

# Dane County Chapter UNA-USA Board Meeting

## March 4, 2008

Bonnie Block, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Meriter Main Gate Gardenside Room. In attendance were: Myron Talcott, Rus Attoe, Karin Sandvick, Majid Sarmadi, Florence Chenoweth, Louise Lund, Dorothy Gosting, John Quinlan, Charles Weiss, Judy Leurquin, Hope Conley, Katherine Wenban, Leigh Roberts, and Rita Reffner.

The Agenda for tonight and the Minutes of the last meeting that were e-mailed to everyone 2-10-08 were unanimously adopted.

Bonnie Block reported on an event at the Dardanelles Restaurant for our President Elect John Quinlan, who was the recipient of the Rev. Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award. A DVD of the speech still relevant today quoting Martin Luther King is available. And \$500 was raised.

Hope Conley, Treasurer, gave her report citing a balance of \$2,990.62. An additional \$991.00 was received today from the National office for reimbursement from renewed members-- \$444 of that was from a life membership for Robert and Susan Engleke. Bonnie wrote them a thank you note. One hundred dollars from the special events budget was given to Midge Miller and Lee Brown for a display at the Capitol on the Lessons of Hiroshima promoting a Nuclear-Free World. An audit of our financial records will be done by Nancy Emmert this Thursday, March the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Bonnie Block reported for the Program Committee that the March 11 general meeting will cover Millennium Development Goal # 5 on Improving Maternal Health with Dr. Clair Wendland as the speaker. The April program is not yet confirmed. The committee will meet again on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

John Quinlan reported for the Communications Committee that notices of our events will be put in the Isthmus, Madison Times, and other Calendars. A Quarterly Newsletter is being planned along with the possibility of a monthly radio show by Tom Brown from the WI Division office.

Our postcard mailing has been reduced from 138 to 66 with people signing up to get the notices via e-mail. Dorothy Gosting suggested contacting the WORT radio station as well.

Myron Talcott reported for the Membership Committee. An accurate and accessible list of members has been put on Excel file. Members' expiration dates will be on a quarterly basis. Local members will be notified with a post card or phone call when their membership is due. There are currently 101 unit households and 134 Dane County members. It was noted that there is some confusion as to whether \$40 covers the whole family or just one member—it covers a household.

Implementation of the Adopt a Minefield Program by our Chapter was introduced by Bonnie Block. It was decided that the campaign go from March to May with a tentative goal of raising \$10,000. House parties and dinners and events at local restaurants around the city will be planned with funds clearly designated to go to the UN program AAM campaign. Bonnie will

contact the national office to learn more about specific country needs. The Officers will meet to firm up plans and a list of hosts and restaurants will be brought to the monthly meeting. The Communications Committee will help with the publicity.

The Annual UN dinner will be Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. It was proposed and passed that we “unhook” from the Concourse current reservation and authorize the Executive Committee to make the final decision as to where the event will be held. \$1,600 has been set aside for a speaker. 211 people were in attendance in 2007. Possible speakers are Samantha Powers, Amy Goodman, Jeremy Kahill, and Sally Engle Merry

The next board meeting will be May 1st.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Assistant Sec. Rita Reffner