

Minutes of the Meeting

UNA-USA

Greater Oklahoma City Chapter

November 11, 2002

Members in Attendance: Bill Bryant, Mark Christian, Larry Eberhardt, Bob Elliott, John Fleming (President), and Fran Morris.

Regrets: Mary Ellen Chiles, Lou Jenkins, Kayhan Movafagh, and Jerry Stephens.

(1) **Call to Order.** The meeting was held in the Eddy Room at First Unitarian Church in Oklahoma City. *John Fleming* called the meeting to order at about 5:30pm.

(2) **Approval of Minutes.** On a motion from *Fran Morris* (seconded by *Mark Christian*), the Minutes of the September meeting were approved as submitted.

(3) **Reports of Officers.** Several reports were presented.

(a) **Financial.** Copies of a financial statement were distributed. The report summarized deposits and expenditures since our last meeting. The current balance in our bank account is \$1,471.98. The report was reviewed and accepted by consensus.

(b) **Membership.** There was no report.

(c) **Education / Programs.** Mr. Fleming remarked on the success of the Fall Dinner Program. He also gave a short report on Ambassador David Scheffer's visit with our Chapter leaders on October 28th.

(d) **Education / Services.** It was noted that *Jerry Stephens* is preparing communications and other groundwork for the Essay Contest.

(e) **Education / Projects.** A couple of reports were heard in this section of the Agenda.

(1) UNICEF Projects -- Fran Morris, Chair. An update on UNICEF Committee plans and activities was delivered. Fran Morris brought samples of UNICEF greeting cards, and several units were sold on the spot. She noted that a complete report on the "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" project was not available – she hasn't heard yet from everyone who participated.

(2) Global Oklahoma. The Global Oklahoma festival was held on October 5th at Rose State College. The volunteers at the UNA table had a good time.

(f) Advocacy. Mr. Fleming recognized *Bill Bryant*, who offered a follow-up report on the Resolution in Support of the UN Charter that was adopted earlier in the year. It was noted that one of the primary objectives of the resolution has been achieved – i.e., the Bush Administration has been working through the United Nations Security Council to address concerns it has with respect to Iraq.

(g) Education & Advocacy. Mr. Fleming recognized *Larry Eberhardt*, who described the success of the UN Day Program. He referred to an excellent presentation by Dr. Don Betz, good panelists, and a “marvelous Emcee” (*Bob Elliott*). It was noted that the program broke even on financial terms.

Turning attention to the chapter’s Global Health Project, Mr. Fleming distributed copies of a 1-page (front & back) document titled, “Board Review of Global Health Committee Chair’s Report on 2003 Health Project Plans.” It was suggested that the chapter’s Spring Dinner in 2003 could be planned around the topic of global health.

An additional handout was a report from the Global Health Committee. The report outlined several ideas and activities that may be put in place in order to support the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. Nineteen specific ideas were listed. Discussion of these ideas led to an apparent consensus of opinion that our chapter should seek to form a network of supporters. The idea of planning a future conference or seminar or meeting was suggested. It was noted that *Shannon Mallory*, the committee chair, will return from Africa on November 12th.

(4) Chapter Coordination. Several items were addressed briefly.

(a) “Celebrate Diversity.” It was noted that this event was held on October 3rd at St. Paul’s Cathedral. Our chapter was a co-sponsor.

(b) “Emergency OKC Coalition” Rally Against War with Iraq. Mr. Fleming reported that a rally against war was held on October 26th by the Emergency OKC Coalition, of which our chapter is listed as a supporter. Bob Elliott commented that about 150 people attended the rally in Oklahoma City’s Memorial Park. Discussion: Did the rally have too much of a partisan tone? Was sufficient credit given to all of the local organizations that co-sponsored the rally?

(c) Ambassador Scheffer’s Visit. Mr. Fleming reported on Ambassador David Scheffer’s visit to Oklahoma City. A luncheon at the Faculty House was well-attended. Mr. Scheffer encouraged our chapter to take part in the “Night of a Thousand Dinners,” an international fund-

raising event for the UNA's landmine clearance project. He also delivered a strong message about the need for continued support of the International Criminal Court, which is still in its start-up phase.

On the topic of landmine clearance, it was decided that Mark Christian will work with Mr. Fleming to organize a local event to take place on the evening of December 5th.

(5) Old Business. There was no unfinished business.

(6) Adjournment. It was agreed that the next meeting of the board of directors will be after the first of the year – to be called by the President.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30pm.

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