19/5/1993

ATTENDED BY:

1. AFIYA ZIA
2. DINA SHAH
3. NADIA BOKHARI
4. ASMA AJMAL
5. F. MUMTAZ (FARZANA)
6. HUMAIRA MUMTAZ SHAIKH
7. LALA RUKH
8. NIGHAT ALI

W.C. MEETING - 19-5-93
LGS college.

Dina's for Rs 200 (donations) - +500 from last meeting
Gave out s. of demand & charter (WAF).

- Neelum Hussain (from old W.C) gave W.C. letter addressed to The G.B. to clarify WAF's final position on the WLUML / Shirkat Gah issue

Minutes:

Time & location of W.C. meetings
Anita Mir had said both are inconvenient for her. Others also said that ppl relying on public transport find it difficult.
→ SOLUTION: ppl will volunteer to drop those ppl to main market so they can find transport
- as all WAF materials are here at LGS college it is the most convenient venue.
- TIME: 4:30 has been agreed upon.
- DAY: SUNDAY
- WEEKLY - (to gain some momentum)

conveners - Asma said that from past experience a month by change of conveners did not work. Not enough activities take place in one month to justify this:

2 ppl for 2 months each - agreed.

It was decided that Nadia Bokhari & Dina Shah will be the first two conveners for (May - July)

→ Bunny said that she will take on the cost of mailing but cannot take resp. for mailing list etc.

→ Nighat Ali said that she will take on MAILING LIST FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. ~~CHAIR~~ ~~If she~~ on the condition that she won't have to be a convener.
- She also said she'll take on the costs
- conveners must forward agenda & notices to her to mail.

⇒ Need treasurer - Meliscon should continue but she's very difficult to get a hold of. Anyhow, its too complicated to change signatories.

→ Membership fees - once a yr. + Donation
→ Monthly membership fees. Not too ambitious.
→ Membership fees should remain at Rs 25/- but we also need donations. As some of can not afford more than Rs 25/- fee. Al.

→ Meliscon should be contacted to ask if she is still interested in being our treasurer.

→ Mailing list should not been cut down because these attempts have been unsuccessful.

→ ~~Another letter should~~ We will continue w/ mailing list as is for now.

~~Afiya~~ told us:
National Convention report from Karachi has arrived but not very intelligable. So, the Lahore participants must sort it out minutes & inform us of the decisions taken.

* Sub-committee for National ~~Meeting~~ Convention
1 Farzana (invt)
2 Bunny
3 Tanveer Hayat
4 Neelum Hussein.
5 Mina (Samina Rehman)
6 Shahnaz Wazir Ali.

* Shirkatgah & WHOAH problem.
Shirkatgah have sent all ppl attending that general body meeting + old W.C. copy of their letter voicing their objections

Akhtar Hameed Khan case
Afiya getting endorsements (as WAF) collecting signatures as ~~a~~ WAF did not agree w/ Shirkat Gah's interpretation ie. "allegation" 9 signitures collected in 2 days constitute... not an international campaign"

Afiya also said that it is not WAF position if the paragraphs have been moved around.

- WAF should send collected signatures to the campaign ~~not send~~ AHK - but Afiya felt that WAF should send seperate press release because otherwise once again WAF gets submerged for
- UN meeting minutes have gone to press because they received faxes
- She feels that because WAF came out so strongly against Blasphemy Laws we should Publicise signature etc.
What is WAF policy?

Lala
WAF cooperates w/ every organisation w/ whose agenda we agree with.
- also if we are going to publicise AHK case then we also must bring in all other cases of persecution.

Q's Right as human rights — revised declaration pamphlet. Supreme Court = Justice Lahore.
- endorsements
- for the meeting which will be held in two weeks in ~~[illegible]~~? Vienna

- WAF's position on Human Rights Pamplet must be posted to Chief Justice Lahore (Dina)

On the 8th Amendment
- we should work w/ others?
- JAC have just had an election
- whose rep. for JAC now? It was suggested that we ask Rubina Feiz ol.

- problem w/ Shirkat Gah letter?
Afiya had a problem w/ Shirkat Gah accusation on this subject.

Nelson
"
- when we're wearing WAF cap" - as most of
- also work for other organizations
- Lida Rukh: WAF has to carry on regardless of "appropriation" etc.
lets not get back into this mess.
* ~~WAF was not mentioned in the press release etc.~~
- Afiya did not feel that the issue had been resolved yet
- Most people here agree that we should put this incident behind us & move on.

- There is some confusion about what the final decision on this issue is ~~the~~ Clarification needed.
~~EZ~~
→ this letter will then (delivered by Neelum) will be circulated to all those ppl present at that G.B. meeting (on 18/4/93) Rena will ask it Neelum.

- Afiya would like it on record that she also disagreed w/ Shirkat Gah's letter (factually).
- neither Farah or Farida said it was a mistake therefore there was no WAF logo / letter head ~~incorrect~~ - as Shirkat Gah claimed in their letter. Farah did not clarify that it was a WAF position.

~~JAC Having~~ elections.

Asma - need to take up issues ourselves
- lobbying, Seminar, !.

Afiya - need to do more.

→ Afiya - wanted to know procedure about coopting p'pl onto WC. She suggested someone who works at ASR
Saima Saffdar - ASR has been active - in WAF

Agreed that we can coopt ppl into Committee as long as they have been active.

Next meeting Sunday 23rd May 1993
4:30 pm.

Dina Shah later clarified w/ Neelam about the letter from WAF W.C. (old) to G.B. on these 2 issues. She said that all parties have agreed to it & we can send a copy to all those present at the 18/4/93 G.B. meeting and finally put this matter to rest.