

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

Board Members present were George Belzer, Jeff Carroll, Fadhel Kaboub, Buddy Liston, Don McClain, Manny Pedram, Arthea Saller, George Saller, Jay Sjerven, Louann Stahl, Sheldon Stahl, Peter Stauffacher, Zdrakva Todorova, Karen Vorst, Karin Winn and Harriette Yeckel.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

President Sjerven submitted his written report and commented briefly on several items.

The USDA/USAID Food Aid Conference to be held April 19 was discussed in detail.

1. A panel discussion will be broadcast locally on KCUR(NPR) at 11:00 am to 12:00N by "Up to Date"--a daily KCUR feature. The panel of four will include Judith Lewis.
2. An Afternoon session will be led by Nick Haines of KCPT hosting a panel of officials from USDA and WFP with participation (questions) from students--perhaps from Model UN Program
3. Evening program at the Unitarian Church will feature Judith Lewis as speaker.
4. Volunteers from UNA-GKC will assist as follows:
 - a. Line up and coordinate panel discussion: Karen Vorst and Fadhel Kaboub.
 - b. Interface with Unitarian Church--Manny Pedram
 - c. Contact and coordinate with other NFP organizations--Sheldon Stahl

Model UN Program:

George Belzer gave a report on progress with the Model UN program in the Kansas City area. George, who started the first Model UN Program at JCCC, pointed out there are now programs at UMKC and Park University as well. A Model UN program for high schools is being promoted locally by George (and others) in cooperation with the IRC. A goal for the Model UN program is to have the UNA designate Kansas City as a Global Classrooms city. There are currently seven Global Classroom cities. Louann Stahl asked how GKC could achieve this title, and there was discussion on this. George suggested buying a set of UNA Model UN materials for use in GKC area. Board authorized the purchase of a set of materials for about \$250. George also suggested keeping the Model UN program on our agenda at each meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Don McClain submitted a financial report for January 1 - February 29. Our balance in the General Fund is \$3764.27 and our balance in the Peace Plaza Fund is \$4054.75.

Standing Committee Reports:

1. Membership and Outreach--no report
2. Education and Advocacy--no report
3. Peace Plaza--still looking for long term financing.

Mayor's UN Day Dinner Committee:

Harriette Yeckel reported that the Speaker sub-committee was trying to line up a speaker. The availability of the speaker would determine the date, which would impact the location.

Newsletter: Karen Vorst requested news articles for future editions.

Web Page: Fadhel Kaboub reported progress on updating our web page and showed several pages from the updated version. It is about complete but not yet installed.

Special Recognition: Louann Stahl pointed out that the cause of world peace had lost an outstanding advocate with the passing of our fellow board member, Charles Bebb. She suggested a minute of silence to honor his memory. A period of silence was observed.

The next meeting of the UNA-GKC Board will be May 4 at 5:30pm.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.