

MINUTES

AUCKLAND HOME BIRTH ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 10 Wairiki Rd, Mt. Eden, May 15th, 1990.

PRESENT: Joan Donley, Kate Jaunay, Sarah Macleod, Linda McKay, Marjet Pot, Glenda Southey.

APOLOGIES: Lilian Dunn, Soni Hart, Jose Kakebeeke, Maree Parr.

FINISHING TIME: 9:30-10:00.

MATTERS ARISING:

- 1) ASB Grant Application: has gone in, according to Sarah. Ian to audit the books ASAP.
- 2) COGGS & CHIFS grant applications: COGGS deadline is 29 June, no specific date for CHIFS. We need money for a) paying Alex G. for the stats, b) pay for consumers on DMSRC, c) get-together in Taupo area for North Island associations, d) recompense for Linda (power, phone bills, time, etc.). Marjet, Kate & Linda to discuss/draft out grant requests soon after 10 June.
- 3) CONFERENCE: Brainstorm session gave following positive & negative comments on Conference: POSITIVE: food, pane discussion, meeting friends, networking, good facilitation from Madeleine Gooda & Gay Tye, Linda Williams' "keynote speech", brainstorm/remit meeting in the rec-room, Project Waitangi workshop, accommodation, we made \$600 selling t-shirts, etc., Margaret Shields' speech, tribute to Joan, panel discussion, pre-publicity.  
NEGATIVE: organisation, lack of timetable, insufficient time for HB business, facilities for mothers, creche, lack of typewriter/phones, rudeness to invited guests, inadequate PA system, lack of democracy in passing remits, hijacking/sabotage of conference by stirrers, no time out, no care of people, not reporting back from sessions/workshops, people not prepared to commit themselves & co-operate during meetings, etc.  
Because of these things and the general feeling that we did not actually have a conference, it was suggested that at least Wellington and AHBA meet 'halfway', in Taupo, in about 6 weeks and sort out what should have been sorted out at Conference. This will be a delegates' meeting, to discuss lobbying etc. no workshops, etc.
- 4) NATIONAL NEWSLETTER will now be done by Wellington HBA, for a trial period of 12 months only. As our newsletter will still be big, we will continue to swap with the overseas groups, and there will still be 4 per year. Adverts will be same price, long-term subs will remain with Auckland. Deadline for next newsletter: early June.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

- 1) AUCKLAND AREA HEALTH BOARD'S ETHICS COMMITTEES are calling for nominations; meetings are once a month, 3-4 hrs/meeting, but a lot of reading of cases in betweentimes. Pay \$110 per meeting. Joan suggests Jeff Bridgeman - she will contact him.
- 2) HELEN CLARK'S SPEECH NOTES.
- 3) JUDY KEALL thanks us for the newsletter.
- 4) DR. SHIRLEY TONKIN replies to our letter challenging her Cot Death article - fudges issue of 'home birth = out-of-hospital birth', asks about our methods of followup in our stats.
- 5) DR. JOHN STEVENSON sends collection of letters written in his bid to clear his name in Australia.
- 6) KALI JUDD requests unedited copy of Alice Scholes' letter.
- 7) CH-CH & NELSON HBA's returning recycling labels, criticising design.
- 8) TAUPO, TE AROHA & WHAKATANE are setting up support groups, need info.
- 9) HAWKES BAY HBA want to know when Home Birth Week is.
- 10) COALITION AGAINST TOBACCO ask us to write to ministers.
- 11) GENERAL INQUIRIES: Sarah McMullin, Nicola Miller-Clendon, Gillian Cowperwaite, Kerry Harrison.
- 12) GAIL BENNALICK sends her birth story.

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13) REGISTRATIONS: 23, SUBS: 10.

14) PUBLICATIONS: Birth Place, Campaign for Unbleached Products, Maternity Action, NZ Parents Centre, West Ak Health Forum, HBA's: Canberra, Darwin, Dunedin, Manawatu, Southland, Tauranga.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

1) SHIRLEY TONKIN: cot death research.

2) CAROL PETERSON: list of DMSRC consumers names & addresses.

3) TAUPO, TE AROHA, WHAKATANE info on support groups.

4) GENERAL ENQUIRIES: Sarah McMullin Nicola Miller-Clendon, Gillian Cowperwaite, Kerry Harrison; replies.

TREASURERS REPORT:

APRIL BALANCE: \$1877.22. Balance as at 15 May 90 \$470.66.

CHEQUES FOR APPROVAL

Kate Jaunay	\$ 174.71	-	t-shirts, printing, stamps
Boyd Prestige	26.03	-	stationery
NZ Post	85.00	-	stamps, envelopes
G. Southey	261.00	-	postage
Print Centre	2543.06	-	newsletter

MEETING CLOSED 10:15 pm.

Next Meeting 19 June at Joans

3 Hendon Ave

Mt Albert