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MINUTES OF AUCKLAND BRANCH OF NZHBA MEETING 17 JULY 1982 HELD AT
LYNNE NICOLS.

Apologies: Deryn, Kiet, Sian and Rhonda.

Chaired : Lynne Nicol.

Treasury : The books are still not audited. Request for copies of Minutes for last financial year given to Alison to give to Jenny Page. Barbara's file copies. The committee decided to pass a resolution which would have the effect of validating all payments agreed to be made even if left off the minutes, given that there were many meetings at which the treasurer was not present. Moved Donley Seconded Jones THAT all money agreed to be paid out have been approved by the whole committee up to this date even if not minuted. Passed by all present.

Carolynn reported that there was \$2,453.00 in the bank. Carolynn moved approval of the attached list for payment: Barbara Seconded and passed by the meeting.

Correspondence: Discussion of lay midwifery arising from an Australian request for financial assistance for lay midwives being prosecuted for manslaughter. Agreed that the meeting could understand why lay midwifery was so prevalent in Australia and in N.Z. and that we have sympathy with women but can't give support to them. Our situation is too vulnerable to give support.

Letters circulated from J. Strid re Vitamin K, from Vivienne Littlewood re hospital complaint and apology and from Lyn Whiteside re publication of her presidential address. Alison to reply. Committee unable to track down the movement of the address. Generally material received and not marked confidential is considered for the Newsletter if it is interesting.

Joan read a letter from Lynne McLean about her visit with Henriette Kemp to see Aussie Malcolm and Dr Phillip. They spoke about fees paid to midwives (17% increase from 1.10.82 after freeze), the form of the contract and an increase in ante natal involvement.

M.O.H. : Cathi Sadler spoke on the need to advertise for midwives.

She reported on conversations with MOH Stevenson and the need to write to Dr Phillips for a salary review and for advertisements. Sian was a financial test case. Call for action of different kinds.

MOH's should know about the lack of midwives and the trend towards unattended births. Cathi to arrange articles on subject.

Statistics: Query but Deryn and Jill absent, about the state of the 1,000 plus statistical analysis.

Toddlers/babies: Discussion about infants at meetings. General feeling was that while women should not be prevented from attending because of infants, the infants should not distract people during the meeting and that women with infants awake or moving about should take them into another room. Everyone found it was easier to concentrate with no infants in the room.

Advertising for Midwives: Joan following up a ChCh lady. Isabelle Smith may return to Australia. Contact to be made with her. Irene will cover. Gillian to continue. The latter greeted with applause. Discussion on birth assistants, Dr.'s delivering etc. Carolyn pointed out that the quality of home birth deliveries was important not just quantity and that we should put our resources and efforts into getting more midwives. Write to Dr J. Phillips, Dir. of Clinical Services, Health Dept, Box 5013, WELLINGTON.

H.B. Week Seminar: Dorothy reported. Fewer workshops and all to be run twice. Decided to centre the seminar on the midwives. Joan to deal with political matters, other midwives to talk on personal struggles, training of midwives, ideas, problems etc. Joan felt the midwives would be taking over from the mothers. Meeting felt it would be interesting for the public to hear from all the midwives. All have a different approach.

Womens Health Conference: Lynne to organise a stall. Cathi and Pauline to assist. Gillian, Maurya, Alison Mary Emslie and Mary Nacey likely to attend and Joan who is giving a paper. Meeting agreed to pay each of those attending \$5.

Joan's letter ^{re} to Nurses Association: Joan's submissions read by Alison and Barbara. She attacks the philosophy of the whole thing being the opposite of what the Health Dept and the WHO support. Agreed to send a copy of it and the statistical analysis when completed to all M.P.'s. Sue Patterson to run it off. Joan to arrange a stencil. Sue to co-ordinate the mail out to M.P.'s. Barbara to write to H. Kemp to see if this should be an Auckland thing ~~or~~ or a national thing.

Visual Aids: Cathi discussed graphics. Decided that each support Group should acquire what it thinks is necessary. Carolyn reported about an excellent birth video which we can use. Copies can be made and each support group and branch might like to have one; depending on cost etc. ~~Raxaxaxaxaxaxaxaxax~~

Doctors and Midwives Meeting: Next meeting 3rd August. Decided that home birth doctors and midwives should set their own standards. Three ante natal visits requested. 9 doctors at the last meeting. Letter to be drafted allowing parents to accept responsibilities.

Newsletter: Next to be finished in three weeks. Material to Alison.

Next Meeting: To be at Barbara 11 Manapau St, Meadowbank. Pot luck dinner at 6.30 and meeting to begin at 8.00. Please bring a plate towards a communal dinner. August 24th.

P.S. Barbara to write to Traffic Dept. re flashing blue lights on cars for midwives. Drs are permitted these.

TREASURY Report:
meeting of 27/7/82

Balance at Bank as at 27/7/82 = \$2,453.22

Checks to be written, as approved at meeting:

Ck. No.

263039 - Suburban newspapers \$10.93

263040 Carolyn Mitchell (Receipt bk \$6.10
 mailing 8.58
 14.68

\$ 14.68

263041 University Book Shop

\$ 29.25

263042 Barbara (Reg. mail) 2.90

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Magazines + postage 9.84

\$ 12.74

263049 Mag. subscription "Mothering" \$15 - to be converted US\$
 "Birth" \$30 - US\$?

\$ 70.85

263048 Reams/paper

Rob Mayberley

263043 Lyn Nicols toll calls ~~1.00~~ 1.00

9.00

263044 Wth Shore Support

35.00 ✓

263045 Sth Auck Support Group

49.00

263046 Central & Eastern

50.00

263047 W. Auck

50.00

8 \$5 donations towards W.H. Conference

263050 - 263057 fees

\$ 40.00

Visual Aids Wth Shore Support Group
 roughly \$76 - amount to be phoned in