

ETFO DURHAM STATUS OF WOMEN AND EQUITY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, September 27, 2010. - 603 Palace Street, Whitby

PRESENT: Leslie Fallaize, Sirkku Meldrum, Pam Harrison, Bradford Tanner, Joanna Bowman, Debbie Poole, David Mastin

ABSENT: Denise Alfano

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

-the meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

3. **BUSINESS ARISING:**

-Sirkku Meldrum warmly welcomed and introduced Leslie Fallaize, the new chair

-Sirkku gave an overview of the initiatives carried out in the last school year and summer (backpacks given to Denise house, Herizon and YMCA shelter- 7 each, Girls Incorporated update)

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

-Team members brainstormed initiatives for the new school year – proposed ideas including organizing a dinner at Mandarin on November 25th, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

-Kim Moran was proposed as a speaker at the Nov. 25th dinner. Her presentation is called “Tattered Tiaras” and deals with the sexualization of young women/children and how social images of young women are problematic.

- Leslie suggested preparing and eventually presenting a workshop for members on “women issues and the media” to address inequity in the way that women are treated and shown through various media sources. David suggested this be done by working with the PD committee. This workshop would be open to interested members.

-Preparing backpacks for homeless females in Durham was presented as an initiative that team members could begin advocating for by asking local business for donations that are necessary for females. (ie., tampons). This idea will be discussed at a later time.

-Bill 168 was discussed, how this bill affects our members and the lack of awareness of this bill was brought up. This topic could be a future PD session for interested members to heighten awareness among our members. This topic will be addressed at a later time.

5. **NEXT MEETING:**

-Monday, October 18, 2010

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

-meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.