

MINUTES OF AUCKLAND HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 35 GEORGINA STREET, PONSONBY.

PRESENT:

Glenda Aiken, Sarah Currier, Joan Donley, Mary Hammonds, Kate Jaunay, Sally Liggins, Linda McKay, Sarah Macleod, Ruth Nicholson, Judi Strid, and Hazel Walton.

APOLOGIES Jenny Churton, Nicholette Emerson, Nicole Hayter, Brenda Hinton and Sarah Hodgetts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:MATTERS ARISING:

1) CONFERENCE: Joan Donley reported the pathetic show from Auckland - no executive representation, no stalls, nothing to sell. Theresa Luxton, Lyn Doherty, and Linda Williams present. Remits passed called for immediate establishment of direct entry midwifery course, re-establishment of midwives as independent practitioners, home help for homebirth & early discharge families, lobbying the government for a full time Nat'l Homebirth Resource Worker, among others. (see Joan for full list.)

Mary Hammonds would have preferred more exchange of info from the regions and less workshops.

Sarah Currier enjoyed all the workshops, the Maori perspective was particularly important.

Whangarei is venue for next year's conference. Suggestions: should be first or last, not middle week of May Holidays, a central topic and optional workshops, session on racism. We should make our views known to co ordinators in Whangarei early so that they can incorporate them.

2) NEW VIDEO: 2 people interested in making it. Nicky (see Linda for more details) estimates cost would be \$3000-\$4000 subcommittee to decide content: Kate, Linda, Sarah, Barbara & Nicole.

3) ANTENATAL BOOKLET: Sally Liggins co-ordinating updates on contraception, improvement of diagrams, update addresses, include booklet on turning breeches, add birth stories, increase price to \$10, change distribution method.

4) POSTER: Zoe Hartley to design poster. Ideas from Sarah Macleod to be incorporated.

5) OFFICE IN QUEEN STREET: idea for office good, but Queen St not best venue-difficult for mothers & babies, target audience not there--more tourists than residents. Need alternative venue and ideas for staffing etc.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD:

1) AUCKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY: Update for listings.

2) MCKENZIE TRUST: application forms for grant - to Barbara to co ordinate.

3) KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION: Early Childhood Fair to be held at Carter Holt Pavilion; stalls too expensive for us.

4) AK. COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES: Consumer Health Council meeting Saturday 20 May, 9:30 to 12:30. Costs \$5.00 to join.

5) AK. UNIVERSITY: Freedom from Harassment Conference to be held in November.

6) WAIKATO H.B.A.: Questionnaire re the use of perineal massage

7) MOTHERING MAGAZINE: Complementary Subscription.

8) AUCKLAND AREA HEALTH BOARD: Acknowledgement of submission.

9) JUSTICE DEPARTMENT: Dispute Tribunal Poster.

10) GLENDA MURRAY: Nurse wishing to attend Homebirth. Referred to Mary Hammonds.

- 11) JILL STEWART: West Coast midwife wanting information on Vitamin K and Homebirth. Her address is Box 290, Hokitika.
- 12) MASSEY UNIVERSITY: International Women's Congress 15-17 Nov 1990. Do we want to present a paper?
- 13) GENERAL ENQUIRIES: Christina Coss & Heike Ekhauff-Bjorngard
- 14) PUBLICATIONS: Domiciliary Midwives Newsletter, Capsac, Women's Affairs, H BA's: Gisborne, Manawatu, Nelson, Tauranga, Waikato, Wellington, Whangarei, Darwin & Canberra.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD:

- 1) AUCKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY: Updated list.
- 2) DR. TONY NORRIS: Pamphlets for Orewa Surgery.
- 3) AUCKLAND AREA HEALTH BOARD: Seeking acknowledgement of submission re Domiciliary Midwifery service sent in November.
- 4) NEW PLYMOUTH HBA: Reports for Conference.
- 5) PROFESSOR MANTELL: Letter suggesting Homebirth be included in student training of g.p.'s. Since then he has rung Jenny Woodley re speaking to doctors doing the diploma of obstetrics.
- 6) INFORMATION sent to Christina Coss & Heike Ekhauff-Bjorngard

TREASURER'S REPORT:

CHEQUES FOR APPROVAL:

- \$92.50 : Hilary Butler : balance of "royalties" - booklet sales
- \$102.10 : Karen & Ian Johnson : Postage & stationery.
- \$146.40 : NZ Post : Postage - March magazine.
- \$40.00 : Kate Jaunay : Postage.
- \$30.00 : Avondale Baptist Church : donation - AGM hall hire.s
- \$161.00 : NZ College of Midwives : purchase of sweatshirts.
- \$333.71 : Linda McKay - cabinet & files (\$269.95)
- postage & stationery (\$63.76)
- \$38.50 : Rennie's Illustrations : Stationery.
- \$2043.50 : Print Centre : Magazine.
- \$40.00 : G.Baxter : badges.

SARAH MACLEOD is new Treasurer.

Sincere thanks to Ian Johnson for his many years of good work.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1) REPORT FROM EAHBA'S DOCTORS & MIDWIVES MEETING: held May 3. Attended by 7 doctors, 3 midwives, & 2 committee members. Good discussions. When stats are available from Alex Gillanders all doctors attending, and the 4 who could not attend will be sent copies. The gp information sheet produced by Joan & Mary was given out to all doctors.
- 2) Perinatal Database will require the stats report to be sent in by doctors, and their receiving the maternity fee/allowances will be contingent on their having done so.

NEXT MEETING: is at Joanne Bruce-Smith's: 8 Lisnoe Street, Mt.Eden

MEETING CLOSED at 10:30 pm.

THANK YOU to Sarah Macleod for the use of her husband's office for the committee meeting.