

**Dane County Chapter UNA-USA Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2008**

Present at 7 p.m. at Meriter Main Gate were the following members of 2008-09 Board of Directors: Bonnie Block, Chair, Dorothy Gosting, Hope Conley, Majid Sarmadi, Louise Lund, Leigh Roberts, Karin Sandvik, Katherine Wenban, Myron Talcott, Judy Rose, Florence Chenoweth, John Quinlan, Judy Leurquin, Ken Coffeen. Tom Brown, from the UNA-Wisconsin Board, attended ex-officio. Vince Kavaloski was absent as was Rita Reffner, who has had a by-pass operation.

Chair Bonnie Block opened the meeting at 4 p.m. with encouraging words:

If you want to travel fast, travel alone

If you want to travel far, travel together

As a way to become acquainted each member was asked to divulge something about themselves that would probably be surprising.

The agenda

was adopted by motion of Kate Wenban, with second by Louise Lund.

Minutes

of last meeting October 30 were approved.

Treasurer's Report

was presented by Hope Conley, Treasurer. New by-laws call for an audit or review of the Chapter accounts. A quest for a volunteer accountant will be conducted by Bonnie, John Quinlan and Myron Talcott.

Responsibility of Board Members:

With reference to our mission, Myron Talcott urged members to contact either Feingold or Baldwin on a quarterly basis to voice concerns. Majid Sarmadi advised using one's personal phone and not to call as representative of UNA without Board approval.

New At-large Board Member:

Majad moved, with second by Conley, to invite Charles Weitz to join the Board as a member-at-large. Vote in favor was unanimous. Representing the State UNA Board, Tom Brown is invited to keep in touch rather than being a formal member-at-large. He also said the Dane County UNA Chapter is the strongest group in the State and can help develop others in Wisconsin. Russ Attoe is our communications connection.

Standing Committees

were presented by the Chair: Communication, Membership, Program, Budget & Finance, and Nominating were listed in a hand-out. Florence Chenoweth suggested that a Human Rights Initiative be added.

Bonnie Block had some suggestions and asked for input about Communications and more specifically again having a Chapter Newsletter. How often should we have a newsletter? At present our postcard goes to 135 members. It was decided we should have a newsletter either quarterly or every other month as needed.

Membership Committee needs a data base. Various alternatives are available. John Quinlan volunteered to set up a system. More people are needed on all the committees.

Calendar for the Year

was distributed. Florence Chenoweth from the UW Human Rights Institute reported that Mary Robinson, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights will speak at the UW on Friday,

September 26, 2008. Tom Brown reported that the UN Secretary General may be in Chicago on February 7-8. It was agreed the Annual UN Dinner should be scheduled for Sunday, October 26. A new location could be considered. Hasler will explore alternative locations,.

Budget

was presented and explained by Hope Conley, Treasurer. The Chapter will have to raise money to meet budget expectations and there was a question about what would happen if we didn't raise the income stated in the budget. Bonnie Block said the actual income and expenses will have to be watched and the budget amended if necessary. Majid Sarmadi moved, with second by Louise Lund, to accept the budget.

Money raising

possibilities include house parties, a program booklet with ads or sponsors for tables at the annual dinner, grant applications (Madison Downtown Rotary Foundation, for instance). "Night of a Thousand Dinners" has been tried with success elsewhere. Hope Conley moved that the Executive Committee develop this idea. Ayes had it after second by Judy Leurquin.

Adjournment

was moved at 5:50 p.m. by John Quinlan, seconded by Bonnie, in order that the Board join together for dinner at Seasons downstairs at Main Gate.

Submitted by Hatheway Hasler, Secretary