

WAF Meeting Minutes

20th October 2021

Participants

- Farida Shaheed
- Neelam Hussein
- Nighat Khan (Bunny)
- Sultanat Bukhari
- Tauseef Hyat

Agenda Item # 1 :Various Matters

- Since very few members had joined and the internet was also a bit unstable, we just had a brief meeting.
- Needed Ayra to brief us on the Minorities Bill and Nighat Dad to brief us on the new PTA Ordinance. Hopefully they can do this next week.
- Nighat Khan pointed out that Imran Khan was doing nothing in terms of strengthening the economy but depending on charity like the Riasat e Madina. Not employment but giving food to people.
- Popti: Agree with Nighat Khan. PM talks only about Riasat e Madina. People have criticized his thinking. Look at the population. People losing jobs.
- Bunny: For welfare state you need to heavily tax wealth with direct income tax. Here nobody pays tax. Middle class pays indirectly.
- Farida: we are moving in the wrong direction rapidly. People happy with the religiosity.
- Younger people should come up with a strategy to counter the Imran Khan narrative.
- We also need to send a message to everyone in time and then send a reminder closer to the date of the meeting.
- Conveners: We need to check with Mehreen if she is able to remain a Convener and take on some of the tasks, like sending reminders and being the chief whip for WAF Members.
- We also need another volunteer until Khawar is well enough to be back as the Convener.