

MINUTES: Status of Women Committee

Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.

Room 193, Hamilton City Hall

**PRESENT:** Denise Spoelstra (Chair), Denise Doyle, Jan Lukas,

Patti McNaney, Pat Saunders, Basharat Tayyab

**REGRETS:** Thelma McGillivray, Bev Neill

#### 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Denise Doyle declared a conflict for Item 5.9 – Persons Day Event and declined to be part of the vote.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### (D. Doyle/P. McNaney)

That the April 22, 2010 minutes of the Status of Women Committee be approved as circulated. **CARRIED** 

# (D. Doyle/P. McNaney)

That the June 24, 2010 minutes of the Status of Women Committee be approved as circulated. **CARRIED** 

#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

# 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 5.1 Update - Project "Scratch the Surface" Meeting

Denise Doyle provided an update of the "Scratch the Surface" Project meeting held June 30, 2010. An additional meeting was held this week to approve and put forward a plan for the proposal.

# 5.2 Update – Hamilton Elected Women's History Project

Pat Saunders updated on the Hamilton Elected Women's History Project. It is presently on hold.

# 5.3 Update – Purchase of a Display Banner

Patti McNaney updated on the purchase of a display banner. The banner has been ordered.

# 5.4 SWC Website – I tems to be Considered for Upload to the Website

This item was deferred to the October, 2010 meeting.

#### 5.5 Letter – The AIDS Network

Denise Spoelstra will follow up with Audra Petrulis from the AIDS Network regarding a partnership between the Status of Women Committee and the AIDS Network.

# 5.6 Gender Budget Analysis – McMaster

Denise Doyle advised that McMaster University has begun a graduate course called Gender Studies and Feminist Research. The focus will be gender budget analysis and Denise will be in contact with the graduate student with respect to the direction of the research and how it will fit with the work of the Status of Women Committee.

# 5.7 SWC Workplan – Next Steps

This item was deferred to the October, 2010 meeting.

# 5.8 Municipal Election

On the Elect More Women website, there are links to all the candidates.

# 5.9 Opportunities for Upcoming Events/Request from the Community

# Persons Day Breakfast

This event takes place on Monday, October 18, 2010 and is hosted by the Zonta Clubs of Hamilton and the YWCA. An email will be sent to committee members to see who would like to attend. The committee budget will purchase tickets for members.

The Zonta Clubs of Hamilton and the YWCA has requested support / partnership with the Status of Women Committee for this event.

# (P. McNaney/P. Saunders)

That the Status of Women Committee partner with the Zonta Clubs of Hamilton and the YWCA for the Persons Day Breakfast on October 18, 2010 with a contribution of \$1,000.00.

# Spirit of the Red Hill Valley

This lecture series will take place on November 3, 2010 with Judy Rebick as the guest speaker. A request was made by Don McLean for support from the Status of Women Committee in the amount of \$100.00.

# (B. Tayyab/P.Saunders)

That the Status of Women Committee support the Spirit of the Red Hill Valley lecture series in the amount of \$100.00. CARRIED

#### December 6 Event

The Committee has not received any requests for the December 6 events.

# 5.10 Resignations

Committee members were advised that resignations had been received from Rose McAleer and Shanine Mohebat.

# (B.Tayyab/P.McNaney)

That the resignations of Rose McAleer and Shanine Mohebat from the Status of Women Committee be received. **CARRIED** 

#### 6. **NEW BUSINESS**

The following events were announced by committee members:

- 6.1 The Status of Women Committee agreed to support Basharat Tayyab in a future Muslim's Women event.
- 6.2 Jan Lukas is running an event called "Touch a Truck" for seven public schools for Hamilton literacy on October 23, 2010.
- 6.3 The "Stolen Sisters" petition will be at the Mountain Police Station on Monday October 4, 2010 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- 6.4 Inside Hana's Suitcase will be presented at Hamilton Place on Monday, October 4, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the committee adjourned.

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, October 28, 2010
5:30 p.m.
Room 193, City Hall