

MINUTES OF AUCKLAND HOME BIRTH ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Held at Joan's on October 16, 1990.

PRESENT: Joan Donley, Carolyn Young, Sarah Macleod, Sally Morison, Kate Jaunay, Claire Bickley, Marjet Pot, Linda McKay, Trish Warder, Cathy Davies, Brenda Hinton.

No APOLOGIES.

CLOSING TIME: 9:30 pm.

MATTERS ARISING:

- 1) "A Girl's Gotta Eat": roughly \$1500 profit (apiece) for COM & AHBA, but final tally not yet available. Ally Duffy should get a letter of thanks from us. Joan thinks it should be an annual event, but Brenda says outlays and effort are high for the amount of profit made (e.g. hall hire, group's pay, liquor license, etc.)
- 2) Daytime Meeting: was enjoyable but not businesslike; no agenda, no chairperson. With more notice (to get good attendance) and agenda etc. could be good.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

- 1) C.O.G.S.: application for funds turned down; we have sent them a letter requesting a review of this decision - pointing out that our work benefits the wider community not just those opting for HB. (We had applied for \$19 000 for co-ordinator/secretary - Linda + \$3000 for Alex Gillanders for stats.) QUESTION: what became of the "koha" Robyn Bryan collected for Alex at Conference? Can it be used for the current batch of 100 forms? Carolyn suggests that each midwife pays for her own stats (supposedly some of registration fee goes to this, but some of the midwives with the most stats have lowest proportion of registered clients.)
- 2) Diane McAlister: report on Home Help scheme. C.O.G.S. turned down.
- 3) AAHB: list of people selected for ethics committees.
- 4) MAMA: 1991 conference to be held July 1991, deadline for papers Nov. 1990. (no conflict with our annual conference in May.)
- 5) AIMS: (British) group wishes to exchange newsletters with us
- 6) Labour Party: policies for women.
- 7) Wintergreen: American woman who does one-brain therapy, coming to NZ, wants us to sponsor workshops.
- 8) NZ Society of Podiatrists: congratulates us on autonomy for m/ws.
- 9) Ch-ch Parents Centre: copy of booklet in which they quoted from our blue booklet (contraception & sexuality section)
- 10) East AK HB Support Grp: sent copy of letter to IRD requesting exemption from paying tax on interest.
- 11) Coalition Against Tobacco & NZ Drug Foundation: petition + NZ Drug Foundation seeking members: Box 7343 Wellington.
- 12) Editorial Overload: compiling directory on helath sector people: Box 279, Paraparaumu.
- 13) Rank Xerox: raising service fees to 3.5 cents a copy.
- 14) Diagnostic Laboratory: confirming info + food evening Oct 24.
- 15) Taylors Pharmacy: Advertising baby rocker + breast pump (Sarah to ask if they want to advertise in our newsletter).
- 16) Snappy Naps: new kind of pre-folded cloth nappy.
- 17) Gov't Printin Office: advertising "Women in NZ"
- 18) Heidi Mathews: Birth story + offer to help w/ illustrations.
- 19) Publications: AK Parents Centre, Birthplace, NZ Parents Centre, Ch-ch, Invercargill, Manawatu, Tauranga, Wellington, Whangarei HBAs.
- 20) Registrations: 23 Subscriptions: 46

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

- 1) Helen Clark: letter of thanks & congrats for nurses amendment + direct entry midwifery course.

- 2) Carol Peterson: endorsement of Joan's proposal re her position on the DMSRC.
- 3) Presbyterian North Shore Hospital Trust: Application for funding for a computer + software.
- 4) C.O.G.S.: request for review of decision to decline us.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Midwives Negotiating Fund: \$353.76.
Video Fund: \$4000.00
Balance as at 31st September 1990: \$404.81
Term Deposits: \$6000

Cheques for Approval:

T-shirts:	1940.00	
Refund Diane B.	32.00	
Brenda	240.00	(postage)
Glenda S.	82.40	(postage)
Linda McKay	80.00	(stamps)
Lawyers	70.00	(petrol vouchers)
D.Griffin	200.00	(Sth Ak Support Group)
C.Chambers	150.00	(Central Ak Support Group)
B.Gulley	20.00	(postage)

This is subject to correction. (KJ)

proposed: Joan D., seconded: Brenda H.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1) National Newsletter: should we subscribe as a group or individually? Consensus is as a group. fears expressed that there will be no more.
- 2) Proposal to buy Sheila Kitzinger's "The Crying Baby" for our support group libraries. Kate to enquire about price.
- 3) Jan Thompson - DM in Warkworth: should she be reviewed by Auckland's DMSRC? yes, if we are referring women to her etc. Linda to contact her re this.
- 4) How do we view the relationship between AHBA and the midwives in view of autonomy? e.g. numbers of HB clients who are not registered with the AHBA, and the midwives' role in this. Carolyn suggests reg. form to be filled out when handing out purple booklet. Carolyn & Joan to bring this up at next DM meeting. Need for midwives to make clients aware of AHBA's role.
- 5) Sian Burgess: letters of support for her practice to go to Nursing Council, Marie Burgess, Registrar, PO Box 9644, Wellington. One from AHBA committee citing # of HB's she's done up til now without complaints.
moved: Brenda seconded: Marjet.
- 6) Marjet's been asked for names of midwives by a woman doing "alternative therapy"; was unwilling to advertise in Newsletter, so no names given by Marjet.
- 7) Support group coordinators being asked about "independent midwives" willing to take on clients who don't want a doctor. up to each midwife, but many prefer to work with a companion, midwife or dr.
- 8) Carolyn: noticing clients with unrealistic expectations of the possibility of transfer, need to make this clearer in classes.
- 9) Carolyn: Vitamin K controversy between gps and m/ws still appearing at births, a bad time for new parents to have to decide. Need to have a precis of pro- and anti- information to give out with purple booklet or other antenatal visit. Approach John Hilton for pro? Brenda and Marjet to research/precis anti-.
- 10) Joan: meeting with Gary Taylor @ NWH Oct 16 re shortage of staff, poor morale, etc. See Joan for more info.

MEETING CLOSED 9:40 pm.

NEXT MEETING is at Linda McKay's: 40 Sussex Street, Grey Lynn.

AUCKLAND HOME BIRTH ASSOCIATION INC.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING October 1990

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Registrations	9418.00	Newsletters (print & post)	7333.26
Subscriptions	3992.00	Postage/tolls/stationery	1269.93
Donations	200.00	Photocopying	556.22
National newsletter	55.00	Support & antanatal exp.	1081.13
Sales/Advertising	480.00	Fund Raising Exp.	2546.17
Fund Raising	2298.50	Printing Books etc.	(271.90)
Books & video sales		Meetings & conferences	
Photocopying recoveries		Advertisig & publicity	95.08
Video Grant - McKenzie Trust		Subscriptions & books	200.00
Sundry receipts		Video - Production	
Interest	188.12	Office Equipment	
Booklet	4386.80	Donations	6941.25
		Booklets - cost	38.82
		With-holding tax on Interest	138.58
		Sundry Payments (Bank Fees etc.)	1089.88
		Excess Income over Expenditure	
Excess Expenditure over Income			<u>21018.42</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST October 1990

<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
Balance at 1.4.90	2635.75	Bank	6199.39
Less Exp. over Inc.		Term Deposits	2000.00
Plus Inc. over Exp.	<u>1089.88</u>		
<u>SPECIAL FUNDS</u>			
Midwives Negotiating Fund	473.76		
Video Fund	<u>4000.00</u>		
			<u>4473.76</u>
			<u>\$8199.39</u>