

**United Educators of San Francisco
Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, October 18, 2006, 4:15 p.m.
Official Minutes**

Approval of Minutes Susan Solomon
M/S/C to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2006 Assembly meeting minutes as presented.

Resolutions

1. M/S/C Resolution on City Parking Permits.....Mark Murray
Whereas many school sites in San Francisco Unified school District do not provide adequate on-campus parking spaces and

Whereas many San Francisco neighborhoods near commercial areas have gone to area parking permits for residential parking and

Whereas current city policy allows for only a small number of these permits to be issued to school personnel, despite their work location in said residential areas, and

Whereas these permits are only issued to teachers and not other school staff and

Whereas the above mentioned city policy creates a hardship on school staff who often have to spend large chunks of their own time either looking for parking or walking to work from a parking location far away from the campus,

Therefore be it resolved that a UESF leadership use their political influence to secure a change in city policy to allow school staff to apply for residential parking permits in areas where they are required.

Brother Murray pointed out that all teachers at his site received parking permits because there is construction going on at this time, thus proving that it is possible to provide parking permits to all teachers who need them.

Special Order of Business

1. Constitution and By-Laws Amendments (2nd Reading) Tom Edminster
(Hand out) Tabled from September Assembly Meeting.

All of the following motions are moot because of what happened subsequently re: Art. 10, sec. 1a and b. Constitutional amendments:

Carried: Art. 7, sec. 1

Carried: Art. 7, sec.2 up to but **not** including 2a.

Failed: Substitute motion submitted by the Retired Division:

Constitution, Article VII, Executive Board, Section 2a. ... All other members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the active members of the UESF membership.

M/S/C to extend debate by 10 minutes.

Failed: Art. 7, Sec. 2a

Bob Fesler was given permission by the body to present a point of information: that there was a violation of the Constitution and Bylaws, based on Article 10, Section 1b of the Constitution. The membership has never received the proposed amendments. Dennis Kelly addressed the issue: a summary, though not the text, was mailed to each member; the precedent is mixed.

Point of order made by Larry Blake: The Assembly should not proceed because Constitution Article 10, Section 1b was not followed. The Constitution and Bylaws (Article 14, Section 1b) state that the text of the proposed amendments must be forwarded to each UESF member. There was a discussion about whether the entire Constitution and Bylaws should be sent out. There was also a discussion about which proposals for amendments should be forwarded to members. For example, the Retired Division's proposed amendments, presented today, should be included in the packet, but what if others are presented?

M/S/C: to include the proposed amendments presented at this meeting by Sandra Mack, et al in the packet of proposed amendments.

- 2. Retired Div. Constitution & By-Laws Amendments Gerry Meister

UESF Bylaws Amendments

Bylaws, Article III, Divisions. Section 1. Retired Division. NEW e. Retired Division members may not vote on the election of active division officers or the ratification of contracts unless contract provisions affect either current retirees or future retiree benefits."

Bylaws, Article IV, Nominations & Elections, Section 3. Balloting for the election of the Executive Board members and Labor Council Delegates shall be conducted by a secret ballot mailed to all active members....

Bylaws, Article IV, Nominations & Elections, Section 3. b. All active members of UESF in good standing shall be eligible to vote.

Bylaws, Article V, Duties of Officers, Section 8. "The Chairperson of the Retired Division shall report to the Executive Board and Assembly of UESF at the their monthly meetings."

Bylaws, Article XII, Dues, Section 4, Retired Dues. "NEW: Dues of the Retired Division shall be set under the By Laws of the Retired Division. ~~These dues shall be sufficient to cover affiliations and operations of the Retired Division. There shall be no obligation of UESF resources without prior approval."~~

Reports

- 1. President's Report Dennis Kelly

UESF used its "political influence" (see resolution #1, above when the Board of Supervisors appointed people, including UESF Executive Board member Betty Robinson-Harris, to the

First Five Commission. Some of the money that goes to the First Five Commission will come to the District.

2. Executive Vice-President's ReportLinda Festa Plack

a) Dennis Kelly and Linda Plack went to the San Francisco Chronicle editorial board to speak in favor of Proposition A. In light of this, she presented information and brochures about the Williams case to the Assembly because it is an important tool for addressing inequities and frequently substandard conditions at school sites. There is also state proposition 1D for improving school sites. (Susan Kitchell pointed out that there is a separate form for complaints about bathrooms.) Communications Chair Robin Brasso strongly urged members to write to a variety of newspapers, pointing out how little the Proposition A assessment will cost property owners (an average of \$22 for every \$100,000 of property assessed, over the life of the bond). Caveat re: Williams Act: there is a finite amount of money in the Williams fund, so use the strength of the contract to correct some problems.

3. SubstitutesSandra Mack

The October issue of The SubWay was distributed. If members know substitutes who are unable to get through to the substitute line and therefore do not get jobs, they should tell those substitutes to apply for unemployment insurance with the Employment Development Department.

4. Retired Division Gerry Meister

There will be a Health System Membership Fair, November 14-15, 10:00-5:00. Flyers were distributed.

5. COPE ReportKen

Tray 30,000 mailers will be sent to voters throughout San Francisco with our endorsed school board candidates. There was a great community meeting sponsored by ACORN, UESF and AFT 2121 to talk about school issues important to community members and to introduce candidates Twomey, Mendoza and Maufas to attendees. UESF is forming an increasingly strong alliance with ACORN. Large and small window signs with the names of our endorsed school board candidates were available. There will be palm cards for the last week of the campaign.

Announcements: Adrienne Johnstone had information about Green Party and ISO candidates who are running for public office.

Teachers from Oaxaca will be speaking at New College on Thursday, October 20.

Adjournment: at 6:20p.m. in memory of Bob Crawford, husband of Sister Pat Crawford.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Solomon, Secretary