

Minutes of WAF Meeting

23rd August 2007

The WAF meeting was held on 23rd August at ASR office, the following members attended the meeting:

Gulnar, Lala, Bunny, Sadaf, Rani, Neelum, Naila, Maha

Agenda:

1. WAF seminar on "60 years of violence"
2. Idea of a candlelight vigil with WAF banners for peace and against militarism on the 5th OR 6th September
3. WAF position on current political situation of the country

Decisions:

1. WAF Seminar:

Topic: "Celebrating Women & the Women's Movement"

Venue: Cathedral Church, The Mall Lahore

Date: 12 September 2007

Time: 3 – 5 p.m

Participants: 50 – 60 people

Mobilization: Gulnar will mobilize the journalist community. All WAF members will mobilize their colleagues and others to come for the event. Neelum will talk with Samina Rehman for the background commentary on visual presentation.

Lala will present a visual documentary on Pakistani women.

Gulnar has checked the Cathedral Hall and Ayra is ready to facilitate.

2. Candlelight Vigil

It was decided that if Lawyers are doing the vigil then WAF members could join them.

In this regard Naila did the follow up with Advocate Shamim Malik (Lawyers community) and also with Shahtaj (JAC) but both of them are saying that they are doing nothing in this regard. So it means that there is no need to further pursue on it if no one is doing anything. (WAF members please advise on it)

3. WAF position on current political situation of Pakistan

WAF position on the issue is need to draft for which the committee will meet soon for which Gulnar and Sadaf volunteered and it is requested that some others who had time can come and join them.

Some points discussed on position are as follows:

No involvement of army in public institutions

Democracy within home, society, country / citizenship rights

Benazir's distributing tickets to party members

Implications of democracy at every level

Political usage of religion