

## **Minutes of WAF Meeting**

**11<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

1. 11 members attended. Those who have fulfilled the criteria for membership are to be added to the waf Lahore group and the waf national group.

2. We will keep the Lahore feminist group since it has several others with whom waf has been having collaborative events or who have either not indicated that they want to be waf members or have not yet met the criteria of 3 meetings/activities. We will keep this group active especially since we want to work with other groups and can add others as we go along to keep in touch with others.

3. WAF decided to endorse the protest on the 13th of April. This is a joint activity of several groups to press for the murderers of marshal Khan who have been let off by the court. As soon as the programme is confirmed this will be shared so those of us who want to participate.

4. WAF also endorses the protest on disappearances scheduled for the 22nd of April. We will share whatever information we get on the venue and time.

5. WAF will participate on Labour Day march. We will mobilize as many women as possible and gather together to join the APTUF march along the route. We will meet Rubina Jamil and others from the APTUF and chalk this out. We want women workers to get time to speak and will also have a dhalla and speakers for slogans etc on the route. While we are all going as waf those who are also part of other groups mobilizing women workers will also be bringing their own banners.

6. The WAF banners and flags have to be made again because the ones made recently are the wrong colour. Beenish said she would check where to get these done. We will also ask waf members who are part of shirkat gah to tell us where they had the ones made (the ones which are the wrong colour).

7. There is a lot of interest in Waf itself. It's herstory principles positions activism ways of functioning etc. It was decided to have specific sessions on these aspects in May. Also decided that those members who have been waf from the beginning or for some time will put down the key points in bullet form and easy English. This will also be translated into Urdu for wider readership and mobilization.

8. While all the agenda items were concerned the meeting was open and fluid. Many aspects of

WAF were discussed and several questions specific to how Waf functions were explained. The questions were significant. Also we spent time on what was Lahore takes and other struggles. Neelam gave a presentation on the orange train and we discussed the process of the many debates and hurdles of waf using the word secular in its charter. Several questions were also asked about the other chapters and the national conventions.

9. It was unanimously agreed that weekly meetings and the timing of 3 to 5 were very suitable.

10. We also discuss the manifesto for the elections worked out by WAF Karachi. WAF Lahore has asked Karachi for more time to work on this. Karachi has extended the deadline to May 7<sup>th</sup>. Lahore will put this on the Lahore agenda after the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Nyla is to share the manifesto that Karachi has sent with WAF Lahore.