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**PREPARATION FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION AND WAF  
CELEBRATION, 4<sup>TH</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**MEETING ON OF WAF, LAHORE, 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2006**

Follow up and decisions to be made:

1. Lahore chapter report and who is to present it — *last 10 years.*
  2. Initiating the discussion on WAF and the issues, positions needed and speakers
  3. Speakers for the celebration on issues and the WAF introduction on the 5<sup>th</sup>
  4. Text of one page handout for rally to be written and approved by WAF. ASR to have it printer. Number of copies to be decided
  5. Backdrop to be decided and made — *Shiskatgah*
  6. Poster celebrating 25 years of WAF to be designed and printer. 500 copies to be done
  7. Text and design of the announcement of the event to be put up in colleges etc. to be approved and printed. Number of copies to be decided and the persons responsible to put them up
  8. Volunteers needed for WAF stalls on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Two volunteers are available for some of the time from ASR, others to be decided — *Simorgh & Shiskatgah*
  9. Banners to be decided, text and slogans agreed upon, and designed which will be hung on the 5<sup>th</sup> and taken on the rally. Simorgh to have them made. Number and sizes to be decided. The banners will all be in yellow
  10. The rally will go through Anarkali, through the Sunday market and return via Nila Gumbad
  11. Volunteers needed to put up tambu, tables, stalls, banners and other decorations on the 4<sup>th</sup> and early on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Three volunteers from ASR are willing to assist but more are needed
  12. Nosheen responsible for the kurtis/kurtas, and for scarves/bags (?)
  13. Meena was to find out about the mugs —
  14. Dvd recording to be arranged by ASR. Cost for the full day on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Rs. 6000/=
  15. Food menu and arrangements have been made and the budget approved. Question is WAF serving a dessert on the 5<sup>th</sup> and if so what? *صوبی*
- Mobilization for the 5<sup>th</sup> to be finalized in terms of responsibility and follow up.
16. Invitations for men to join the rally. Who are we getting in touch with and who is responsible?
  17. Habsa bill information to be given by Gulnar to Salima

**FEEDBACK ON THE CONVENTION AGENDA FROM WAF KARACHI, WAF  
ISLAMABAD AND SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS IN WAF LAHORE.**

1. Please refer to proposed agenda sent to members in September and the discussion by WAF Lahore on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October

2. No problems with items 1 and 2 but the tributes and how they are to be made to be worked out by WAF Lahore or all three chapters
3. Agreement on the principles of WAF but issues that need discussing is what WAF means by secular since there seems to be confusion on this issue and some positions from WAF have been made within the parameters of Islam. Also a discussion is needed on the issue of funds, in other words is taking funds from NGOs allowed and will this not create a dependence on and identification with particular NGOs? Also will those NGOs with access to funds for such activities not be privileged against those without such funding and furthermore can WAF keep its own positions if it's name is merely added on to whatever NGO activity is taking place. Can any NGO decide to include WAF's name or does this have to go through WAF at the national level? Some process of decision-making is needed to prevent individual decisions that may have implications on WAF. This has led to ad hoc decisions in the past and some rationale needs to be worked out as well as funding from or through NGOs.
4. Whither WAF needs to be discussed before going on the issues. Is WAF still necessary and why. What is unique about WAF that needs to be retained? How can WAF be restructured given the present realities? One suggestion is that it go back to being a platform for both organizations and individuals. This platform could then perhaps receive funds from members women's groups as has been suggested by some in Karachi but such funding will need to be rationalized through WAF decisions and no group or organization will be able to raise funds on WAF's behalf or otherwise use WAF's name for its own activities. A system will also need to be worked out to prevent particular groups/organizations to be identified with WAF or vice versa and that this platform must within itself must see that all member NGOs have equal rights and are included in all decisions/activities.
5. Points 10,11 and 12 (separating the issue of the earthquake from peace) need to be discussed at this stage since they have a bearing on WAF's role and how it is to function in the future, given the changes at the global, regional and national levels
6. There is agreement on points 4, 5, 8, 9 and do not need too much discussion except that a discussion is needed on the Haddood Ordinance and events of the recent past. Some members have been willing to accept the proposed amendments while WAF nationally is still for repeal.
7. Points 6 and 7 are somewhat new to WAF and need not only some discussions at chapter levels discussion in the convention. WAF has taken some positions on aspects of these in the past but has taken no action.
8. In the light of this WAF needs to strategize for actions in the future.

DECISIONS OF THE WAF MEETING ON 27<sup>TH</sup> OCT. 2006 AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ON 28<sup>TH</sup> OCT. 06. TO BE FOLLOWED UP.

1. Tribute to Kishwar Abid Hussain, Shela Zia, Sanya and Farrukh Apa. Photographs to be collected by Rani and Bunny. Dias to be lit by Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad, two to three each. Music by Haider Rahman from Lala or Gulrukh  
Question: who will get the dias and the music system?
2. Lahore chapter position to be worked out by subcommittee. This met on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Bunny to write draft. Rani and others to give additional information on the last four or five years if it is available. Need to decide on who will present Lahore's report.
3. The new agenda worked out in light of Karachi and Islamabad's feedback is approved by WAF Lahore. Additional comments by Karachi and Islamabad will be incorporated and the agenda finalized
4. Islamabad and Karachi have been sent this agenda. They also need to be informed about the programme for the two days. To be done by Bunny. Both need also to be told to come on the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and to let us know how many need accommodation
5. All three chapters will chair a session of approximately 2 ½ hours each.
6. Meena to write and do the presentation on WAF on the 5<sup>th</sup>
7. The issues on the 5<sup>th</sup> will be done by all three WAFs. Karachi is presenting on Hadood and the Law of Evidence, while Islamabad will present the issues of violence and the Hasba Bill. Lahore will present on the issue of intolerance. Lahore needs to prepare this and decide on a speaker
8. One page hand out for the rally to be written by Rani. Asr to have it printed. Number of copies need to be decided
9. Poster to be done by Lala
10. Text of announcement for colleges done by Hani. To be put up by Hani, Gulnar, Nasira
11. Simorgh and Shirkat Gah to mobilize more volunteers for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> morning. Two persons from Asr have volunteered. Pervaiz from Asr to be responsible over all. Lala to give final instructions for the shamiana, stalls, banner and poster display, food tables etc. to volunteers on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Some WAF members will have to be at the NCA at 8 am on the 5<sup>th</sup> for supervising final setting and putting up banners and posters. Volunteers needed. Rani, Lala, Neelum and Bunny have indicated that they will if no one else does but they need help!!!
12. Simorgh and Shirkat Gah to get volunteers for the WAF stalls. Asr has volunteered two persons for part of the time
13. Naila from Asr will be responsible for arrangements at Lala's for the dinner on the 4<sup>th</sup>
14. Banners, slogans and sizes decided by subcommittee. Neelum is responsible for final decision and to get them made. Minimum 12. Yellow background with black or red lettering
15. Gulnar to tell Nosheen about using only the logo of WAF and "25 years" on kurtas, scarves, and bags. The same for the mugs

16. Meena to find out about the mugs and place the order
17. Firni to be served with lunch on the 5<sup>th</sup>
18. Press to be mobilized by Jugnu and Gulnar. Gulnar to tell Jugnu. Invitation needed on WAF letterhead for programme (post lunch) and rally
19. JAC and other organizations to be informed of rally. Gulnar to do this
20. Need to get back to NGOs about stalls. Aurat, Kasf, Hameeda etc. need to confirm
21. Shamiana and table covers to be in yellow.
22. Shamiana needed for dinner at Lala's. Naila responsible and Naila needs to coordinate with Lala to see how the venue for the dinner is to be arranged.
23. Gao takias in yellow needed for event at Lala's. Naila to arrange. Also Chandni (?) white, for the floors. Naila?
24. Sound system needed for Sara Zaman. Snooky and Maisoon to arrange from LGS
25. Arrows needed to the mela/programme to give directions to the events and the loos. Naila to use the ones at ASR and get additional ones made if necessary. The exact announcements/activities need to be worked out and given to Naila by Lala and Huma
26. Arrows needed on the 4<sup>th</sup> at Lala's to give directions to the loo.
27. Lights needed for the dinner at Lala's. Naila to arrange
28. Dias needed for the entrance on the 4<sup>th</sup> at Lala's
29. Floor seating at Shirkat Gah on the 4<sup>th</sup>. QUESTION; WILL WAF GIVE OUT FILES AND STATIONERY FOR THE CONVENTION?
30. Mobilization for the 5<sup>th</sup>. All organizations to be followed up and others contacted. Neelum to ask Action Aid; Rani Helpline; Nasira Punjab University; Gulnar BNU; Asr WWO and others it is in touch with; Simorgh in and around Chuna Mandi. Need feedback from members on numbers by the 1<sup>st</sup> so that additional mobilization can be done if necessary
31. LGS has offered its school buses if transport is needed. Those requiring it need to let Nasrene know by the 1<sup>st</sup>.
32. All those who have promised funds should be contacted (Nigar? Seema?). Nasrene has to start making advances and payments by the 1<sup>st</sup>. The caterers for the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> need an advance. Members involved in other activities that require funds should get in touch with Nasrene immediately. WAF needs to budget itself given the activities planned and expenses already earmarked or incurred
33. Maisoon to send an invitation to all WAF members on the mailing list for the 5<sup>th</sup>
34. An additional list has been drawn up by the subcommittee of those active in WAF to ensure that they get the invitation. List is with Rani, Lala, Neelum and Bunny. Assistance needed to get these out. Snooky to get in touch with Bushra for mobilization of PPP activists. The mela is open to women from political parties and any member can get in touch with political parties
35. Bunny to send information on the convention, dinner and the programme to those members active over the last five months. Members wanting to attend the convention will have to let her know of their interest and attend a briefing on the agenda and the methodology on the afternoon of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. This briefing will be held at 4 pm. Those attending the dinner will also have to let WAF know by the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

All members of the working group should get in touch with active WAF members and ask those interested in the convention to come to the meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will be held at ASR.

36. The draft resolution will be written on the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> after the convention. The press statement and resolution to be given to the press on the 5<sup>th</sup> during and after the rally