

**United Educators of San Francisco
Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, October 15, 2008, 4:15 p.m.
Official Minutes**

Minutes

Approval of Minutes Susan Solomon
M/S/C to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2008 Assembly meeting minutes as amended.

Financial Report and COPE Financial Report..... Elaine Merriweather, Ken Tray

M/S/C to accept the September 30, 2008 Financial Report as presented. The cost of printing the contract appears as over budget because the District has not paid its half yet. "PR Income" under Revenues represents the \$1.67 per month that some members pay as an opt-out of COPE.

M/S/C to accept the September 30, 2008 COPE Report as presented. Expenditures for the School Board campaign began last month. A mailer has been sent to 100,000 homes. Buttons were purchased. The phonebank will have expenses. COPE has not been billed yet. UESF COPE requested that CTA donate \$50,000 for the campaign and expected \$25,000-\$30,000. CTA donated \$45,000, which is the single largest donation CTA has made to any local. UESF COPE requested and received \$5000 from CFT, a much smaller organization than CTA. The anticipated cost of the campaign is \$100,000.

Special Order of Business

1. Support Prop. O..... Dennis Kelly for the Firefighters Union

The representative from the Firefighters Union arrived at the end of the meeting, so Brother Kelly made the report. Currently, \$82 million a year is raised for 911 services through a phone bill fee. In another city, this "fee" was challenged, as it is actually a tax. Proposition O will simply rename the fee to call it a tax. If O loses, San Francisco will lose all 911 services unless the \$82 million funding is taken from the General Fund. UESF contributed \$250 to the campaign.

Reports

- 1) President's ReportDennis Kelly

- a) Constitution and Bylaws Hearing.....Tom Edminster

Members of the Rules Committee are Tom Edminster, Gerry Meister, Gale Ow, and Tim Reidy. The hearing on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, posted on the UESF website, will be held on October 22 after the Divisional meetings. The Rules Committee worked on editorial changes and proposed amendments to cover dues and adjunct members. The October *SF Educator* has the layout of the proposals on page 3.

- b) The National Association of Letter Carriers, our co-building owners, are unhappy that UESF is not moving forward with repairs and renovations to the building.
- c) New UESF area representatives: Gale Ow, Janet Eberhardt, Anthony Farenga, Michelle Irwin. Returning area reps: Chuck Turner, Michael Resnick, Ellen Yoshitsugu, and Tracey Metheny-Thompson.
- d) Linda Plack has welcomed a new granddaughter, Tora Tomini.

2) COPE Committee Ken Tray

There is significant opposition in the School Board race, so Brother Tray expects that 2-4 of the open seats will go to our endorsed candidates. A new U.S. president and a more progressive Congress could have a positive effect. The current financial and state budget crises will have enormous impact on our work. Electing good School Board members will help give us control of our work lives. Because of this, it is critical that we have high participation in phonebanking and precinct-walking. There are 18,000 mailers that can and should be distributed at school sites before and after school.

3) ParaprofessionalsCarolyn Samoa

The next Paraprofessional Division meeting will be on October 22. Gale Ow and Janet Eberhardt, recently hired as area representatives for the Para Division, will be in attendance.

4) Substitutes Liz Conley

The Substitutes Division will be meeting on October 22.

5) Child Development Program.....Betty Robinson-Harris

Community Care Licensing has a requirement that certain personnel information be kept at its Child Development Center. UESF and SFUSD have negotiated about this issue, but now substitute teachers have been told by Licensing that they must have the same information with them when they work at a CDC.

6) Retired Division..... Gerry Meister

The Division is about two-thirds of the way through a postcard-writing campaign, organized by AFT. Members are handwriting postcards in support of Obama to AFT retired members in Minnesota. Retirees have also phonebanked for the School Board campaign.

7) Sergeant at Arms Report Roberto Michel

Forty-one in attendance, representing: 5 high, 5 middle, 3 K-8, 1 county community, and 9 elementary schools, and 3 CDCs.

Good of the Order: CTA donated over \$1 million to the No on Proposition 8 campaign, and also donated to the No on Proposition 4 campaign.

Announcements: 1) 10/16 and 17 at CCSF: Forum on the New Deal with entertainment by the Rockin' Solidarity Chorus; 2) 10/16: CTA Golden Gate Service Center Fall Minority Reception; 3) 10/18: Public meeting and discussion, Capitalism and the Freemarket Crisis, Haymarket Books

Adjournment: at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Solomon, Secretary

THE EVENING OF THE THIRD AND FINAL PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE