MINUTES: Status of Women Committee  
Thursday, September 24, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.  
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

PRESENT: Denise Doyle, Jan Lukas, Thelma McGillivray, Shanine Mohebat, Pat Saunders, Denise Spoelstra, Basharat Tayyab

ALSO PRESENT: Bev Neill, City of Hamilton
Christeen Urquhart, Guest

REGRETS: Rose McAleer, Patti Mcnaney, Anna Roberts

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(P.Saunders/T.McGillivray)
That the May 28, 2009 minutes of the Status of Women Committee be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 2010 Budget / Business Plan

The draft 2010 budget/business plan for the Status of Women committee was discussed and changes made.

(D.Doyle/S.Mohebat)
That the Status of Women Committee respectfully request:

a) That a request for $2,000.00 from the reserve budget be considered, and
b) That the Status of Women Committee’s 2010 Budget/Business Plan submission in the amount of $5,500.00 (which includes the $2,000.00 request from the reserve budget) be approved and forwarded to Council for consideration.

CARRIED.

5.2 Governance Review Subcommittee Meeting re SWC Secondary Logo

Report regarding the SWC secondary logo is on the agenda of the September 29, 2009 of the Governance Review Subcommittee meeting.

5.3 Brochure/Business Card Update

Shanine Mohebat will draft a brochure for the committee’s consideration.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Thelma McGillivray
Analyze the results from our survey and decide what we are going to do with the results. There was mention of giving consideration to some type of project work. This item will be added to the next agenda.

Jan Lukas
Distributed “Do The Math” pamphlets and encouraged members to view the on-line information concerning social assistance rates.

Presented information concerning “Enduring Women” event being held on September 30, 2009 at the Fieldcote Museum.

Basharat Tayyab
Muslim women’s event being held on Friday October 2, 2009 at 1030 Upper Gage at the SISO mountain location from 5 – 7 pm. Basharat extended an invitation to the SWC for one member to attend. Denise and Shanine advised they will attend at this event on behalf of the committee.

Denise Doyle
Elect More Women – Denise expressed the need for women in the community to step forward as volunteers to assist female candidates in their bid to secure a spot in the upcoming municipal election in 2010. Planning meeting to be held on September 29, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the YWCA.
Persons Day Breakfast, hosted by the YWCA and Zonta Clubs of Hamilton, is being held on Monday, October 19, 2009 at Liuna Station from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

(D.Doyle/P.Saunders) That the Status of Women Committee purchase a table for this event in the amount of $175.00. CARRIED.

Interested members to RSVP their attendance to Bev Neill for this event.

Shanine Mohebat
Discussed the prospect of engaging young women to participate in an event to be hosted by SWC. At the venue, women could display their works of art, videos and photos. The venue would provide women an opportunity to express themselves artistically. Committee members suggested different themes that could be considered. SWC to cover the expenses associated with the event including the venue location and food.
Shanine to follow-up with local schools to bring forward the idea of this venue for consideration. Jan agreed to assist Shanine with providing some contact information at the Board of Education.
Suggestion was made to add this item to future workplan discussions.

Christeen Urquhart attended the meeting as a guest and expressed interested in joining the committee. Bev will forward an application form.

7. ADJOURNMENT

(J.Lukas/S.Mohebat) That the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 22, 2009
5:30 pm – Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre