

Minutes of May 11, 2005, Board of Directors Meeting, U.N.A.-U.S.A, GKC

Meeting convened at 5:30 p.m. at U.M.K.C. Administrative Center. In attendance were Marian Woodward, Mary Murphy, Sheldon Stahl, Manuel Pardo, Jim Everett, Don McClain, Peter Stauffacher, Dan Stoll, Harriette Yeckel and Jay Sjerven.

Old Business:

Lawrence Chapter: Jay Sjerven reported that the Lawrence Chapter of the UNA-USA had been officially launched and was recognized by the national office.

Jay also reported that the 3/23 and 4/20 U.N.A. forums were held and were well attended. Special note was given to broad participation by UMKC students of Karen Vorst. And Jay indicated that the chapter was well represented at an I.R.C. luncheon funded by the United Nations Foundation for Edward Mortimer, speech-writer for Secretary General Kofi Annan.

A report of the May 2 food aid events was presented. Those events included a radio panel, a panel appearance before a student audience at the Barstow school (Barbara Minter of I.R.C. played a key role in organizing that event, along with Ms. Bartow, a Barstow school faculty member, and Erin, a Barstow school senior). Judith Lewis of the World Food Programme assisted in recruiting Tony Richardson of the K.C. Chiefs in the events. Mr. Richardson participated in Barstow panel and evening reception. Jay reported that evening reception was not so well attended that chapter could avoid net loss on that event of about \$200. But overall, day's events were deemed a success.

Note was made of speaking engagements for Sheldon at John Knox Village and for Jay and Sheldon after performance of K.C. Rep performance of "... Young Lady from Rwanda." Richard and Diana Routman were instrumental in arranging the after-performance talk.

New Business:

It was proposed that Chapter make special efforts to establish Young Professionals for International Cooperation chapter/unit to be affiliated to local UNA chapter. There was general agreement that this should be done. In discussion, it was brought up that such an effort had been made before by Chapter, but it had been unsuccessful, with some problems of the earlier effort relating to passing on too much Chapter responsibilities to the recruited young professionals. Decision was made to proceed but in consideration of lessons of previous effort.

It was proposed the Chapter participate in the Walk the World, walk against hunger, supported worldwide by the World Food Programme. The walk aimed to raise awareness

as well as money for WFP school feeding programs. Board approved proposal to support the walk. Also discussed was possible chapter participation in the annual Crop Walk, organized by Church World Service. Crop walk is a fall event.

The board approved a proposal to request meetings with Reps. Moore and Cleaver during Memorial Day recess as part of U.N.A.-U.S.A. advocacy week.

There was discussion about the Peace Plaza centered on long-term financing effort under way, initiated by James Everett, Sheldon Stahl and Jack Jonathan. Under the plan, from 1,000 to 2,000 statuettes of Peace Plaza statue would be produced to be sold individually and as part of drawing for larger casting. Further details were to be presented at next board meeting. Discussion also suggested ways to popularize the Peace Plaza as a site to be promoted in city literature (things to see in K.C. literature).

Don McClain presented report on Chapter finances.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2005.