

Minutes

SAFE Committee Meeting
Wednesday October 15, 2008

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendance: Wendi, Rosie

Staff: Sarah

2. Review Minutes from last meeting.

3. Community and Current Events.

Sarah read email from new Self Advocate Advisor for Community Living BC. Her name is Shelley Nessman. She will have an email group and Sarah will bring any information from her to the committee. Anyone who has email can also join this group, please ask Sarah for her contact information if you would like it.

Sarah will invite Shelley to come to a SAFE meeting so she can tell us about her role and meet everyone.

Reminder that October is community living month. There are many things happening in the community to celebrate.

Wendi gave out her business card from the Co-op radio show. Wendi would like to invite people to come down to the show. People can talk about different events in the community, it doesn't need to be about community living. Wendi is learning how to use the radio switchboard. Please get in touch with Wendi if you would like to get involved.

Wendi went to vote today, she chose a person who she feels is involved in the community and things that are important to her. Rosie would have liked to get out to vote but she had too many things going on.

Rosie- the Halloween Dance at Stage Door is on October 24 and it costs \$8. Stage Door is at Heritage Hall on Main Street.

4. Advocacy Issues

Last meeting Wendi talked about the issue of having someone come with a person who has a disability on a plane flight.

Sarah reviewed News Release sent from BCACL on the Canadian Transportation Agency's decision on charging only one fare to people who have a disability who meet requirement of needing someone to travel with them and who are traveling within Canada. Air Canada, Jazz and WestJet have to follow this decision within the next year. Full details are attached to the original minutes if anyone would like to look at them.

5. Newsletter

Committee would like to put in a Christmas message and tell everyone to look for Christmas parties that are happening in your community.

6. Other Things...

Wendi sees too much garbage on the streets and would like people to pick it up. This is something that committee members might be interested in. There is a green committee at MAPCL and Sarah will check if they would like to have a SAFE committee member join.

Sarah is going to meet with Shelley from community living BC and see if she has any ideas about getting younger people involved with self-advocacy.

7. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be **Monday November 10, 2008** from 4-6pm at MAPCL head office.