

WAF Meeting Minutes

11th August 2021

Participants

1. Ambreen Fatima
2. Erum Kashif
3. Meena
4. Mehreen
5. Naila
6. Neelam
7. Nida Usman
8. Rani
9. Salima Hashmi
10. Tauseef

Agenda Item # 1: Updates on 14th August Webinar

Rani requested Naila to send bio notes for everyone and discuss with the other panelists the sequence of events. Should Intro be before each speaker speaks etc.

Neelam said she had talked to Ruby, and unfortunately, she cannot speak, she is down with Covid.

Bunny is not well either but Naila mentioned that Bunny wants to read a poem of Faiz.

Rani suggested a meeting of the participants to have a discussion and finalize sequencing and format.

Meena suggested we should think of a female poet to recite. It was decided that a poem by Fehmida Riaz would be read by one of the younger WAF members.

Discussion on which language to use – English or Urdu.

The meeting of panelists and moderator will decide all these points as soon as possible.

Naila explained how to send link properly for Webinar. Webinar will be recorded and will be streamed live on the WAF fb.

Agenda Item # 2: Strategy on using data on VAW/GBV

Rani said the data would be mainly from the newspapers or HRCP.

Naila said she had sent HRCP contacts to Ayra and Mehreen, who had volunteered to collect the data. Naila also checking with LUMS if they collect data on VAW/GBV. Naila has also sent them the format the Kausar had sent from Karachi.

Rani said using the same framework for all the Province will make it easier to compare results.

Agenda Item # 3: Developments on Taliban issue in Afghanistan.

Statement by Farida and Neelam ready.

Meena said the Statement should be updated as things were moving very fast.

Everyone agreed and Neelam will update the statement and send it to Naila.

Naila will then send it to the other chapters and see if they agree.

Rani said that Karachi wants to do a series of Webinars, we need to keep track.

Afia in Karachi seems to think we took a wrong stand last time. Need to be discussed after our own analysis. Rani has been asked to participate in other groups having discussions on Afghanistan. One request from women in Afghanistan is that delegations from other countries should include women.

Our Govt should use leverage to safeguard women rights. There was a discussion on the impact of Talibanization in Pakistan. It was agreed that we need a strong counter narrative to their views.

Erum to send link to Fehmida's poem on WhatsApp.

On the discussion about what was being said about Nur Muqaddam, Rani firmly said, and all agreed, that the only thing that matters is that she was murdered and the criminal needs to be punished.

Agenda Item # 4: WAF's Funds

Naila: We have some dupattas for the MPAs who had requested Dupattas and they can be sold to them.

Funds will be raised as and when needed by WAF, depending on the event.

Naila will let the Treasurer know the cost of increasing capacity for the 14th August Webinar.

Agenda Item # 5: SNC

The general feedback from Nida and others was that there was confusion about which books were available for use in schools. Many schools were using their own resources for the classes, and waiting to see which Publishers would get an NOC to publish. The situation would be clearer by Mid-September.

Meanwhile, it seems that Aitchison has been exempt from the SNC Curriculum, but this needs to be confirmed.

Madrassahs have also asked for more time to implement the SNC, but no one knows how long this time extension is.