

Kaslo Women's Group

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"Kaslo Women's Group" operated in a rental store-front known as Kaslo Women's Centre.

- Began approximately spring 1976. Ceased operation about Fall 1980
- Located in the Village of Kaslo
- English Language

The group began and sewed most effectively as a consciousness- raising effort, through its activities included outreach in educational and local political issues.

Programs were presented to the female general public which covered health issues, social issues and feminist philosophy.

We held film series, a regional women's workshop, fund-raising events, and regular consciousness raising events, and regular topics. Most funding came from secretary of state.

Written by Debra Barrett

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Minutes of Aug. 11, 1976 meeting-held at Karen McIntire's House. Attended by 2 members from secretary of state office.

Butch S. And Ruth Annis

311 Fitzwilliam St.

Nanaimo, BC

Jeannie and Robin presented letter from City Council (previous meeting) approving of our objectives-it was passed around

Round robin introductions- short histories from each person

Ruth gave a rundown of the nature of her job, her basic approach to women's' position in trying to get more money, more opportunities for themselves; the importance of pressure- squeaky wheel theory, also value of coalitions.

NDP in relation to women discussed.

Allies: Scott Wallace, Rose Mary Brown

We went over the sec. Of state grant application, point by point. Butch gave a rundown of the sec. Of state dept. Functions. How to deal with MP-diplomatically. Send copies to Bob Briscoe and solicit his support.

Also we should apply to Dept. Of Human Resources.

We could send a letter (from Robin) re: lack of health services-mental health

To get on our side:

Health Ed. Board

Principal of School

Social Planning council
Recreation Commission

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Kaslo Women's Group: Minutes of meetings Aug 19th
At Linda Ackerman's House
Discussion of filling of application forms
Which letters to write
Whether to incorporate as a society

Board of Directors
Karen McIntire
Robin Scoobie
Debi Barrett
Linda Ackerman
Ben Zimmerman
Liz Erwin
Liz Campbell
Jeannie Pickard
Liz and Rae Sawyer volunteered as resource material gatherers

Activities for the year- set down on sec. Of state application

Question discussed-Should we be open to planning non-women or community oriented services and programs.
Possibilities: youth centre-teen
Religious talks-debates from all faiths
Consensus-to open to a wider realm of activities
Decision to make policies by consensus

Going over form for a sec. Of state, filling in all questions not resolved

Planning of bazaar on Sat. Sept. 11. (to include baked goods, soup, buns, garden produce and crafts, white elephants and jams) everyone presented specified contribution.
A list to be made and other members contacted for donations

Jeannie will see about renting the Citizens hall

Note: Pennywise will run editorial we submit as space provides- we should always have copy in hand for her

Unfinished business-get together objectives on bulletin board for people to visit
Adjourned.

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Minutes of Aug. 26th Meeting-held at Liz Irwin's house
Attendance-18
Introduction
Reading of last minutes

Jeannie gave "pep talk" on the bazaar. Terrarium will be given away by raffle.

Information board for women's centre- posters for bazaar- Linda Kewan will do donation paper passed around.

Sheila and Pat

Ovulation method-mucus fertility awareness

Started by catholic based doctor

Ovulation method explained and question and answer discussion

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Minutes of Sept. 9th. Meeting. At Women's Centre

12 in attendance

Minutes of last meeting, unfinished business

Correspondence

Jeannie-told about Bob Briscoe's reaction to our sending him a copy of the sec. of state grant via. Phone

Robin- Bill King's reaction: he didn't get it personally

Debi- read BCFW letter welcoming us to the organization unfinished business- to go over BCFW material and talk about the conference in November

Jeannie- van. Women's Health Collective asking for information about doctors attitudes on safe legal abortion.

Robin will talk to the local doctor regarding this.

Robin mentioned a recent piece of info on a pro-life organization. Anti-abortion, euthanasia

Schedule set up for Friday setting up of bazaar 10:00 a few people.

-Correspondence courses

-School lunch supervision

-Remedial reading help with Holly Ballard

Pre-school and Day care possibilities discussed

Adjourned.

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Sept. 16th meeting at women's centre

Attendance: 16

Minutes of previous meeting read

Treasurers report: Liz 226.02 balance in back after expenses

Robin-Bob Briscoe letter: he endorsed our project to letter to sec. of state and extended best wishes. (Faulkner)

Sec. of state was read. Letters will be filed. Robin.

Dr. Olsen is ant-abortion-details were given on his experience and views regarding counselling and referral

This is only his personal objection based on experience. He will give referrals

Jeannie-phone call from Isis- our 2 films will not be available, but write to Douglas College, where they will go after Isis closing down. They will send 2 substitutes.

Report on community education courses. Parent effectiveness training. "Time Out" and possibility of organizing one in Kaslo.

Report on st. Citizens response to our clean-up etc.

Debi-Chris Langstaff renting Centre Tues eve. 7-9

Rent \$15 a month

Fern: money raising ideas.

-booth in nelson Christmas fair- accepted

Other ideas:

Car rally

Sale of rose hips, mint, raspberry leaves

Talent night

Bottle drive

Commodities sale

Adjourned.

Sept. 30th. Meeting held at centre.

11 in attendance

Mint picking expedition-Sunday-meet at 10 am at Linda's house

We talked about the directions we have been going e.g. Splitting for the bar as soon as possible.

What we want in the way of levels of discussion-CR, on talks on material we've all read-then- how to get the info we want.

Bev's idea- we each write a letter to get literature

Jeannie is going to get manila folders and thumb tacks

Jeannie-reported on a letter from the advertising standards council.

16th of Oct. Sat 2:00 follow up of ovulation meeting

Nelson Women's Centre- is ordering 100 of Billings's books at 40 % discount. We will get some through Robin.

Robin reported on Nelson Women's Health Day-ovulation method, breast and cervical self exam. It was well organized- at student union building- done by Nelson Women's centre- will be done every two months.

PTA meeting- Oct. 4 Monday

Talk about guidance counselling and how we can get more involves in it at a high school level.

Getting a good film

Prep. On career possibilities

Oct. 7th Meeting at Centre

8 in attendance

Minutes of previous meeting and read and approved

Jeannie read Oct. 1975 priorities editorial on wage and price and control

We got a film "it's not enough" all invited. 730 Thursday.

"need a break?" hours Wed 1-4

We need lamps and a chair for the table.

Linda presented "women in advertising"

Sexist ads kit- instructions on writing letters re: sexist ads

-define the sexism

- Use racist comparison

- guidelines to get around the cop out

The report was good- we wrote letters- no beating around the bush

Oct. 14th 1976 Meeting at Centre

10 attended

Film shown- on working women

Discussion followed on the situations the film talked about

Especially working mothers

Time out program possibilities discussed

Also local reactions to the women's centre – from older or more straight ladies

Idea: to have a meeting to bring women who have felt intimidated- a meeting to talk about “why the women's centre”- what they would like to know

Each of us could try to get someone who might want to come but has been afraid to before

Pennywise announcement

- Everything you've always wanted to know about the KWC but have been afraid to ask, re-evaluation assessment
- We reviewed the school meeting without group and teachers
- Robin brought up the sex education course she'll be teaching
- We talked about the importance of the high school boys being exposed to birth control information as important as the girls
- Ideas for meetings to encourage new people
- Doing a project on the history of Kaslo women- not enough energy
- Next meeting –for re-evaluation and consciousness raising chance for each of us to go around the circle and voice feelings
- Guest speaker- Ruth Annis

Oct. 21 meeting at Centre

13 attended

Minutes read and approved

Jeannie went over the history of our group, past issues covered, accomplishments

We did a round robin of expressing feelings about the women's group and women's movement

Went over topics still to cover (from our sec. of state grant)

Bev- to do working paper on Marriage laws

Mary's friend Christine wants to do a massage workshop

Liz suggested someone do a précis of Memoirs (or each book we read) every also to write down one strong point

November: birth control

Tubal ligation

Working paper

Having children or not

October 28th at the Women's Centre

11 people attended

Discussion re what to do- list of people willing to babysit

Decided- one copy of centre one at Jeannie's

Discussion re attracting people to women's centre

- Putting facts in the window
- Posting topics for meetings- Robin will be responsible for seeing this done

Robin read letter from Bill King- send copy grant application of city council endorsement

Discussion of Isadora Duncan movie

Everyone presented articles, fact of interest etc. That they had found concerning women's issues

Nov 4 Meeting at Centre

16 attended

Jeannie announced about guest

Holly secured the U church hall Nov. 28th for 20.00

Details re Smorgasbord dinner rolls

Turkey, ham, potato salad, jellied salad, cole slaw, enchiladas (vegetarian dish), chilli

Cookie house to be donated by Carmen

Pros and cons of a hot sit down dinner/or smorgasbord of the while dinner in the first place

All sorts of variations on the dinner and fund raising were gone over

It was decided that the dinner be postponed until Jan,

There will be a meeting next Thursday

Film will come for sure by Nov 18th-film will be shown Dec 2

See Holly about Greenpeace tickets

Since the film didn't come- business to be attended to for this week

Liz brought up a topic which we spent a good deal of time going into depth; rape, attempted rape, assault, etc.

Self defence, preventative measures, ways to react

Brian Z will maybe should us some karate moves.

Nov. 11 Meeting at Centre

16 attended

Beds report re: Brian showing us some self defence techniques-he said a little knowledge is better than none at all.

He suggested gouging at eyes, punching around throat

You need power or you'll just make the attacker angry

We talked about Carmen possibly felt put off by our cancelling the smorgasbord.

The mint: we will hold on to some. Some will be given to Langham Christmas bazaar

The Langham asked to use the centre free of charge on Tues. Eves. We decided they should pay something toward the power bill- pass the hat maybe because we had had meeting at Ferns free etc.

Liz reported on her experience of going to the RCMP

Cam Reid-suggested a film "Lady Beware"

He had recently been to a conference on Rape

Was easy enough to talk to.

There has never been a rape conviction in Kaslo.

He felt it was not a good idea to lay charges -the sentence could be only 6 months with 2 month pardon and the strain on the woman, her being on trial for her chastity.

He shared other views about rape in today's society and in Kaslo

We need a follow up on the film- BCFW recent action re : rape

Question-can you request a closed case in court?

Nov. 18 meeting at Centre

18 attended

I passed the BCFW notices about a position open

Holly mentioned that Dog Wilton has approached her about seeing if any women in our group about the basics of meditation- as a step toward consciousness raising

Liz-Phil- is interested in giving a course in auto mechanics for women

\$65 each-price Herbie might be into it

We could make a collection for each lesion

Irene will report

Linda Langham wants to use the centre 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Film shown: "After the Vote" and brief discussion

Bev and Karen gave their report-see files- they concentrated on marriage and common law marriage laws

Many other questions were raised from the other women and given to Bev and Karen to present in 2 weeks

Linda- told about a self assertiveness course maybe happening (\$20) in New Denver through NIHI at apple tree

Nov. 25th Meeting at Women's Centre

16 attended

Jeannie brought up the idea of showing a film for kids on Dec 24th

Minutes were read and approved

Jeannie gave a report of the J.L. School revue. And said they may one day come here to entertain us. They received \$24000 grants shortly before and made several hundred dollars for their school. They will be in touch.

Any more business: we got our check: 1380.00 Jeannie read letter rec'd with the cheque-see files-requested that we send a report upon completion of project.

We need to sit down and talk about how to spend the \$ budget meeting- Jan 12 at the centre

Re: the centre being open- 8 people – once every 2 months.

Film for Jan- biz will find out about Rape film C Reid "growing up female" "One woman" "Anything you want to be"

Bev. Mentioned Canadian Magazine on wife beating

Dr. Olsen re: feminism as it reflects the family

Minutes of Meeting Dec 2nd

14 attended

Jeannie reported on film ordering- re: their policies of mailing

Debi reported on Kaslo High School situation re: careers and counselling 1) they have a copy of the resource guide for women's studies and will give it to us after Sandra Jung reads it 2) they have a well supplied board for career and college information 3) They had a display in the library

The meaning of the "president" position was talked about

Jeannie gave her ideas on making policies for centre- especially from the Kitchener-Waterloo Women's Place

Karen suggested we have the information on file- all the facts and we make ourselves knowledgeable on the info

Policy: that we present the information in an unbiased way

Abortion collective- Karen, Debi, Liz- privately counsel

Helen- was going to find out from Nelson Women's Centre

Women and Welfare- need to read the welfare act (need to get one) from Human Resource

Holly-Women and Immigration

Rights of Children- copy of it here

Human Resources-marriage counsellor's names

Get run down on : childcare places (in Nelson) and psychiatrist and psychologist

Getting out finger on whatever there already exists in Kaslo/Nelson

Selkirk Health Unit-Mental Health

Birth Control- Liz will do paper on it next week

We need an organized filing set up

December 9th

-Ladies hockey- needs a goalie

- Liz reported on Rape Film to be ordered "Lady Beware" by Cam Reid

- Jeannie reported that Helen didn't go to Nelson, so she went herself

-Jessie destroyed the information

-a job in the offering! Celeste will send us the info from the Nelson Group

- a course will be offered by the Nelson community services to teach crises workers- more info will also come from Celeste

- Robin will brief us about her job as Public Health Nurse in the new year

- Jeannie plugged "Her Story" women's calendar

- Liz Campbell will write for info regarding correspondence

-the next meeting is loose because the children's concert at the school is the same night

Book review: Edible Woman- Marg. Atwood

Guest: Christine Sutherland- massage therapist

-has set up 2 massage workshops in BC

- want to do one here in January

-for women in couples m/f and f/f

-she is designing a course relating to work done by other professionals e.g. Nurses and psychotherapists

- next summer- lay people's course- rehabilitative work

-week course in the summer- trained in polarity reflexology

- Christine will do a workshop Sat. Jan 8th 1230

- don't eat after 11 am

- bring pillows

Liz Irwin shoots the bell? About birth control

- With diagrams

- She explained male and female physiology

- 1843 first discovered how babies were made

- 1930's rhythm method- ovulation correctly figured out

1. Liz discussed rhythm method (calendar and temperature)

2. Coitus interruptus- spilled seed on the ground- never go near wet penis

3. Lover's nuts

4. An isoteric Sanskrit one- penis pinching

5. Surgical method-castration 1100 BC China- euechuchs

6. Castration gave way to vasectomy in the 20th century- not reversible-test after 20th ejaculation

7. Ovarectomy- take out the ovaries, spaying until 1893 in Australia

8. Tubes tied (tubal ligation) (laparoscopy)

9. Condoms (for men)- safest – sheep guts, seed pod, rubbers- protection for VD
10. Plugging the vagina, not to be confused with Jeannie plugging the calendar
 - dung
 - diaphragm w/ jelly (general consensus is that inserting the jelly is a pain in the ass)
 - add foam if intercourse is to be repeated (6-8 hours)
 - take care of you diaphragm
 - Debbie says its fine
11. Douching and fumigation
 - Spermicide fumes- replaced by creams, jellies, tablets, foams- foams most effective
12. 1920- silk and silver rings

Inserted and then resumes shape- declon shields (no)

 - copper 7 (yes)
 - is known to work but not known why it works
 - groan groan- \$12.75
13. The pill-chemical contraceptive is old method

1934-first pill- prescription only-side effects-clotting, weight gain, head aches

 - %100 effective!
14. Ovulation method- charts, strict

Liz did a super-researched presentation

Minutes of meeting Dec 30

14 attended

Previous minutes read by Karen

Jeannie-on locating the chatelaine issue (with article)

Liz gave summary of the Fire Dwellers

And we went over the book

Meeting Jan 7th

8 attended

Holly brought up idea of us sponsoring a young girl's hockey team

Various resistances to this came up, but it was agreed to be a good idea to see if enough girls were interested

Idea- in school bulletin to parents

\$15 an hour if we sponsored it would be liable

Wait until more people for a consensus

Jeannie reported on sec. of state notice about student community service program for hiring students decline FB

16th

Necessity of fundraising

Lunches on Saturdays at senior citizens

Meeting Jan 13th meeting at centre

12 attended

1. Credit union times- decided that we wanted to try it

2. Survey –should be finished by the then one Day Care Centre-heather spoke

3. Massage workshop details reviewed

- Topics discussed- men's reactions to women's lib, children, wife beating, man –woman roles

Saturday Jan 15th

- organization of soup and food etc
- idea of catering credit union dinner- to be discussed at meeting tomorrow
- what can't come out of the grant so we will raise \$ for it

Jan 20th

14 attended

Liz J- reported about luncheon- not enough people came- not enough publicity (posters)

Liz C- doesn't want to be paid for working on the books donated her labour

Karen and Bev- working paper on Women and Law on human rights code- Karen read the provisions –there is a human rights person in Nelson

- Criminal code- too detailed to go into now- only 700 women in jail in Canada
- Rape- Liz J told about hospital procedure paper on rape victims- she will try to get a copy for us
- Welfare- eligibility requirements, special situations where welfare will pay the bill

Re: alcoholism-article in Rapport discussed. Robin said Kaslo was having an AA. And we decided to volunteer out centre for their use, whenever they wanted.

Jane is in charge of Daycare centre survey. Dangham interest in a day care centre at their building came up.

Bev. Read information re: day care services in BC

Various types of day care etc. explored. What assistance can be gotten for parents to pay

January 27th meeting at the centre

8 attended

Lunch on Saturday cancelled due to people on that lunch deciding

Immediately we launched discussion on how we want to raise money- the food thing or not

-instead of board meeting- have business before regular meetings 7-8 for board meeting

Forms returned re day care centre

Liz read forms from hospital re: rape- medical procedures and examinations and article and Chatelaines Day Care Survey

Jeannie- Vel Anderson- Chamber of Commerce

Feb meetings: 1. Film 2. Friendship between women-everyone being something 3. Chris: mediation 4. Sibge

Topics for CR: fantasies

The Edible Woman: good discussion

Feb 2nd

Board Meeting- 6 attended

Playhouse- under serious consideration for fundraising- Debi and Bev will present some plan ideas

Day Care Centre- response

Replies- 16 children

Got to human resources- not manpower

Need support to help getting building- from homemaker service and specifics on what the building needs. Rent? Utilities?

Advertise for licensed day care person

Possibility- a house rented which could also serve for the women's centre

Diane talked about the BCFW- how it works-

-decision making

-regional reps

-subcommittees

25 women at least 2 from different regions

Health care- subcommittee- need women from this area mainly by correspondence

We asked- what are current recommendations

Topic of depending/not depending on government \$
Areas which are touchy and \$ could be withheld
We should call Celeste Culpepper about umbrella Canada works grant.
\$5.00/month to BCFW for travelling expenses? For Dianne Luthmers Luchtan

Back:

And she will come to our meeting every two weeks and report to us on BCFW
(What does the money come out of?)

Feb 3 meeting

14 attended

730 Monday night at hosp. Board room/Robin will be showing 2 films on delivery. Open to everyone

Robin and Liz reported on AA meeting

Long talk about home birth/hospital child birth midwifery

Day care centre- we got a letter from licensed Liz told a fairy tale about a CBC radio show

Liz will do a report on Sibyl

Feb 10

Rainy, warmish day

-movies didn't show up again

-nothing will be done about student employment grant

Consciousness raising issue

"friendship between women"

-Jeannie opened the discussion supported about motherhood

"mother" came up a lot- maybe for future mother/daughter as a woman to woman

At end Jeannie a letter about child care centre

Pre-Meeting discussion about high school upgrading course- or lack thereof

Ring can teach- needs 18 people

Can get one happening in Kaslo

Pre-Amble To Sybil discussion

Feb 17th

11 attended

Previous minutes read

Letter passed around

Jeannie read letters.

Questionnaire on our project from sec. of state

Int'l Womens Day in Vancouver -March 8 sponsored by Women's Bookstore

BCFW Newsletter

Liz will pay up recent dues

-all out correspondence comes late- we should write and tell them

Liz treasurers report- \$540 grant

Brought up that we don't really need a Centre, we can change our perspective and how the grant \$ is used. Centre isn't that necessary for our function. How we are filling a need. How we aren't.

High School women Karen and Fern reached

"May Day"- invite them to talk about May Day- try to have a film also

We need to talk May Day before the meeting

2 weeks from today

Day Care

Types: woman at home- up to 5 children at day care

Group daycare- max 25 kids

- Need a qualified attendant

Nursery School- 1 adult, 8 children

- ½ a day- no more than 3 hours per day
- 3 years min age

Licensed standards- group day care 10 hours max per 30:50 feet per child

Not including bathroom etc.

1 toilet and basin for every 10 children

Procedures: fenced out door, play area

Funding 1) parent is subsidised

2) centre is funded for starting up by Human Resources

City council has to approve of the place neighbours

Setting up a society to sponsor

From our survey-majority asks for ½ a day, 3 days/week only, asks for full day

Supervised child minding

6 hours a week

One consistent person required

Mar 3 meeting

14 attended

Business-

Robin and Scoobie: health sub-committee meeting for own region

Vanc- conference Mar 27th –BCFF

Abortion and midwifery- main issues

Do we have a letter about abortion? – never answered

Olsen won't refer to Nelson for abortions

Karen M has names of 6 doctors in Nelson

Robin does pregnancy tests at Nelson

Chaytors known of us.

Jeannie and Carmen Barman- starting alateen Sunday evenings wants to use the centre- we will let her no charge

Liz- from the Canadian Nurse. On cure of the rape victim in an emergency

Robin- March 8- International Women's Day IWD

Nelson invited us to a pot luck party

Films shown and Discussed “ and they lived happily ever after” “birthing”

1st week in April

Jeannie- poems about women for Langham

Great notices we got, about student jobs

Aug 28- Canada works employs 8 people. We should think about it.

Talk about (future) renting the center or not

May Day- anti (something) pagent

Or money revising project

Special meeting: next Wed. At centre to discuss May Day 700 pm

Carolyn Schram then presented her slides and commentary on her visit to China

March 23, 1977

5 attended

Business at hand

May day- fund raising

Rental of centre

Grant application

Day care centre

Maybe- men's sensitivity

More need for- quality of relationships

Renting senior citizens- more reasonable

Lessen expectations

Get good time slot- kids bake off

Up to 12

Bubble gum blowing contest

Auction off the goods

Make labels for float- on women through the history of Kaslo

March 17th 1977

12 attended special meeting

Lives of girls and women- Alice Munroe postponed till 2 weeks from now

Pam said we could use her poem

Re: presidency- does any one person have the energy?

News about video tape viewing at school-we need a videotape

Monthly co-ordinator will be chosen at end of month

Fathers: Karen started- brief statement about her father then we went around

March 24th 1977

Renting the centre or not

May Day- Jeannie, Bev, Debi will go to meeting, voice operations about Queen pageant and planning out events

We should: rent the place till Sept b/c because the grant \$ is designated for it

Discussion about highschool girls and birth control info

Mary Chapman- will do next months working paper on anatomy

Also- we should clean up the place before we leave

Some re-evaluation of our groups goals- persona and community emphasis

Counting up what we've gained

Continuation of last weeks DR disc

Leading into death of father (or mother) parents, sisters, brothers, etc.

Back:

Next year – possibly putting grant \$\$ into partial renting of day care for use also as Women's Centre.

Women's group as patron, other organizations will have to support.

Problems of a place –

Pavillion in Park – needs insulation and heating

Need statistics on need for this nursery school.

March 31st - no meeting

April 8, 1977

9 attended

Books of Eve

How we set up our meetings

Liz was nominated for this month- accepted

Letter from birth control handbooks- we need to send money first

Gloria said a man wants to rent this place every Saturday all day for flute lessons- okay we will charge 5 a day

May Day- Bev reported on May Day Plants programs

1890's theme costumes

Floats to be horse drawn

April 14th 1977

9 attended

Last weeks minutes read and approved

Topics arising from minutes- re flute lessons- okay with Evers, Gloria says he will be only teaching on Thursdays and will give us 10 percent of his "take" is not, \$5 to cover heating etc

May Day planning meeting report by Deb and Bev from ties nite to meeting

We need a float planning meeting also to talk to Jeffie Sue about her horse and Sam Rota about his wagon

Debi and Linda to plan bake contest, do publicity Rith M dropped in to ask us to challenge the 10th grade class to participate in the Walkathon. We agreed to do that and possibly challenge other groups. We will sponsor walkers from our group. Walkers will also get their own pledges. Walkathon is Saturday April 30th. Debi will write letter to 10th graders

Letter to read:

In the interest of physical fitness and community spirit we, the Kaslo Women's Group, challenge you (* the 10th grade class of Kaslo High) to match or better our participation in the upcoming annual Walkathon. We plan to pledge as well as participate and feel that it is in your own best interests (for the next two school years) to support this activity. See you there, Sincerely, Kaslo Women's Group

Chris Langstaff is scheduled for May 5th to give a talk on meditation

May 26th- We will have a meeting exploring women poets

Liz E. Mentioned the Chatelaine Article April 77

"How to be Successfully Single" as preparation for next weeks meeting.

Mary presented her programme on anatomy- very interesting covered most body systems. She left a paper in the Centre on the reproductive organs and intercourse.

Adjourned.

April 21, 1977

10 attended

Film, if it comes, will go on the next week

May Day meeting 25th

Jeannie has been scouting around for float material can probably borrow from Moyie

Jeanne expressed ideas about representing women from Kaslo

We need to get old photos

Debi will go and get someone to go

Community Calendar in Pennywise- we would get free advertising if we had it in by the deadline

Trying to arrange a horse

Toastmasters meeting explained and announced

Topic for this evening- living single

Meeting- April 28th

Reports

Sat. Is a bids day- theyve added bike races

- Canoe
- Canoe tripping

Kite contest for kids- kite contest judging of fake contest then bubble blowing contest

We got an application for float

Next May Day meeting 9th and 8

Float committee

Idea: to divide the float- women in home

Working woman- prostitute idea, nurses, teachers

Another out crop of complains against May Queen Pageant

Also- committe wants to ask _ to be on the float

Catalogs in for costumes- we really need to round up costume

6 attended

Liz reported on Nelson Women's Centre they are sponsoring a martial arts course

Robin S hasn't been able to talk to the grade 9 and 10 girls at school yet. Liz is teaching them first aid and maybe can get in to talk to them about careers and sex education

Karen says the high school girls,

A few she knows- want an abortion

Birth control handbooks

BCFW abortion subcommittee- looking into conditions doing a survey. Diane Luthmers is in charge

