

**Minutes SAFE Committee Meeting**  
Monday April 14, 2008  
MAPCL Head Office

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Attendance: Paul, Richard, Wendy, Pako, Patty, Marcy, Dave, Lorie, Daisy, Heather, Bobbi, Rosie  
Staff: Sarah

**2. Reviewed Minutes from last meeting.**

**3. Peer Support**

Committee agreed that it is a good idea to provide support to other people. There is one person that called the office and asked to talk to a self advocate about their situation. Dave has agreed to call the person and talk to them. Dave will keep in touch with Sarah who will provide support.

**4. Education**

The committee was happy to hear that there is a request from Vancouver Life Skills to come and talk to people who are interested in getting married. Lorie suggested that people on the committee who are married should be the ones to talk. Lorie, Dave, Paul and Wendy agreed to put together a talk. Lorie, Dave, Paul and Wendy will meet with Sarah in the next few weeks to organize what they are going to say. Sarah will look into transportation for Lorie and Dave.

**5. Toastmasters**

A few of the committee members have attended a toastmasters in the past and found it helpful. Committee members would like to have toastmasters come if they are going to be making presentations.

**6. Invitation from Aimee Morry – CLBC Self Advocate Advisor**

Committee members felt that it was a long way for them to take the bus to CLBC head office since most people live in Burnaby or Coquitlam. Committee would be willing to come in to MAPCL head office earlier in the day to meet with Aimee. Sarah will email Aimee and invite her to come to MAPCL.

## **7. Newsletter**

Committee felt it would be easier to bring information for the newsletter to the SAFE committee meetings.

## **8. Rounds**

Sarah- we need to sign image release forms for the website video. There are still some spots for SAFE committee members to attend the BCACL conference.

Paul- working on new MAPCL mission statement and logo.

Richard- "The Voice" newsletter is through BCACL and the self advocate foundation. They will be doing the newsletter in Braille, video, cassettes so that the information is accessible. They do different topics all the time. On May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> is the next court hearing for the Woodlands Case. This will take place at the Vancouver Law Courts in downtown Vancouver from 10am-4pm each day.

Wendy- is a member of PLAN with her husband. They have a facilitator who helps them with their social network. Wendy has made a video for the people in her social network about her and her husband's life and how they would like to be helped.

Heather- has a job washing venetian blinds. Heather would like the SAFE committee to host a party in June.

*Committee agreed this would be fun and it will be on the agenda for the next meeting. The party would be on a Monday from 4-7pm. The purpose would be to recruit new members. Sarah will check if the Wall street location is available and if there is a staff person to open and lock-up.*

Bobbi- also just started a job cleaning houses

Daisy – has had problems with people being bullies on the bus. There is a group of boys who calls her names and picks on her.

*Committee suggested that Daisy sit closer to the front of the bus, call security if she is being picked on and travel with a friend.*

Patty- moved to Winnipeg and works with people first. There are still institutions open in Winnipeg, everyone should be proud that institutions are

closed in BC. Patty is working on a project on violence against women that will be made into a book.

Marcy- Patty and Marcy went to Pinetree school and spoke about their experience in school. Four classes came to the library to listen, students and teachers asked questions. The event was organized by the Simon Fraser Society. There are many people retiring at the Simon Fraser Society for Community Living.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

May 12, 2008 4-6pm  
MAPCL Head Office

**10. Adjournment**