MINUTES: Status of Women Committee
Thursday, March 26, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

PRESENT: Denise Doyle, Rose McAleer, Thelma MacGillivray,
Patti McNaney, Pat Saunders, Denise Spoelstra

ALSO PRESENT: Bev Neill, City of Hamilton
Anna Roberts

REGRETS: Jan Lukas, Souhad Masri, Joanne Ruggieri

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Additions to agenda:
- Patti McNaney - draft letter / history of Status of Women Committee
- Denise Doyle – permission to address the committee
- Thelma MacGillivray – letter to Andrea Horwath

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corrections:
Item 6.1 should read Budget & Gender Analysis
Item 6.4 - Status of Women should be recognized at the Woman of Distinction Award as we contribute to the event financially. Discussion followed regarding inquiring whether a member of the Status of Women Committee could participate by being on the selection committee for the Woman of Distinction Award.

(Saunders/MacGillivray)
That the February 26, 2009 minutes of the Status of Women Committee be approved as amended. CARRIED.

Denise Doyle addressed the committee members.
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Brochure Update
Shanine away. No update.

Budget
No update.

Gender Budget Analysis Symposium to be held in London on Monday March 30th. Cost is $35.00. Bev will register Pat and Thelma. Denise to email details of symposium to Bev.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 City for All Women Document
Editing complete. Document will be presented by Denise Spoelstra at Audit & Administration Committee. Document will be uploaded to City’s website under “hot topics” which will link to the Status of Women Committee page. A copy will be distributed to all councillors. It was proposed that this document be reviewed annually. Inquiry made as to whether a councillor has been dedicated to the Status of Women Committee. Will also distribute a copy of the survey results.

5.2 Women of Distinction Nominating Committee

5.3 International Women’s Day
It was suggested that the written report on the history of the Status of Women Committee be turned in to the Hamilton Public Library for their archives. Denise advised that the International Women’s Day event was very successful. Joanne has a list from SASHA. Contact information to be faxed to Bev.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Thelma stated that Hamilton ranked 26th of most violent cities in Canada. Concern expressed about Barton Street.

6.2 It was suggested that business cards might assist with networking. This issue will be further considered when the SWC logo is finalized. Committee members will email Bev with information to include on cards.
6.3 Letter / History of Status of Women Committee
Discussion took place on whether to remove the history of the committee from the letter. It was felt that the committee’s history is important and it was suggested that it be posted on the website and handed out with the Civic Participation Kit.

6.4 Letter to Andrea Horwath
It was suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Andrea Horwath.

6.5 Denise
- Hamilton Police Services action. Date to be determined.
- Elect More Women continues to meet.
- CEO from the YWCA passed away in Muskoka.
- had the opportunity to hear Marshal Gant speak.

6.6 April 23, 2009 Meeting
The committee decided to forego a meeting on April 23, 2009 to attend the World Wide YWCA Day from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the YWCA on McNab Street. Senator Mobina Jaffer will be the guest speaker.

6.7 Thelma
- Judy Rebick speaking on Monday March 30th at Burlington Public Library. Tickets are $10 each.

7. ADJOURNMENT
On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by: R. McAleer

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, May 28, 2009
5:30 pm – Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre