

**United for Single Payer
Minutes of Meeting September 16, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

1. Introduction of Attendees.

In addition to UfSP members, we were joined by several visitors from the Bellingham area.

2. Approval of Minutes of meetings of August 26, 2009, and September 2, 2009.

The Minutes of these two meetings, distributed by email, were approved as written. A request was made that Minutes of each meeting be distributed more timely after each meeting.

3. Reports of Standing Committees:

a. Action Committee.

Linda Rohan reported that Sally Soriano is involved in planning an action event in early October at the UW.

Tom Warner reported that there will be another showing of SICKO at the Douglass-Truth Seattle Public Library branch, 2300 E. Yesler Way at 23rd Ave.

The dates of events are disseminated by the Announcement email list, coordinated by Clayton Wheeler and Jon Hiesfelder.

b. Financing/Fundraising. No report.

c. Targeted Contacts.

Martha Koester reported that some of HCFA-WA Legislative District Action Teams were in the process of making targeted contacts to organizations.

d. Strategic Messaging.

Don Bungee has contacted Seattle Metro and reported that one bus ad for the back of a bus could be posted for \$370 for a month. He suggested referring to "The American Plan" as proposed by George Lakoff. After discussion, Jim Squire and Melody Roberts agreed to formulate a specific plan and present it to us at a future meeting.

4. New Business:

a. Draft Budget.

Martha Koester presented a listing of some recent expenses. \$277 had been paid to the Mad As Hell Doctors 09/08/09 event. Some of the other figures were "guestimates," and Martha did not know if they had been paid and, if so, by whom. These details will be solidified for the next meeting.

Tom Warner suggested purchasing baseball caps with the UfSP logo. No decision was made.

b. Faith-Inspired Forum for Health Care Reform.

Don Mitchell reported that this forum, sponsored by the Faith-Inspired Alliance for Health Care Reform, will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, from 7:30 – 9:00 PM at Town Hall in Seattle. Details are at <http://eu.brownpapertickets.com/event/81304> . The contact person for this event is Richard Hodgkin (rshodgin@comcast.net).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

We did not decide on a date for the next meeting of UfSP.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Mitchell