

Minutes for SAFE Committee Meeting  
Monday January 14, 2008  
Alternatives Site, Wall Street

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Attendance: Lori, Dave, Heather, Bobby, Richard, JJ, Rosie, Marcy  
Staff: Sarah B., David L.

### **2. Reviewed minutes of last meeting**

Comments:

- need more planning for next years Christmas party.
- self-advocates, Heather and Bobby, enjoyed the self-advocates retreat at Edenvale. They learned about self -defence, abuse and 911 services from the community police officer. There might be another conference in Sept.
- Richard is the self advocate expert on Woodlands. The new lawyer for the Woodlands court case is great, he lets the survivors of Woodlands know what is happening with the case, unlike the other lawyer who did not consult them. Richard spoke at the official opening of the gravesite at the former Woodlands location at Queens Park in New Westminster, 300-400 people attended.

### **3. Review of current members**

Those in attendance reported that current members are: Wendy, Rosie, Lori, Dave, Paul, and Richard.

### **4. Terms of Reference – David L.**

*Chair of the committee-* Richard put his name forward to Chair the committee and report to the Board. Rosie will help Richard in his new position and will be the back-up person if Richard can't make it to the meeting. It was agreed that every January a new person should be given the opportunity to Chair and report to the Board. The Chair will be a guest at the Board meeting and will only be expected to give the report from the SAFE committee, not stay for the whole meeting. Committee was asked to think about how often Chair will report to the Board, it may not be necessary to report every month.

*Composition-* Lori, Dave, Heather, Bobby, JJ, Richard, Marcy, Paul, Cindy all stated that they would like to be SAFE committee members. David L. will give MAPCL membership forms to Sarah B. for next meeting. All members of the committee have to be members of MAPCL at no cost.

Members agreed that social “clubhouse” should be separate from committee meeting.

*Reporting responsibility (frequency of meetings)*- SAFE committee can decide how often they meet. Right now the committee is meeting once a month. Everyone agreed that Mondays from 4:00-6:00pm was a good time to meet. It was discussed that it would be better to have the meeting at a place that is closer to a skytrain station. It was decided that the next meeting would be at the head office, across from Brentwood skytrain station.

*Mandate*-committee talked about their purpose. After talking about some things that the committee has done to help people with a disability it was agreed that the mandate is, “to create changes so that the community is inclusive for everyone”.

*Nature of Authority*- act as an advocacy group and to report to the Board.

*Resources and Staff Support*- Sarah B. is staff support person.

*Minutes –taking and maintenance*- everyone agreed that Sarah B. will take minutes and keep them in a binder at head office. Sarah B. will also make sure that everyone on the committee receives a copy after the meeting.

## **5. Rounds**

Sarah B.- Kristy, a facilitator from CLBC has requested to sit-in on a meeting. She is interested in the issues of self-advocates.

-Everyone agreed that Kristy is welcome to come to a meeting. The SAFE committee part of the MAPCL website needs to be updated. If anyone is interested in coming to a meeting at head office to talk about what we could do for the site please let Sarah know.

Dave- co-op radio is Fridays from 2:00-2:30pm on 102.7 fm. They are looking for more self-advocates to come and talk. The location is Hastings and Columbia at the Portland Hotel.

-Suggestion was for a link to the radio show on the SAFE committee website.

-Dave will be going for hip replacement surgery on Feb 12 so he will probably not be able to attend meetings for about 3 months after that.

Richard- we should think about coming events for the SAFE committee.

Marcy- finding things very expensive when on a limited income, people should know about going off disability and using other income. Marcy has written her story about when she was in school and was segregated from the other kids.

JJ- it is important to learn about self-defence.

#### **6. Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday February 11, 2008 at the Head Office.

#### **7. Adjournment**

Meeting finished at 6:00pm.