

United Teachers of Dade
2200 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33137

UTD Executive Board Meeting
February 7, 2008

Approved Minutes

This regular meeting of the UTD Executive Board was called to order by President Karen Aronowitz at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Present: Karen Aronowitz, Artie Leichner, Fedrick C. Ingram, Magda Brooks, Linda Cohen, Joyce Cook, Joan Cortez, Beverley Dowell, Peter Hill, Cassandra Holmes, Valarie Johnson, Paul Moore, Thomas Nunn, Maggie Palmer, Shirley Person, David Prince, Chris Radney, Carl Robinson, Ingrid Robledo, Wendi Werther and Sharon Williams.

Absent: Willette Cruse (excused) Pablo Gomez (excused) Sony Ambroise (excused) Peggy Green (excused)

Adoption of Agenda: It was moved by Joyce Cook and seconded by Magda Brooks to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Peter Hill and seconded by Joan Cortez to adopt the minutes of January 10th and January 17th, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda

Introduction of UTD Organizers

Mr. Michael Molnar, Director of UTD's Organizing Department, introduced the UTD Organizers to the members of the Executive Board. Mr. Molnar explained to the Board that the Organizers work in teams and there are three organizers per team.

Educational Issues Department

Dr. Randy Biro, Director of UTD's Professional Issues Department, introduced Mr. Thomas Gammon and Charles Belkis to the Board members.

President Aronowitz stated that Sherri Daniels is doing excellent work in handling all of the legal issues, and Karyn Cunningham is doing a fabulous job of recruiting TIGER Reps.

Board Members Issues and Concerns:

Board members expressed their concerns on several issues and asked questions. Mr. Ingram informed the Board members that we would get the answers to all of the questions.

President's Report: Karen Aronowitz

President Aronowitz updated the Board members on the status of the back lot, stating that our attorneys are handling this issue. President Aronowitz also stated that we had received a settlement for \$125,000 from an omission/fraud insurance policy as a result of the Tornillo problem. President Aronowitz also stated that our relationship with PESCO was coming to an

end, but those members who have purchased products through PESCO would be able to continue with the products.

Support for TWU's Request for Funding Affordable Housing

President Aronowitz informed the Board that TWU had asked for UTD's support for funding affordable housing in a mixed used facility.

It was moved by Wendi Werther and seconded by Magda Brooks to approve and support TWU's request for funding a mixed used facility that would increase affordable homeownership opportunities for the working class in our community. After discussion, motion carried.

President Aronowitz will be sending a letter expressing UTD's support on this issue to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

Health Insurance Ratification Vote

President Aronowitz reported that the Internal Functions Committee will be validating the ratification vote and once the results are in, they will be placed on the UTD Web site. President Aronowitz further stated that she will be placing a robo call encouraging members to attend the School Board meeting – it is extremely important that every member attend and be heard.

Mr. Michael Molnar explained to the Board members the strategy that we plan to use at the next School Board meeting stating that we need every one to attend, and that includes members and non/members. Mr. Molnar discussed the plans for the rally with the Board.

Secretary/Treasurer Ingram recommended that each Board member bring at least 5 people to the School Board meeting on Wednesday, and show unity.

Notebooks for Executive Board Members

President Aronowitz reported that notebooks are being provided so that Board members can keep all pertinent information. Inside the notebooks are lists of organizers by schools.

UTD Constitution/Bylaws Committee

President Aronowitz stated that we will be convening this committee in order to make our Constitution and Bylaws current. The following Board members volunteered: Chris Radney, Maggie Palmer, Ingrid Robledo and Linda Cohen. President Aronowitz stated that she would be asking Staff to recommend members to this committee.

UTD Dues Committee

President Aronowitz stated that we will also be convening this committee and she will be asking for recommendations from the Staff. Ms. Wendi Werther volunteered to serve on the committee.

It was moved by Joan Cortez and seconded by Chris Radney to extend the meeting 15 minutes. After discussion, motion carried.

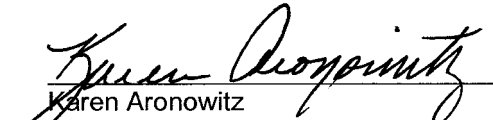
First Vice President's Report: Artie Leichner

First Vice President Leichner stated that he had visited Miami Jackson Senior and had gotten very ill. Mr. Leichner also stated that there are some schools that have no running water, and this is not acceptable.

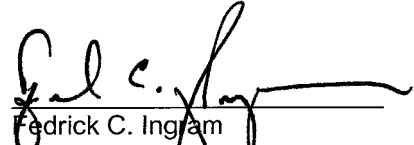
First Vice President Leichner also stated that he is working with the law firm of Mark Richard on the issue of what is insubordination. Once we have the information it will be shared with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Magda Brooks and seconded by Joan Cortez to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Karen Aronowitz
President



Fredrick C. Ingram
Secretary/Treasurer