

Minutes of WAF Meeting
7th September 2022

Attendees:

1. Nighat Said Khan (Bunny)
2. Saltanat Bukhari (Popti)
3. Naazish Ataullah (Najji)
4. Samina Rehman (Meena)
5. Neelam Hussain
6. Salima Hashmi
7. Khawar Mumtaz (Rani)
8. Ume Laila
9. Nyla Naz
10. Elaine Alam
11. Erum Kashif
12. Ambreen Fatima

Agenda of the Meeting:

1. Update on Convention / Agenda, Preparations, arrangements etc.
2. Discussion on Flood (Statement, Relief work etc)

Details:

1. Rani gave feedback on the convention and shared the inputs from the other chapters and said that the Karachi Chapter is moving forward regarding the happening of convention and they are formulating their position / papers and having meetings on it. They are working on the working group themes as well. Different working group could work on different sub themes. One person can speak on more than one issue.
2. Talking on the same point, Bunny said that categorically no chapter asked us to postpone the convention so we should go ahead with the convention. She further said that Peshawar have confusion on some things as they said you select yourself and give us the Task and assign us the responsibility. She said that no one is leading the convention but framing the convention. Karachi is more familiar with the conventions and they are having their planning meetings on it.

3. Rani further elaborate that Karachi has shown interest in three issues:

- i. Violence against women
- ii. Political Participation
- iii. Women's Movement

Neelam said that it seems that many people are willing to talk on the same issue but we have to choose one person to present the chapter position.

- 4. On Budgets, Popti gave an update that till now we have received 325,000/- (in hand) and another 300,000/- are committed, so in total we have an amount of 625,000/-. Some members said that they will send their contributions soon.
- 5. Due to the current flood situation in various parts of the country it was discussed that if we could simplify and minimize our celebrations and budgets and may help the victims of the flood.
- 6. In this regard Bunny said that we could rethink the second day and can skip the open forum in which we were thinking to invite other groups. A detail discussion was held among members on this issue and mostly members were in opinion that we should continue this thing and should invite other groups. Nazish offered her space for 40-50 people gathering and she will work out this. It was appreciated by the members.

❖ It was mutually agreed among the members that we should proceed with the Convention and keep the momentum. Rani said let's move as we were going. Let's see how many will come for the convention.

It was decided that Agenda / Program Committee composed of Bunny, Farida Shaheed, Neelam and Rani will meet soon for WAF Lahore's position papers and follow up with members for preparing them. The Sub-Committee members will meet and will frame work the issues for other chapters to work on.

- 2. A detailed discussion was held on the current disaster of flood in the various parts of the country and how the relief activities are happening in the different areas. Rani said that as WAF we should give a statement on it.