**Minutes for Women’s Issues Committee, Dec. 8, 2016**

**1. Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Ana Orudyan at 6:50 p.m.

**Roll Call**: Ana Orudyan, Pat Kramer, Charles Bradley, Julie Cuddihey & Anne Marie Vaudescal.

**2. Public Comments:** Anne Marie asked what this group’s purpose was.

**3. Discussion: Set goals and mission statement: Ana asked for input from the members present.**

Pat suggested the terms be more focused so that the public could be better engaged – for instance, setting up educational topics with speakers to discuss one at each meeting. This way, we could outreach and engage more people.

Charlie proposed the acronym of WOMEN: Worthy of Meeting Everyone’s Needs.

Ana suggested working on reaching out to the homeless women – especially one who has a baby. It was suggested that she speak with our Homeless Rep, Amelia.

Anne Marie asked if we would be including people outside of Sunland-Tujunga at our meetings. We discussed that we have to work within our community.

Julie suggested that we work on initiatives that could bring the community together.

Pat added maybe reaching out to women who have no support systems, possibly those with children who stay at home.

(Charles had to leave the meeting at 8:20 p.m.)

**4. Set up Committee:**

Because there were only five people present, we tabled this to the next meeting with possible considerations to: Ana, Julie, Kat, Ana Hovasapian, Dana…

**5. Meeting Dates**: A tentative meeting date was set for the 1st Tuesday of every month from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**6. Future Agenda:** Think about educational topics and speakers who could be asked to lead a meeting. Explore getting a gift for a resigning longtime STNC member.

**7. Meeting Adjourned:** 8 p.m. Minutes taken by Pat Kramer, STNC Region 1.