

Minutes: WAF Lahore, Working Committee (4 Oct 2023)

Members present: Neelam Hussain, Nighat Said, Erum Kashif, Nuscie Jameel, Nyla Naz, Khawar Mumtaz (Minute taker)

Agenda and Decisions:

- 1. Convenorship:** With ASR now wind-up Nyla finds it difficult to continue as Convener.
Decision: Erum to take over as Convener
- 2. Twitter:** WAF finds itself not keeping pace with events and in giving timely response. Its members need training on Twitter messaging and handling members' individual accounts as well as that of WAF.
Decision: Next WC meeting to be held in-person at Bunny's (4.30 pm) where Nighat Dad be asked to train members. System of handling WAF twitter handle by more than one member to be also discussed.
- 3. Follow up on violence cases:** WAF needs to follow up/reach out in cases of excessive violence against women and girls to extend solidarity, moral and/or other support. More women are needed, especially younger ones, to join in this activity. The broader issue of engaging younger members into WAF was also discussed.
Decision: Hold a meeting with our contacts in AM (Hiba) and explore possibility of having them join WAF in reaching out to meet victims. Nuscie will talk to Nadia and Samiya in this connection and also for retweeting WAF messages. Neelam to talk to Nida regarding the case she referred to WAF and possibility of setting up a meeting. Engaging younger women for specific activity could be the starting point for longer term involvement as WAF activists.
- 4. WAF Archives:** WAF archives are incomplete. Request from Bunny to forward whatever statements and material, members have to Bunny for sending onwards to LUMS for the women's archives.
- 5. Monitoring of elections:** With elections coming up WAF should monitor them.
Decision: discuss in next meeting the modalities of monitoring/observing and its content; points for discussion to be drawn up by Neelam and Rani.
- 6. "Martial Law" situation:** WAF needs to give a statement on Martial Law like situation with the Military now playing an active leadership role in the economy, foreign affairs, agriculture, governance matters and political and judicial processes.
Decision: Consolidation of facts and details is needed before statement is drafted.
- 7. Activation of WAF FB page:** More members needed with access to FB uploading matter.
Decision: To be done in next meeting.