

ETFO DURHAM STATUS OF WOMEN AND EQUITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, March 21, 2011. - 603 Palace Street, Whitby

PRESENT: Leslie Fallaize, Sirkku Meldrum, Pam Harrison, Joanna Bowman, Debbie Poole, Maria Provencher, Janet Robinson

ABSENT: Bradford Tanner, Lisa Tsumura, David Mastin

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

-the meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

-minutes of the February 14th meeting read and accepted

3. **BUSINESS ARISING:**

- International Women's Day Dinner is booked for Wednesday, March 23rd, there are 56 people attending
- Kelly Hayes is unable to attend due to a death in the family but Sam Hammond and Kathleen Loftus will be there and are confirmed
- Sirkku will bring the t-shirts
- committee members to arrive at 4:30
- Maria will type up the names for the draw prizes
- Gay/Straight Alliance was well attended by Status committee members

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Maria, Joanna, and Debbie are attending the Girls Inc. Workshop on March 26th, attendance is confirmed and payment was sent
- “corrective rape” online petition is now on the Durham ETFO website
- Pink Day is April 13th, we are sending out a flyer to all stewards letting teachers know what things they can do to support the day
- Saturday, May 28th is the Women's Multicultural Resource and Counselling Centre's Dream Gala, tickets are \$100 each, committee is purchasing 10 tickets to support the event which will help to build a new location for the group
- “Starry Nights” is on Friday, June 10th, tickets are \$55 each for a dinner and silent auction, we have not yet made a decision about supporting this event
- “Sisters in Spirit” are lost aboriginal women who are taken off the street - there will be a petition posted on the Durham ETFO website and a copy is going out in the mailing for stewards in order to spread the word and help support these women, completed petitions will be sent back to the committee by early June so that the committee can tabulate them and send the information on
- committee is looking into a half day J/I workshop around “More Than a Play” which is about equity and social justice, suggested dates are May 25th and June 1st

5. **NEXT MEETING:**

-Monday, April 11, 2011

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**
-meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.