

**Minutes SAFE Committee Meeting**  
Monday February 11, 2008  
Mainstream Head Office

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

Attendance: Paco, Wendy, Marcy, Paul, Rosie, Lori

Staff: Sarah B.

Guest: Kristy (CLBC Facilitator)

**2. Guest – Kristy, Facilitator from CLBC**

Kristy talked about her role as a facilitator at CLBC. She stated that no one has their own social worker anymore so when you call you will get the facilitator that is working that day. She asked the SAFE committee members to tell anyone who is having a hard time to call CLBC and let them know. People can call to get information and help with problems that they are having. Kristy gave out phone numbers for the CLBC offices and information on CLBC. Kristy is interested in listening to and speaking with self advocates and may come to some meetings in the future if the committee needs information.

Committee discussed the importance of letting the government know that more funding is needed for services through CLBC. Also, that it is important for persons with a disability to speak for themselves and let people know what they need. It makes more impact when the people who are affected speak up.

**3. Reviewed minutes from last meeting**

Comments:

-committee decided that the meeting should be held on the third Monday of the month. The time of 4:00-6:00pm works for everyone and the location of Mainstream Head Office is safer and easier to get to then location on Nanaimo and Hastings.

-after reviewing the mandate the committee agreed that “To continue to enhance MAPCL’s capacity for advocacy/self advocacy” should be added to connect the committee to the organization. The complete mandate is now, “to create changes so that the community is inclusive for everyone and to continue to enhance MAPCL’s capacity for advocacy/self advocacy”

-Sarah brought MAPCL membership forms for committee members

#### **4. Website Update**

Paul and Paco said that they would be interested in being on video for the website.

*Sarah will contact the person doing the video and set up a date for filming.*

Committee discussed activities that they might be involved in. Committee suggested having a table at the BCACL conference. Committee members agreed that they could talk about their experience, such as being married, to people who come to the programs at MAPCL.

#### **5. Rounds**

Paul-not everyone has a computer. It is frustrating when people want to send things through email or you are told to check a website. Most people on disability cannot afford a computer and internet.

-working with Triumph to find employment. Has worked in retail in the past and would like to work in retail again. It takes confidence to find a job. Does a lot of volunteer work but that is unpaid.

Marcy- it is important for people with a disability to know how to use a computer. You need to know how to use a computer for jobs, even for a cashier job. Would like to have a part-time job. Medications and bus pass is too expensive. Simon Fraser Society wants to create more job training opportunities. Real jobs for real pay.

-Simon Fraser Society has people with a disability training CLBC facilitators to use plain language and how to meet the needs of persons with a disability. Lots of people have skills that they haven't been able to use.

Wendy- volunteers at lunch program at her building. Serves meals, \$3.50/meal. Also volunteers at the co-op radio show every Friday for the past 14years. Co-op radio going better since they changed their name to community living. Wendy has given up trying to find a job in the community and will volunteer instead.

Paco- likes coming to the meeting.

Lori- volunteers at Science World Monday and Wednesday.

-Dave's surgery has been postponed.

Rosie-uses a computer at work. Has a family member in the hospital.

Sarah- Valentines Dance at Stage Door, everyone gets a copy of the invite, everyone welcome.

-there is a new self-advocate that works at CLBC named Aimee Morry.

-MAPCL is having a planning meeting that self-advocates are invited to. Will mail information with minutes. The meeting will be on Wednesday March 12 from 10:00-11:30am at Willingdon Church, Room 305 (on 4812 Willingdon, near Moscrop) . If you are coming please call Ethel or Sylvia at the Head Office and let them know, 604-299-4001. Please call Sarah if you cannot go to meeting but would like to give your answers and she will ask you the questions over the phone and write down your answer.

## **6. Meeting Adjourned**