

TOWARDS A STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR SUMMER CELEBRATION EVENT

A preliminary meeting of the Women's Center (Sheryl and Thea) and Habondia (Laverne and Shannon) met to discuss the proposed summer event on April 19th. The following ideas will be circulated and the coordination group will reconvene in the week of May 6 to finalize ideas.

Our intentions: to celebrate women's empowerment and our organizations. In particular to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Women's Centre. We want a day for women only (and children with child care provided) to honor our creative abundance and to celebrate our organizations. We want to feel free to express ourselves, our ideas and our businesses, our dreams and our bare naked bodies if and when we choose. Although we don't want to organize camping, we would like to have camping available the night before and the night after the event.

Where: possibly the Vallican Whole (cost \$300-350 plus \$200 damage deposit, 250 legal limit for people) Possible camping at Aria/Jenikas or other neighbours. Possibly Proctor Hall (\$100 cost, 100 legal limit for the dance). Camping available at Thea's. Both spots have lake and or river close by.

When: August 10 hopefully. Not long weekend because of Jazz Fest in Kaslo. The Vallican Whole is not available on the 10th but is available on the 17th. We might also want to consider a September 21 date also (Laverne's afternote).

How: We have \$3000 seed money going into the event. We discussed keeping costs to an absolute minimum (Coordinator, hall rental, sound equipment and band/dj, advertising, possibly child care). If possible spend only \$1500 thus ensuring a remaining fund for future events. We may want to channel the incoming money (from the event) to maintain the \$3000 (which could even become like a loan fund for future events- another Laverne afternote). Although both the Women's Centre and Habondia would benefit from making money at the event, both groups seem to feel that the more important reason to have the event are the social benefits of women getting together to celebrate. In other words making money is not our goal but it would be nice.

What: Workshops (organized by Habondia) offered by women in the community with a general theme of financial, social and spiritual empowerment skills. Workshop leaders paid by donation, possibly. (This is a problem for leaders if no one shows up at their workshop).

Open stage mike where performing artists can perform. By donation possibly.

Food booths selling good, inexpensive food. Attract small businesses or women who want to sell food. Perhaps charge a commission to businesses/people who are making money on this day.

Day care on-going through the day and night. Local teens? How are they paid?

A dance in the evening (organized by the women's centre) perhaps with a djane, local band, or.....
!! We want the dance to be dry event with sufficient security to ensure that any drug use be controlled and out of the public eye (Laverne's afternote)

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE:

- 1) Confirm date and place.
- 2) Decide on a process to hire the coordinator soon. Hire a coordinator to be paid probably \$500
- 3) Advertise soon for workshop leaders, musicians for open stage, child care proposals and small business food businesses.
- 4) Decide on the cost of event- potentially free (except for dance) and everything else is by donation or???
- 5) Each of the organizations come up with creative fund-raising ideas at the event: for example cake raffle, art auction, trade show where people pay a small amount to advertise and/or display their businesses and organizations, 50/50 draw, etc.
- 6) Do a second round of advertising closer to the event.
- 7) Otherwise keep it simple so that groups and individuals feel they can and will take on a manageable piece.