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Minutes of: LCAE General Meeting February 17, 2004

Present: Donna Moore (UWO, Toastmasters), Donna Smith, Sheila Lupson (LCRC), Donna Ellis (Wheable), Nancy McQuillan (LUHC), Amy Thompson (LUHC), **Ghailan Al Jassem (Guest speaker)**, **Vitmira Murataj (Guest speaker)**, (Lara Leitch, Margaret Maciejewski (LPL), Sheila Carson (TVDSB-ESL), Kelly Phillips (TVDSB), Carl Sinclair (CDS), Ann Everatt (Fanshawe), Mac Hey (ACE), Christine Glenn (LCRC), Nidaa Khalil (SRL), Ron Pauls (SRL), Bonnie Chakraborty (SRL), Marta Castro (SRL), Deb Mountenay (EMOLTB), Dane Rice (EMOLTB), **Maria Sanchez-Keane (Sanchez-Keane & Associates-EMOLTB, Guest Speaker)**, Robin Rundle Drake (City of London), Mary Williamson (CCLC), Tom Crouch (Nokee Kwe), Nicole Kovacs (Pathways), Oscar R. Paradn (Latin Centre), Jennifer O'Brien (London Free Press), Gladys Roman (student), Mansol Murcia (student), Clavdia Bohorquez (student), Angel Tolosa (student), Jose Echavarria (student), Nubio Espitia (student), Mahmoud Kassab (Student – Eng.), Samir Touma (student – Eng.), Sarcanda Thala (student – Eng.), Latina Abbud (student), Carlos Andres Gualdrón (student), Sandy Gunsar (ESL teacher – Wheable), Hector Mona (ESL student), Shahram Yadullami (ESL student), Gina Soto (ESL student), Carolina Rosas (ESL student), Razia Backtash (ESL student), Vitmira Murataj (student – French Teacher), Durvis Moreno (ESL student), Iman Suliman (ESL student)

Regrets: Sharon Collins, Frances Shamley

Welcome and Introductions - Donna Moore

- Donna welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining us.
- Donna thanked Deb. Mountenay and EMOLTB for the refreshments.
- Donna also thanked Sheila Carson and Amy Thompson for helping with citizen speakers.
- Donna noted that announcements will be at the end of the meeting.

Donna Ellis extended a welcome to everyone from Wheable.

Process for Today's Event:

- Donna explained that citizens would speak first and then we would have a presentation by Maria Sanchez-Keane.
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First Speaker – Ghailan Al Jassem:

- Ghailan spoke very eloquently about an “accelerated roadmap”. Details of his talk can be found on the LCAE website at www.register.uwo.ca/cfns/lcae.html

Second Speaker – Vitmira Murataj:

- Vitmira is a French Teacher from Albania. She is currently in ESL class at Wheable, works part-time, volunteers, and does translation. Details of her talk can also be found on the above website.

Presentation by Maria Sanchez-Keane:

- Maria discussed the findings from the strategic planning session held with visible/racial minority representatives.
- Maria did a power point presentation on the SWOT analysis that was done and the top 10 strategies were also discussed.
- Details of Maria's presentation can be found on the above website.

Business Meeting:

- Minutes of the November 18/03 and January 20/04 meetings were passed – motion Donna Smith/ seconded Mac Hey/carried.

Announcements:

- Sheila Lupson announced that on May 15th they will be hosting a meeting called “Get Fired Up About Earth, Wind and Water. Contact LCRC at 432-1801 for more information.
- Sheila Lupson and Donna Moore will be attending a town hall meeting later today.
- Mary Williamson did a presentation on pre-budget consultation. See the OCASI website for more information.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m. with thanks to all involved.