

ETFO DURHAM STATUS OF WOMEN AND EQUITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, September 7, 2011. - 603 Palace Street, Whitby

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

ABSENT: Bradford Tanner, Janet Robinson, Lisa Tsumura

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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

-minutes of the May 9th meeting read and accepted

3. **BUSINESS ARISING:**

-last school year's budget was spent by the end of June 2011 and the cheques issued to Sisters in Spirit and Herizon House have been sent

-June 2011 budget went to buying resources from ShopETFO for the ETFO Durham Professional Lending Library; these resources are at the ETFO office and will be given to the Lender's Library

-the "Take Back The Night Walk" will be on Thursday, September 15th in Oshawa and the Durham Rape Crisis Centre, the Status of Women/Equity Committee, and possibly other teachers will attend. All people are welcome. ETFO Local will have an information/resource table there. Flyers will be sent to all schools to invite teachers and educational staff. Discussion came up about inviting teachers/educational staff to meet at a restaurant before the walk to have munchies and be together. Location of the meet will be discussed at this meeting. Giveaways have been purchased for this event. We have 57 t-shirts, Roots of Equality books with the accompanying pamphlets on tips for parents and educators, also Woman Abuse Affects Our Children Educator's Guidebooks. For the table we have bookmarks and aboriginal information posters. Someone from the ETFO office will bring the flags and banners.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

-Meeting before the Take Back The Night event has been booked at Atria Bar and Grill, 59 King St. E., starting at 4pm until 5:15 p.m. The actual event starts at 6:00 p.m. at 1 McGrigor St. There will be speakers first and then the walk. Committee members will leave the Atria to provide time to get to the venue and set up the table before the walk.

-November 24th will be the Fall Dinner focussing on Eliminating Violence Against Women. Location to be determined.

5. **NEXT MEETING:**

-Monday, October 17, 2011

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

-meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.