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MINUTES OF AUCKLAND HOME BIRTH ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on April 17, 1990 at 3 Hendon Ave, Mt Albert

PRESENT: Anne Casey, Joan Donley, Kate Jaunay, Jose Kakebeeke, Diane McAllister, Sarah Macleod, Linda McKay, Marjet Pot.

APOLOGIES: Brenda Hinton.

Closing Time set at 9:30 pm.

MATTERS ARISING:

- 1) A.G.M. will be Sunday 22 April, 2 pm, at SOUTH PACIFIC COLLEGE in Arthur St. Ellerslie. Telephone tree to be activated. AGENDA: reports, fee changes, funding after the Nurses Amendment, DMSRC co-ordinator, Conference, report on Home help.
- 2) CONFERENCE reports need to be in Whangarei by 20 April. Need a national newsletter report (Joan/Brenda?) Funding change, stats price increase. Help with petrol/fees for committee members, possibly retro-active, as funds are low at present.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

- 1) Whangarei HBA sends amended programme. Major discussions now 3:30 pm Fri Remits passing on Sunday morning.
- 2) Helen Clark speech notes (include praise for midwives...)
- 3) Alex Gillanders shifting, will be unable to continue to do STATS for free. Will want approx. \$2000/per year. is willing to help a new person to start out.
- 4) COGS grant application forms, requirements, restrictions etc.
- 5) CHIFS (Community Health Initiative Funding Scheme) grant applications.
- 6) ADIS press (journal, sent to GPs) requests branch contacts in NZ.
- 7) Ak CENTRAL LIBRARY requests updates for info bank.
- 8) Women's Health & Resource Trust sent update on progress of trust.
- 9) Heather Waugh returns new recycling labels, prefers old style.
- 10) Debbie Payne unable to attend classes during pregnancy, wants to use that part of fee next time. Refer to letter sent to subscribers.
- 11) John Muntz sent info about a Natural Health Clinic.
- 12) Vicky Naismith sent query re DOMINO in Auckland.
- 13) Alex Berry-Smith seeks midwife near Paparoa (1 hr. south of Whangarei).
- 14) PUBLICATIONS: Calif. Assn. of Midwives, Caesarean Birth Groups, Home Birth Aust, Parents Centre, South/West Aust, HBA's: Darwin, Manawatu, Nelson, Taranaki, Tauranga.
- 15) Registrations - 19 Subscriptions - 12.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

- 1) Auckland Central Library: returned form.
- 2) Vicky Naismith & Alex Berry-Smith: answered queries.

TREASURERS REPORT:

April Balance as at 17/4/90: \$107.14 OD.

Cheques for approval:

Smith Tuck	50.00	Daisy wheel
Smith Tuck	22.50	Ribbons
Smith Tuck	85.00	Memory Card
Clouds	207.56	T-shirts
L. McKay	38.50	Ribbons & Photos copied
Rennies	20.00	Postage
North Shore HB	96.85	Expenses
Rank Xerox	393.19	Paper
St. Barnabas Church	150.00	Room Hire antenatal classes
NZ Post	80.00	Stamps
K. Wright Graphics	5962.50	Printing Antenatal booklet
Rennies	978.75	Plates
	\$ 8084.85	

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TREASURERS REPORT cont'd

Health Weekend stall made	\$ 306.50	
less	150.00	hiring the space
profit	156.50	

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1) Birthday Cards have been designed by Kay Christensen of East Auckland, to be sent to new mothers who have attended coffee groups. Interested local groups contact either Kate Jaunay (598-573) or Kay (598-654).
- 2) ISSUES NEEDING DISCUSSION AT CONFERENCE:
 - a) Name of Act: Nurses or Nurses & Midwives Act?
 - b) Increase in funding for Midwives - will get same as doctors get now.
 - c) Changes in legislation; Health dept holding up change to legislation enabling midwives to prescribe drugs, direct referral to Labs etc.
 - d) Update on direct Entry Midwifery Training.
 - e) Midwives own confidence in themselves as independent practitioners.
 - f) Domiciliary midwives' contracts with Area Health Boards.
 - g) DMSRC update, difficulties in organising? needs new co-ordinator. Opposition from other parties? need for 2 non-homebirth consumers?
- 3) Home Help scheme being investigated by Diane McAllister. Pilot scheme for Central Auckland (Grey Lynn, Ponsonby, Mt Eden, Epsom, Mt Albert, Mt Roskill), being area with highest # of Home births, around 200 per year. Funding could start with COGS grant, applied for under the umbrella of AHBA, then go to Area Health Board and include early discharge mothers. Difficulties will be keeping worker(s) in full-time employment - could start with 2 part-time people; income tax; GST; funding for administrator could be hard to find (COGS not able to be used for that); getting mothers to use the service - by having it "As of Right", e.g. DMW's 3 antenatal visits, not as a sign of neediness or incompetence. Should be for 2-3 hours/day for a fortnight for primips, perhaps more, with child-care for multips. Could co-ordinate with RESTART and AHB's.
- 4) MATERNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE report from Linda & Marjet: seems redundant to work being done by AK Women's Health Council.
- 5) NEWSLETTER needs more input, more help for Brenda. discussion of need for such a "swept-up" look, (Joan) but price charged will make people expect highest quality. Need more on collective. Kate to attend next meeting.
- 6) Report by Shirley Tonkin, neonatal Paediatrician at St Helens states "higher incidence of cot deaths amongst home birth babies", her definition of home birth = any baby not born in hospital. Need to query her on this.

MEETING CLOSED 10:15

NEXT MEETING MAY 15 is at Marjet's: 10 Wairiki Rd, Mt Eden.