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MINUTES: Status of Women Committee
Thursday, November 27th, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

PRESENT: Thelma McGillivray, Denise Doyle, Jennifer Aggus,
Pat Saunders, Rose McAleer, Jan Lukas, Shanine Mohebat

REGRETS: Basharat Tayyab

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None declared.

A discussion followed on various options to deal with lack of quorum at
meetings creating the inability to move items of importance or
accomplish any goals.

(Doyle/Lukas)
That the quorum for the City of Hamilton Status of Women Committee
be amended to attendance of 35% of committee members in order to
move items and, more importantly, accomplish goals of the
committee. CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Correction: Remove Pamela Cross as guest speaker.
5.3 Thelma brought petition to meeting reference to include safety in
the Workplace. Thelma will email revised amendment to 5.3.

(T.McGillivray/S.Mohebat)
That the October 23, 2008 minutes of the Status of Women Committee
be approved as amended. CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

BROCHURE: Denise and Shanine know someone that can work on a
brochure and logos. Thelma suggested that we need a hand out to
give to the community, something simple, a brochure, typewritten,
coloured paper.

All agreed to have Denise and Shanine get a quote for design before we make a decision.

City Hall already asked for a logo. Bev submitted the logo we currently have. Wording also needs to be updated. Proposed wording and logo to be brought back to the next meeting by Denise and Shanine.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Survey – Updates/Findings
Survey will be sent out on the Community Announcements Service. Paper copies of the survey also to be considered. Bev will have them printed on white paper and members are to let her know how many they want. Uncertainty around how we will compile the information. This will be further discussed in January.

5.2 December 6th
Jennifer will attend the vigil at the Women’s Center on Dec 6th on behalf of the committee. She will also send out the details of the vigil. Statement from the Committee on 6 December. Jen will send a letter to the editor (Hamilton Spectator) from the SWC.

5.3 Elect More Women
The Conference Date is May 30, 2009 at the YWCA. All rooms in the Y are booked. Request consideration that the “Status of Women” Committee to provide food for the event.

(J.Lucas/S.Mohebat)
That the Status of Women Committee support the Elect More Women Conference on May 30, 2009 by providing refreshments for the event.

CARRIED.

5.4 Subcommittees – Work Plan

5.4.1 Report on Budget Committee (Pat Saunders, Chair)
In Attendance: Pat & Jan
Went ahead with the meeting. Document on the net was brought to our attention. See City for all Women Initiative –City of Ottawa.
Also made aware of a booklet that goes through the budget step by step.
Pat asked if we are interested in reviewing the budget. Thelma noted interest in areas that impact women. Denise suggested that we do a budget analysis by attending council meetings, look at cuts and educate ourselves through the year.

Also noted that Thelma met with MPP’s on affordable housing issue. Commented on the fact that once the dollars come to Hamilton the Province has no say in where it goes.
Jan suggested a delegation attend on January 22nd to make a comment about the fact that we will be watching what City Hall is doing that might affect Women. There is a form on line. Budget sub-committee will draft and make a presentation prior to our meeting on January 22nd.

(P.Saunders/J.Lucas)
That the Status of Women Committee send a delegation to the January 22, 2009 budget meeting. CARRIED.

The request to be a delegate needs to be sent in right away. Pat will send in the form to attend to the elected officials.

At the January 22nd meeting of the Status of Women, committee members will discuss and examine how the budget works.

5.4.2 Participation Kit
Website: www.cawi-ivtf.org/capitalen/communities(resources)

The participation document needs to be edited.
Denise: Do we have any money to hire someone to do the editing? Denise to investigate $500 to $1000 to edit and format the participation document. Bev to send document to Denise. Denise and Shanine to work on the booklet.

5.5 December Meeting
There will be no meeting in December.

6. NEW BUSINESS
There was no new business discussed.

7. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Minutes taken by: R. McAleer
NEXT MEETING

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