

Peoria Area World Affairs Council  
Minutes  
June 3, 2010

The meeting of the Peoria Area World Affairs Council (PAWAC) was called to order by President Melissa Henry at 5:35 p.m. Thursday June 3, at the American Red Cross Building, Peoria, IL

Minutes: Minutes from May were approved after minor corrections. Mac Pogue moved and seconded Lee Tallman.

Treasurer's Report: prepared and presented by Lee Tallman. Pointed out that monthly programs are in negative (@\$425) and the conference was a negative \$890. On the positive side we are @\$6800 in the black as a whole. Lee also mentioned that his new work and the time it takes as treasurer will require him to ease out as our treasurer and plans are being made for a replacement.

Committee Reports

Membership: Mac Pogue announced our current membership number at 235. He also mentioned that our surveys should be completed by the time we go into our strategic planning session later this summer.

Finance: No Report

Marketing: Rich McBride informed us that we are now looking at the new logo for the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA). Angela Weck mentioned that WACA is apparently asking affiliates to copy and use. We will explore this for our logo.

Programming: Angela Weck reported that a couple of our members are hosting an event March 25, 2011 and wondered if the council might be able to tie an event to theirs which involves Thailand. Unfortunately this is at the time of our annual conference. Some of the areas of interest expressed at the program committee's last meeting included South America, Nigeria, Israel & Palestine. It was also proposed to partner with the Dirksen Center for a program on the changing roles of our government branches and foreign policy.

Education: Don Samford reported that he and Dick Sander's will be meeting this summer to work on details for presenting the Great Decisions program in Eureka this fall. Dennis Triggs motioned (Mac Pogue second) that PAWAC officially be the sponsor for this event. Motion was approved.

John Rathbun announced the Illinois Council for the Social Studies will host their fall conference at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He mentioned that Karen Hewitt said that the world affairs council the UofI works with is Peoria. This might be another good opportunity for PAWAC to explore having a booth and/or presentations.

Scholastic Bowl: Angela Weck announced it will be November 20.

Lebanon Conference Report: Presented by Judy Triggs.

We have a great working relationship with the Lebanese community and their committee. Friday night will open at Itoo Hall with a full Lebanese meal. Ray LaHood and James Zogby will be the highlights of the evening. Saturday is PAWAC's conference and symposium day at the Peoria Civic Center. Cabinet level ministers from Lebanon will be invited to speak along with ambassadors. There will be breakout sessions with a variety of speakers. Saturday night will be the big gala connected with fundraising for St. Jude. Lebanese entertainment will be provided. Sunday will include a mass and lunch at St. Sharbel.

Conference ticket prices were discussed. A package deal for all events will be a great deal and members will need to buy early since there is limited seating Friday night. The logo for the conference was also discussed.

Old Business: The program at the Kickappoo Winery was discussed. Good feedback was received on program. It was mentioned \$35 may have reached a price threshold for many members and attendees. It was suggested to try another program there again. The quality of food was rated very high.

New Business: It was mentioned we need to update the PAWAC web site for the next program.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. with many in attendance heading down to Kelleher's.

Attending: Don Samford, Dick Sanders, Jim Ryan, Marcelo Isaak, Barb Drake, Judy Triggs, Patricia Luthe, Dennis Triggs, Rich McBride, Mac Pogue, Angela Weck, Melissa Henry, Ronald Kowakki, Lee Tallman, Helen Nixon, John Nixon, Prabhu Venkataraman, Richard Stalling, John Rathbun