

## UNA - GKC BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2004

Meeting was called to order by President Jay Sjerven at 5:30 pm.

Board members present were Anab Abdulahi, Stephen Childress, James Everett, Buddy Liston, Manny Pedram, Maria Gabriela Rossi, Arthea Saller, George Saller, Stephen Shaw, Jay Sjerven, Louann Stahl, Sheldon Stahl, Peter Stauffacher, Zdravka Todorova, Miriam de Ugarte, Karen Vorst, Willadee Wehmeyer, and Harriette Yeckel.

Minutes of the previous Board Meeting and Annual Chapter Meeting were read and approved.

President Jay Sjerven welcomed student board members from Park University, Miriam de Ugarte and Maria Gabriela Rossi, and from UMKC, Zdrauka Todorova. A written report on the Park University Model UN program was distributed. Opening comments by President Sjerven included (1) a need for UN emphasis, (2) generating student activities, and (3) recruitment of new members for UNA-GKC.

Karen Vorst reported on the establishment of a Listserv, an on-line communication system that permits mutual sharing of Chapter information among board members on line. To address board membership, communications should be addressed as follows: unagkc@listserv.umkc.edu.

Karen Vorst circulated a draft copy of the Newsletter, which will be mailed shortly. She requested articles for future additions of the bi-monthly publication.

The Treasurer's Report for 2003 submitted by Don McClain was received and approved. Year-end balances for 2003 were as follows: General Fund = \$3871.43; and the Peace Plaza Fund - \$5150.14.

Jim Everett reported that he would like a small committee to work with him on the final disposition of the Peace Plaza. He would like to give it to some responsible authority for care-taking. His goal is a trust fund of \$80,000 from which to pay operating costs; about \$10,000 was on hand in trust funds. Sheldon Stahl and Peter Stauffacher volunteered to join Jim on the Peace Plaza Committee.

President Sjerven reported on plans for the Spring event. We will develop a program of activities in advance of the USDA/USAID annual Food Aid Conference to be held in Kansas City April 20-22. Judith Lewis of the World Food Programme will be the featured speaker at a Monday evening (April 19) meeting and will be available to us for panel discussions earlier that day. Manny Pedram suggested the topic of "Rights of the Child" be included in our program planning. Louann Stahl suggested another time to be sure both programs (food aid and children) received maximum attention. It was suggested that our annual UN Day Dinner might be planned on the theme of children and "Rights of the

Child". Further developing of plans for the Spring Event were referred to the planning committee.

President Sjerven suggested the formation of two standing committees and asked for volunteers. The following committees (with volunteers noted) were approved by the Board.

Membership and Outreach--to pursue the like-minded

Education and Advocacy--to defend UN policies attacked in the press

Membership and Outreach--John Slattery (chair), Louann Stahl, Peter Stauffacher and a student volunteer

Education and Advocacy--Jim Everett (chair), with Sheldon Stahl and Harriette Yeckel.

President Sjerven requested an annual budget of \$300 for updating and maintaining our Web Page. Request was approved. Fadhel Kaboub, member of the board, will be our web master.

Annual UN Day Dinner--President Sjerven will appoint a committee chair shortly. "Rights of the Child" is suggested as the theme.

Future meeting dates for Board are as follows: March 2, May 4, July 6, Sept. 7, and Nov. 9 (the Tuesday after election day).

Meeting was adjourned by President Sjerven at 7:20 pm.