MINUTES: Status of Women Committee
Thursday, January 22, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

PRESENT: Jennifer Aggus, Denise Doyle, Jan Lukas, Rose McAleer,
Shanine Mohebat, Joanne Ruggieri, Pat Saunders,
Denise Spoelstra, Basharat Tayyab

REGRETS: Thelma McGillivray, Patti McNaney, Lenore Lukaski-Foss,
Souhad Masri

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes – November 27, 2008
The following changes were made to the November 27, 2008 Status of
Women Committee minutes:
- motion re quorum was missing from minutes
- date correction on 3rd page

(Saunders/Aggus)
That the November 27, 2008 minutes of the Status of Women
Committee be approved as amended. CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Participation Kit
Denise and Shanine have the completed participation document.
Discussion:
- members to think about suggestions for other languages for
  condensed version to use in their communities.
- addition of Hamilton links on the in the participation document
- document could go on the City of Hamilton website under Status of
  Women
- Denise will email the document to members for review and finalizing at the next meeting. Changes to be emailed to Bev by February 5, 2009
- Bev will be the keeper of the document

**Logo**

Shanine advised that samples for logos have not been requested because the committee has not yet decided on what they are willing to pay for this service.

Bev advised that the current logo has already been submitted. She will inquire whether there is an approved criteria or policy for logos.

(**Aggus/Ruggieri**)

That the Status of Women Committee move forward to obtain the services of a designer to create a new logo for the committee and that the cost for this service is not to exceed $200.00. **CARRIED.**

Denise & Shanine will bring back or email logo samples for decision.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5.1 **Brochure Update**
Denise and Joanne volunteered to work on the brochure and will schedule a meeting to work on this.

5.2 **Survey Update**
No update provided.

5.3 **City Budget Discussion**
Pat Saunders thanked Jennifer Aggus for presenting the views of the Status of Women Committee of the City’s budget at the January 22, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting.

The SWC Budget Committee will do monthly follow-ups and continue to educate themselves. Denise and Pat will meet in February to discuss gender analysis. Jennifer will email a tool to assist in the gender analysis.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 **Resignations**
6.1.1 The SWC received a letter of resignation from Peggyanne Mansfield.
6.1.2 Jennifer Aggus announced that she would be resigning from the SWC in March 2009.

6.2 SACHA Sexual Assault Centre
A letter was received from SACHA inquiring if the SWC would consider renting a table at the upcoming International Women’s Day event on March 6, 2009. Discussion followed and it was decided that this would be a good opportunity to educate people on our committee and to recruit members.

Ruggieri/Mohebat
That the Status of Women Committee rent a table at the March 6, 2009 International Women’s Day event coordinated by SACHA in the amount of $500.00.

CARRIED.

7. ADJOURNMENT
On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by:  R. McAleer

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, February 26, 2009
5:30 pm – Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre