# The Self Advocacy Federation

# Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2016

1. Call to order

Michelle Roy called to order the regular general membership meeting of the Self Advocacy Federation at 4:09 PM on March 15, 2016 at 18304 – 105 Ave, Suite 104 Room 106.

1. Roll call

Emily Rypstra conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Amy Park, Cathy Monk, Curtis Coenen, Daniel Atkinson, Emily Rypstra, Florence Burton, Keri McEachern (ally), Michelle Roy, Quinn Marcacini, Scott Goulet, Travis Thompson, and Tyler Morgans. The following persons were absent: Bonnie Kryuko, Daisy Stacey, Kelly Pope, Petal Sydor, and Vickie Mancini (ally)

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Emily Rypstra read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

1. ACDS conference presentation presenters

The SAF needs three volunteer presenters to present at the ACDS conference in April on the topic of “My House…My Home”.

1. *My History, Our Future*

*My History, Our Future* is a video-based training program created for youth and adults with developmental disabilities to learn how to be self-advocates and for their allies to learn how to best support self-advocacy. Self-advocacy is an important life skill necessary for citizenship and leading a meaningful life. Allies are support workers, relatives, friends or other members of an individual’s “circle of support” who help facilitate self-advocacy. The SAF will be dedicating a half hour every second Tuesday when there is no Steering Committee meeting to this training program. The SAF watched the *My History, Our Future* – Self-Advocacy Training Video 1: Introduction and Pre-Test to get a feeling of what the SAF will be studying. Amy then led the SAF through the 16 question pre-test.

1. Tribute to Leilani Omalley (nee Muir)

This morning Leilani Omalley (nee Muir) passed away at the age of 72. Leilani was the first person to file a successful lawsuit against the Alberta government for wrongful sterilization under the *Sexual Sterilization Act of Alberta*. The SAF paid tribute to Leilani by watching and then discussing a YouTube video of Leilani telling her story of her wrongful sterilization.

1. Open floor discussions
2. When to have the SAF Annual General Meeting.
3. Cash Mob to help support inclusive hiring at the Cineplex Odeon North on Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 1:00-4:00 PM. (See advertisement attached)
4. Year-end event update

Keri has invited Cindy Scott, Marie Slark, and Marilyn Domage (the Hurona survivors) to speak at our year end event. Today Keri booked Cindy, Marie, and Marilyn’s plane tickets and hotel rooms. The SAF needs to decide which self advocates can help run the day, which allies can help run the group discussion tables, who to invite, how to market the event, and what the SAF’s main goal is coming out of the event.

1. Adjournment

Michelle Roy adjourned the meeting at 5:28 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Emily Rypstra

Minutes approved by: Keri McEachern