

Minutes of WAF Meeting

2nd May 2007

The WAF meeting was held on 2nd May at ASR, the following members attended the meeting:

Gulnar, Lala, Meena, Maisoon, Bunny, Sadaf, Tasneem and Naila.

The agenda of the meeting was as follows:

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The issue of Jamia Hafsa / Lal Masjid

- Reception of CJ on 5th May

- WAF Statement on the banning of Ajoka's play 'Burqavaganza'

WAF orientation to new members

Discussion & Decisions:

With reference to the previous days news of 'DAWN' it was discuss that a meeting was held in various departments of Quaid-e-Azam University on the issue of Jamia Hafsa and they strongly condemned the fundamental religious activities of Jamia Hafsa and they are going to adopt an action plan about it.

Meena will speak to some people in Quaid-e-Azam University e.g Farzana Bari, Pervaiz Hoodbhoy and Dr. Huma and will try to figure out that what strategies University is going to adopt.

It was also discuss that what WAF Islamabad is doing individually regarding the issue of Jamia Hafsa.

Last statement of WAF Lahore about the issue of Jamia Hafsa was given to press about three weeks before so now we need to highlight this issue again and need to give a strong statement about it.

Bunny will write a press statement with refernce to the DAWN news and also include the issue of 'Burqavaganza' and wjl be given to press by tomorrow.

Some of the Wafers were of the opinion that WAF needs to take actions to stop the activities of Jamia. They proposed that we need to go on Hunger strike or to hold a peaceful protest in front of the house of Shujat Hussain (Chairman of Muslim League Q). The idea of protest was appreciated by all and it was decided that WAF will hold a peaceful protest with the participation about 100 women with the play cards consisting various quotations against his statement which he is giving on this issue from last some days in media.

WAF need feedback from other WAF members on this proposed activity by Friday and a planning meeting will be held on Friday 4th May at 4:30 P.M at ASR office to finalize the proposed activity logistics etc.

The issue of CJ Reception was also discussed and it was decided that WAF plan should be logical.

The following suggestions were come out:

WAF should hire a bus for the activity and must go together in the same bus. On this Bunny offered the van of ASR, which will be use for this purpose.

Printing of a welcome banner for CJ that was later disagreed.

Welcome to CJ at Shahdara Bridge.

Gulnar will contact to Mr. Bhoon to ask their plans of welcome.

Meena contacted to Ms. Bushra Aitzaz during the meeting and ask her plan to welcome CJ and shared the WAF plan with her to welcome CJ at Shahdrah Bridge which she agreed and will also join WAF for this activity.

WAF needs to make some play cards consisting slogans to show the solidarity with their struggle. Gulnar will prepare the play cards.

WAF will bring the two main banners of Women's Action Forum for the welcome.

With reference to the last meeting it was discuss that new WAF members need orientation about WAF so there is a need to volunteer yourself for this purpose. Bunny told that she is holding a course in IWSL in which she had a full day session on women's movement and WAF and she is inviting to the new members of WAF for that day.

Bunny asked to Lala about the posters of WAF which were printed in WAF convention so that these posters could be given to Indian delegates as gifts in PIPFPD convention in May and makes some money for WAF. Gulnar will count these posters and will bring these in the next WAF meeting.

A call was received during the meeting that a meeting of lawyers is going to be held in High Court tomorrow at 4:00 p.m to plan the activity of Reception of CJ so it was decided among the WAF that two of WAF members namely Gulnar and some one else from WAF will attend this meeting from WAF and could also share the WAF plan with them and give the feed back to WAF in next meeting on 4th May.

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