10:00.

Shirley agreed be the email distributor of Chapter information. Contact information corrections to the list of officers and board members were made.

MSA (Bob/Lois) At the May 18 general membership meeting the Board will recommend approval of the motion that the chapter be a co-sponsor of a tour of the Middle East that Rizek is organizing. The tour will include a visit to a school run by the UN Relief Operations and a meeting with Israelis.

MONTHLY PROGRAM PLANNING

The schedule/calendar was discussed with these suggestions:

July 4 – Booth partnership with the local Peace with Justice group;
reserve a time at the Speakers’ Corner.

October 21 - Chapter co-presidents present goals at UN Day at International Place.

November 16 – Rizek present.

December 21 – Michael Fay discuss national and worldwide economic reforms.

January 22 – Besides the essay contest winners, include Friends of the World Food Program.

It was decided that UNA PV will not participate in the Village Venture in October.

The Chapter Board will meet seasonally (Spring, Fall, and Winter) with the next meeting September 18. Agenda items will include (a) appointing a nominating committee and (b) discussing possible budget revisions. Because the By-laws are not specific, officers will continue their duties through the Annual Meetings when new officers and board will be elected.

To assist in determining if the National UNA-USA should reinstitute the Global Policy Project, the Board participated in a survey. The responses were 1. VIP/majority; 2. No participation; 3. Yes; 4. Not sure; 5. Yes; 6. Yes; 7. Open-ended; 8. 11 – 25; 9. Less than 5; 10. Good to do; 11. Top two issues were: (1) Middle East Peace and (2) Poverty and Hunger.

CHAPTER ACTION PLAN

After discussion, the Board decided to continue the Action Plan as May, 2010-2011 Pomona Valley UNA-USA Action Plan. Shirley will provide an electronic update. Mel reported that the Chapter currently has between 50 to 60 memberships with about 75 members. Katie will be contacting members whose dues may have lapsed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob reported a current balance of \$2,879. In January receipts were \$500 and expenses were \$805. He was thanked for his efforts in straightening out the checking arrangements with the bank.

MSA (Mel/Rizek) that Bob look into changing our bank account to a community bank or credit union.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolee Monroe