



Hamilton

MINUTES: Status of Women Committee
February 23, 2006 – 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton City Hall, Room 264

PRESENT: Pat Saunders, Santana Moccio, Gail Morley, Paula Holmes-Rodman

ALSO PRESENT: Bev Neill

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes to approve.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction

Paula briefly discussed her presentation to City Council Committee of the Whole meeting on February 10, 2006 regarding the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (HRPR).

Paula commented that Poverty Roundtable does not address women's issues. A representative from the Status of Women Committee should be involved in the HRPR meetings.

Pat suggested that there are no resources for poverty issues.

3.2 International Women's Day (IWD) – March 8th, 2006

Paula suggested two IWD events, the event at the Kiwanis Boys & Girls Club and the YWCA's Totally Awesome Young Women's Breakfast. Both are to be held on the morning of March 8th, 2006. The Boys & Girls Club is looking for more funds for the event.

Bev stated that the SWC has no authority to donate funds, only Council has that authority. Suggestion was made to have a booth at the events.

Paula suggested that the SWC have a brochure for each table, display the SWC banner, and initiate a SWC logo contest.

Bev reiterated that the SWC is an advisory committee to City Council. Suggested a workshop to encourage women to participate in the upcoming municipal election. Why is the SWC not involved in City initiatives such as the HRPR? Councillor McHattie is the lead and he attended the first SWC meeting.

Pat suggested that the SWC needs to be involved in the initial planning committee.

Bev reiterated that the SWC mandate is to advise City Council.

Gail will let Paula and Bev know if she can attend the events on IWD.

3.3 Women of Distinction Breakfast / Media event

Paula advised SWC that she was attending with Joan.

Pat and Joanne are confirmed to attend.

3.4 Women Election Group

Paula updated the SWC on the history of this group. Status of Women Committee could be lead.

Bev will contact City Council about future events and introduce SWC.

Pat suggested 'Equal Voice' – getting to the gate on-line course for women in politics.

Paula asked what our relationship was with the Status of Women Canada.

Pat suggested that she be the Chair of a sub-committee for women in politics and report back to the SWC. The goal would be to present to City Council and be on the City's agenda.

3.5 Women of Distinction Steering Committee

Paula discussed that this committee was

SWC will not contribute funds. Should be included in the budget on a case-by-case basis.

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. ADJOURNMENT