

United Teachers of Dade
2200 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33137

Council of Building Stewards Meeting
December 11, 2008

Approved Minutes

This regular meeting of the Council of Building Stewards was called to order by President Karen Aronowitz at approximately 6:00 p.m. Javier Berezdevin led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed on behalf of Helen Clark, UTD Steward at Arcola Lake Elementary schools who had passed away earlier today.

Approval of Agenda and Adoption of Minutes:

President Aronowitz reported that due to a lack of a quorum, no minutes would be approved, but she would answer questions from those present.

Special Item: Education Award presented to Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall

On behalf of Andy Ford, President of FEA, President Aronowitz presented an award to Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall for her heroic support of public education. President Aronowitz stated that due to term limits, Ms. Mindingall is no longer serving us in Tallahassee, but she remains a true friend of education.

Ms. Mindingall addressed the Council of Stewards stating that while in Tallahassee she had fought very hard for education funding. She also explained that she was a teacher when she started, becoming a UTD Building Steward, and then a Principal. Ms. Mindingall thanked the Council and FEA for the award.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Fedrick C. Ingram

Secretary/Treasurer Ingram reported that since there is no quorum, he will just read the Financial Management Review October 2008 and Year-to-Date. (The report is in the Council of Stewards folder).

President's Report: Karen Aronowitz

President Aronowitz reminded those present that we will be involved in bargaining for health care on December 17th, and the Impasse Hearing is scheduled for December 15th and December 16.

President Aronowitz also stated that the Sabbatical Leave proposal is a cost saving measure for the district, and that we agreed to it in principle but there was no negotiation. President Aronowitz further indicated that the sabbatical leave proposal excludes our paraprofessionals and clerical/technical personnel and we will not sign any agreement until all our bargaining unit members are included. President Aronowitz stated that we will not break ranks with each other during these difficult times.

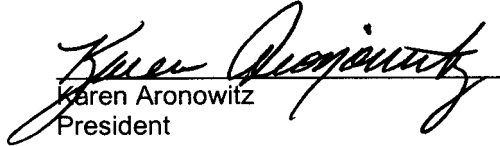
President Aronowitz answered questions from Stewards.

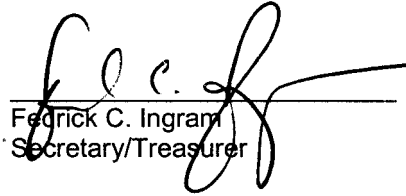
First Vice President's Report: Artie Leichner

First Vice President Leichner reported on the BOSS program, stating that it would cost \$12 million to shut it down; he is working with the FEA attorneys regarding the EESAC money issue – to find out if this can be a criminal case.

Adjournment

President Aronowitz wished every one a healthy and a happy new year and the meeting adjourned.


Karen Aronowitz
President


Fredrick C. Ingram
Secretary/Treasurer