

**In the Name of the Most Compassionate
CCMW/MWQ**
*Canadian Council of Muslim Women/Muslim Women of Quebec
Joint Meeting Montreal/West Island*
MINUTES OF THE METING
November 13, 2010
6767 Cote des Neiges Room 401-2

Present: Farida Mohamed, Fayza Rifai, Jinane Moudarres, Nusrat Mirza, Sofia Khan, Nada Koudsi, Sabiha Azizullah, Lina Mohamad, Celine Leduc
Regrets: Bana, Samaa

Time	Activity
9:30 am	Welcome / meet & greet/ coffee
10:00 am	Opening Dua Nada Agenda propose by Minutes of meeting proposed by Fayza seconded by Celine
10:05 am	<p>Marriage workshop December 5th, 2010 preparation, two languages arrangement.</p> <p>Resume of last meeting on marriage contract was given including the reason why the bilingual workshop will be held, as it is a Federally funded project and some of the objections.</p> <p>After the meeting Fayza met privately with Lynda Clarke and discussed a date, Devember 4, location to be confirmed as Sabiha will check with the South Asian Women center to see if they could host the workshop.</p> <p>Fayza asked that MSA be included in the list of the contacts see last month's minutes for a full list of groups to be contacted. Farida mentioned that the MSA might not join as they perceive CCMW to be against the Sharia law in Ontario. CCMW was against having a Sharia Court in Ontario.</p> <p>UPDATE: the date of December 4th is not working out and a decision to try to have the workshop on December 11th.</p>
10:15 am	<p>Eid Celebration suggestions Fayza combined a children's celebration and CCMW for an Eid al-Adhar, Sofia nominated by Fayza to head the committee EID al-Adhar to be held Friday November 19, 2010 at Rose Bowl Bowling, EID al-adha 6510 St Jacques West near Cavendish, Parking available, Metro Vendome autobus 90 ou 104 Telephone 514-482-4090</p> <p>Correction of membership list to be updated as some numbers are no longer available and people moved or left the Montreal Chapter. Fayza</p>

	and Sajida to meet to discuss the list of members.
10:25 am	<p>1. Increase membership Fayza promises to increase membership and asked every member to bring at least one new member, she also wants to increase the membership, members are now paying \$15 per year, no new cost was suggested, this is up for discussion in a follow up meeting.</p> <p>2. Create a series of lectures of Muslim life in Canada Every year give an update and invite a lawyer familiar with both Quebec and Islamic law. Sabiha mentioned that CCMW had many events talking about Islamic law in Canada, also the Jean Talon CLSC were able to advise women about their rights; Farida reminded everyone of the series on Family Law also a national project. Celine said there are some women lawyers at the UofM and McGill that are trained in both Sharia and Quebec law and are now practicing in Montreal. She will call UofM to get some names. Fayza proposed the name of Samia Amor to round off the marriage workshop project.</p> <p>3. Find government funding Fayza wants to find Quebec grants for conferences and events from Quebec. Celine mentioned: as a result of the Haitian project done by Sana Khalil and Concordia Pakistani Association, one of the poets can get some funding through at the city of Montreal as soon as she get the contact name she will give it to CCMW.</p> <p>4. For the purpose of creating a think tank of scholars, names were proposed, and more names are needed. We need to contact the said scholars to find out their willingness to participate in this effort. The name of Samia Amor was proposed and a follow-up meeting will be required to find out her interest in this project.</p> <p>5. Create annual event for families Fayza suggested to have family events picnics in the summer, indoor events in the winter. EID al-Adha will be celebrated with another group at the Rose Bowl. Other Eid al-Adhar events are at the Dorval Mosque, MCQ. Farida mentioned that every Sunday Dorval Mosque offers Tafsir classes for women.</p> <p>6. Monitor educational content and references in books and information given to children. Fayza asked if Farida if she could lead the Educational committee, Celine asked about the education committee formed last year, Fayza said they met twice only. Fayza appointed Sawsan Al-Mot not yet a member will look into changing the books on ethics and religion. Farida did not accept or reject the request. Farida mentioned an article is Actualite a French magazine that wrote on education the the high rate of drop-outs in the French</p>

	<p>school system, a spirited discussion took place.</p> <p>7. Create courses to help youth not debated</p> <p>8. Have an elder care center Fayza asked Lila to head the committee on elder care. One Muslim elder care home already exists in St Laurent. Also mentioned some problems facing and elderly Muslim population living in government homes: food was cited</p> <p>9. Vocational training center Dr Sajida dream, a vocational center for young girls and older community members where they will teach basic skills of sewing and homecare and help them finish school.</p> <p>10. Bring 1001 inventions exhibit to Montreal Fayza appointed Bana and Jinane</p> <p>No motion was made or seconded and no vote took place on the 10 points.</p>
<p>12:00 pm 12h00</p>	<p>Any other business/Varia: Nusrat said that CCMW is a member of the Montreal Council of Women and she is the representative. They are having a lunch at Mount Stephen Club to honor the woman of the year, tickets are \$50.00 each.</p> <p>Wrap-up Du'a</p>