

United Teachers of Dade  
2200 Biscayne Boulevard  
Miami, Florida 33137

Council of Stewards Meeting  
October 3, 2009

### Approved Minutes

This regular Council of Building Stewards meeting was called to order by President Aronowitz at 9:15 a.m. President Aronowitz Led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence.

**Minutes:** It was moved by Peggy Green and properly seconded to approve the minutes of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as presented. Motion carried.

### Special Items:

Ms. Kate Nowack, from the Kendrick Meek for US Senate Petition campaign addressed the Council of Stewards. Ms. Nowack thanked the Council of Stewards for the endorsement of Congressman Meek and he would be the first statewide candidate to attempt to qualify for office based on a petition drive. Ms. Nowack stated that each Council of Stewards packet has thirty petitions and they will be collected at the November meeting,

President Aronowitz stated that she was very proud of Congressman Meek's accomplishments. He has been a voice for human and women's rights, and a voice for education; we especially appreciate his work to pass the Class Size Amendment.

President Aronowitz stated that Senator Wilson was not able to attend this meeting to receive the "Friend of Education" award.

### President's Report: Karen Aronowitz

#### Collective Bargaining Update

President Aronowitz reported that yesterday our bargaining team spent the entire day at the District with no results. The proposals by the District did not contain a zero cost employee insurance option, and since the Superintendent was out of town, the District stated that they did not have the authority to approve any proposals.

President Aronowitz further stated that we will be back in bargaining on Monday, and continue to fight for step increases and a zero cost option for insurance. She also explained that UTD will be offering a members-only lower cost dental insurance, Solstice. All bargaining information will be placed on the UTD website.

### Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Fedrick C. Ingram

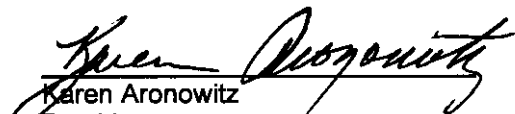
Secretary/Treasurer Ingram stated that there will be no Financial Management Review/Report until the UTD Audit is completed. Once the Audit is completed it will be presented to the Council at the November meeting.


### First Vice President's Report: Artie Leichner

First Vice President Leichner stated that we have received a lot of complaints regarding FAIR, and as a result President Aronowitz has sent a letter to the Commissioner of Education essentially stating that FAIR is overburdening teachers, is unfair to students, and should be discontinued immediately.

Adjournment

It was moved by Pablo Gomez and properly seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

  
Karen Aronowitz  
President

  
Fedrick C. Ingram  
Secretary/Treasurer