

MINUTES OF AUCKLAND HOME BIRTH ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT 10 WAIRIKI RD, MT. EDEN, FEBRUARY 20 1990.

PRESENT: Joan Donley, Nicholette Emerson, Sue Frost, Brenda Hinton, Kate Jaunay, Sarah Macleod, Linda McKay, Marjet Pot.

APOLOGIES: Kay Christiansen.

MATTERS ARISING:

- 1) **Consumer questionnaire** is still awaiting a meeting between interested people and Rhonda Weeks to decide on which questions to ask, then it can be sent to be draughted out. Linda will contact her.
- 2) **White booklet** is being typed, will be done this weekend, diagrams are at the same stage. Should be available by late March.
- 3) **Lorraine Knight/Hansen** is still unhappy and wants her money back. New versions of purple booklet will state clearly that the purpose of the \$40 fee is not for services or goods to be rendered, but to ensure the continued existence of the AHBA.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD:

- 1) **Helen Clark** thanks us for support re Nurses amendment bill. Speeches.
- 2) **Acknowledgement of support of spoking ban:** Clark, Caygill, Sutton & Woolaston
- 3) **Social Services Committee** acknowledges our submission re Nurses Amendment bill, cautions us not to talk to the media, now that it is in.
- 4) **Office of the Status of Women:** introduction booklet.
- 5) **Direct Entry Midwifery Task Force :** Discussion paper & draft proposal.
- 6) **Ultrasound Paper inquiries:** from Canterbury AHB, NWH, & Mercy Hospital
- 7) **Nurses Union:** Value Health Value Nurses: employment rates, strike action in private hospitals, etc.
- 8) **North Harbour District Health Forum:** Meeting 27 Feb, 7:30 pm, Glenfield Community Centre Creche Building.
- 9) **West Ak District Health Services:** Child Health Planning Group Meeting Feb. 28 7:30 pm Waitakere Hospital Gymnasium.
- 10) **Whangarei HBA:** conference info, & seeking someone to run workshop on pre-conception care.
Conference is May 10-13, at Whangarei Girls High. subjects for workshops include alternative pain relief, Domino, water birth, and some parenting topics. We need to be sure that the important issues, e.g. contracts, direct entry, midwifery in Thames, etc can be discussed by the whole conference. Address is Den Cawthorne, Box 697, Whangarei.
- 11) **National Library Legal Deposit Office:** no longer receiving 3 copies of news letter.
- 12) **Amanda Greenwood:** New DMW on North Shore working with Joan Skinner.
- 13) **Jill Stewart:** DMW and contact for West Coast HBA, Box 290, Hokitika.
- 14) **Birth Stories:** From Desley Cooper, Rosemarie Goodwin, & Petronella.
- 15) **General Enquiries:** from Sally Didham, Carol Henwood, Julie Paye, & Raewyn Sonoda.
- 16) **Publications:** Birthplace Australia, Caesarean Support Group, Childbirth Ed. NZ, COGS. Homebirth Access Sydney, Homebirth Australia, Ministry of Womens Affairs, Mothering, Midwifery Today, NSCCSS, Save the Midwives, South/West Australia, HBA's: Ch-ch, Dunedin, Manawatu, Tauranga, Wellington.
- 17) **Registrations - 15 Subscriptions - 14**

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

- 1) **Cabinet Ministers:** (see inwards #2)
- 2) **Social Services Committee:** (see inwards #3)
- 3) **Whangarei HBA:** Suggestion that they ask a local naturopath to run a workshop on pre-conception care.
- 4) **National Library:** Sent newsletters as requested.
- 5) **Consumer Representation Maternity Services:** Contacted Robyn Reid to apologise for our lack of representation at the meeting.
- 6) **Kindergarten Assn:** sent back questionnaire, stating our disappointment at their decision to ban sales from display boards.
- 7) **McKenzie Foundation:** thank-you for their grant.

- 8) **Campaign for Unbleached Products:** returned questionnaire, offering support.
- 9) **ASB:** Application for grant. We have to fill in their new forms.
- 10) **Parents Centre:** We will exchange newsletters.
- 11) **General Enquiries:** Sally Didham, Julie Payze, Carol Henwood & Raewyn Sonoda

TREASURERS REPORT:

December Balance: \$6497.94

No January Balance

February Balance, as at 20 February: \$7145.24

Cheques for Approval:

Chris Cooper	\$155.00	- Seminar at University
Nicky Wood	\$500.00	- Video
John Aisher	\$ 22.70	- Stationery
NZ Post	\$ 40.00	- Stamps
NZ Post	<u>\$100.00</u>	- Rental of post office box
	\$817.70	

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1) **Role of AHBA:** following complaint (see matters arising #3) we need to make people aware that the committee itself is not primarily a support group, but is concerned with the political/legal aspects of home birth. The individual area support groups should be able to provide personal support to their members. It is up to the midwives to pass clients to AHBA, and tell them who to contact in their local group.
- 2) **A.G.M. Date** is Sunday April 22. **venue** still needed.
- 3) **Venues** for next series of committee meetings:
March 20, Sarah's husband's office: 6th floor, 2 Whittaker Place, the City.
April 17, Joan's: 3 Hendon Ave., Mt. Albert.
May 15, Marjet's: 10 Wairiki Rd, Mt. Eden.
- 4) **Telephone tree coordinator** has resigned, so a keen person is needed to fill this position. Contact Marjet (688 872) or Linda (780 557).

MEETING CLOSED 9:30. Next meeting: March 20, 6th floor, 2 Whittaker Place.

SUPPORT GROUP CO ORDINATORS PLEASE TRY TO INSPIRE AT LEAST ONE OF YOUR MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS EACH MONTH. ..