

United Teachers of Dade
2200 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33137

Special UTD Executive Board Meeting
December 16, 2008

Approved Minutes

This Special meeting of the UTD Executive Board was called to order by President Karen Aronowitz at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Present: Karen Aronowitz, Artie Leichner, Fedrick C. Ingram, Sony Ambroise, Magda Brooks, Linda Cohen, Joyce Cook, Joan Cortez, Willette Cruse, Beverley Dowell, Peggy Green, Angie Gonzalez, Peter Hill, Cassandra Holmes Valarie Johnson, Thomas Nunn, Shirley Person, David Prince, Chris Radney, Ingrid Robledo, and Wendi Werther.

Absent: Pablo Gomez (unexcused) Paul Moore (unexcused) Maggie Palmer (excused) Sharon Williams (excused)

Adoption of Agenda: It was moved by Magda Brooks and seconded by David Prince to adopt the agenda as presented. After discussion, motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes: Being that this was a special meeting of the UTD Executive Board, no minutes were brought up for approval.

Agenda

President's Report: Karen Aronowitz

President Aronowitz reported that on December 8, 2008, UTD had received a letter containing Charges Against a UTD Steward. In accordance with the UTD Bylaws, upon charges being submitted an initial probable cause investigation was conducted in tandem with Legal Counsel.

Report on Investigation of Charges Against a UTD Steward: Patricia Ireland, Attorney at Law, Phillips & Richard PA

In accordance with the UTD Constitution and Bylaws, Ms. Patricia Ireland, Attorney, Phillips & Richard, PA addressed the Board members regarding the probable cause investigation and findings of charges received against a UTD Steward.

Ms. Ireland explained the charges and the probable cause investigation to the Board members and recommends a finding of no probable cause in this matter.

It was moved by David Prince and seconded by Magda Brooks to accept the UTD's Legal Counsel's recommendation of no probable cause in this case. Motion carried with one Board member abstaining from the vote.

Charges Against Three UTD Members Trial Committee Report: Patricia Ireland, Attorney at Law, Phillips & Richard PA

Ms. Patricia Ireland, Attorney, Phillips & Richard PA explained the Trial Committee report to the Board members in its entirety. Ms. Ireland also informed the Board that two of individuals had resigned their membership in UTD but due to the 30-day membership policy we have, the case still needed to go forward and the two colleagues chose not to attend the Trial.

Ms. Ireland reminded the Board members that in accordance with the UTD Bylaws, Article VI, Section 6. Trial of Members: "The Executive Board shall take such action on the report of the Trial Committee as it may deem proper and, in the event the accused is found guilty of the charges preferred against him/her, shall impose such penalties as in its judgment, it may deem fitting and proper."

It was moved by Chris Radney and seconded by Wendi Werther to have Ms. [REDACTED] banned from holding union office during any time period that she holds office, membership or promotes membership in P.E.N. or the Alliance or any other organization deemed inimical to the Union. After discussion, motion carried.

It was moved by Chris Radney and seconded by Artie Leichner to have Mr. [REDACTED] membership revoked for five years, after which he may apply to be UTD Executive Board for reinstatement as a member of UTD. After discussion, motion carried.

It was moved by Chris Radney and seconded by Shirley Person to have Mr. [REDACTED] membership revoked for five years, after which he may apply to the UTD Executive Board for reinstatement as a member of UTD. After discussion, motion carried.

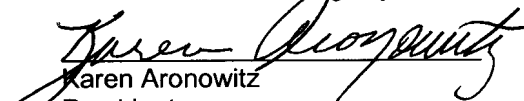
Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Fedrick C. Ingram

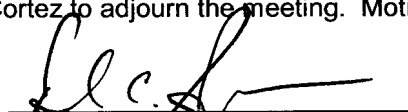
Mr. Ingram informed the Board members of all of the activities we will be having in January – Executive Board meeting on January 8, New Teacher Orientation on 1/16, Dr. Martin L. King parade on 1/19/09.

President Aronowitz informed Board members that she will be unable to participate in the parade this year, because she has been appointed Chairperson of the AFT Women's Right Committee and they have a meeting on this date. President Aronowitz also stated that a special session of the Florida Legislature has been convened for January 5-16, 2009 and UTD will be attending.

Adjournment

It was moved by Artie Leichner and seconded by Joan Cortez to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.


Karen Aronowitz
President


Fedrick C. Ingram
Secretary/Treasurer