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MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND HOME BIRTH ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT MARJET POT'S ON MARCH 21ST 1989

PRESENT: Marjet Pot, Sian Burgess, Linda McKay, Nicholette Emerson, Brenda Hinton, Jacqui Ralph, Kate Jaunay, Jenny Allison, Barbara Lodge, Ian Johnson (briefly).

APOLOGIES: Glenda Aiken, Mary Hammonds, Jenni Churton, Glenda Southey, Sally Liggins, Rhonda Jackson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Brenda Hinton, Linda McKay.

MATTERS ARISING:

- 1) A.G.M. VENUE will be Avondale Baptist Church Hall, Sunday April 30, 1989, at 2 p.m. (Corner of New North Road and Blockhouse Bay Road.)  
--we need someone to look after the creche.  
--we need an agenda; this to be discussed at the next committee meeting.  
--we'll need a secretary's report: Linda and Nicholette to discuss with Joan.  
--Marjet will provide tea and coffee, everyone to bring a plate.  
--Sian suggests we show the Elizabeth Noble video: she will provide it.  
--we may also show the Ultrasound video.  
--Marjet to provide Video equipment.
- 2) DOCTOR REPRESENTATION on the Midwives Standards Review Committee will be a shared position: John Hilton, Alison Copland and Phil Railton.  
Alison Copland will attend the next meeting.
- 3) ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE EXHIBITION STALL made \$245.00. The stall cost us \$198.00. There was a good response from the public, considering it was upstairs, and difficult for parents with pushchairs to get there.  
Nicholette will see if we can have a stall downstairs next time. Displays will be useful at other exhibits now that they are arranged.
- 4) LADY REEVES AS PATRON OF AHBA: Richie Gilmour about to contact her.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

- 1) AUCKLAND AREA HEALTH BOARD: Summary of verbal submissions on upgrading of outpatients clinics.
- 2) AUCKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES set up a steering committee, to be an umbrella consumer group.
- 3) NORTH SHORE COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICE meeting on Thursday, March 23 1989.
- 4) COLLEGE OF MIDWIVES: Midwives and Consumers meeting being held on April 6th, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Epsom. This will be a committed group of midwives and consumers influencing Auckland's childbearing women and their families. All are welcome. For enquiries ring: 525-3437, 887-759, 674-244, 609-144, or 534-1276.
- 5) NATIONAL CONFERENCE at New Plymouth: Registrations should go to New Plymouth soon. Accommodation will be 5 per unit. People wanting to stay together should coordinate to do so. Committee members wanting to go should notify the committee by the next meeting, and there can be some help with costs.
- 6) MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION SELF-HELP DIRECTORY has new addresses for Manawatu (P.O. Box 733, Palmerston North) Support Group, and Waikato (P.O. Box 12099, Hamilton) and New Plymouth (P.O. Box 5063, New Plymouth) Whangarei address is still in doubt.

- 7) VEGETARIAN FOOD FAIR being organised by Chris Cooper, who set up the Alternative Medicine Fair. Venue is the Auckland Showgrounds, admission is free. There will be macrobiotic, vegan, middle-eastern, asian etc. foods available to sample. DATE: July 8th and 9th, 1989.
- 8) HEALERS FOR PEACE 2nd World Congress to be held in Hamilton on January 12th-18th 1990. There will be 165 lecturers from around the world. Costs range from \$575.00 down to about \$285.00 for the week. Linda has the publicity for it.
- 9) QUENTIN DIVE, CHIROPRACTOR is offering to give talks to the Home Birth Association on spinal health, etc.
- 10) REPLIES TO EAST AUCKLAND DOCTOR'S SURVEY: 23 replies as of date, many negative, many from doctors no longer doing obstetrics. EAHBA to analyse. --List of Doctors performing obstetrics at National Women's still needed. Sian to investigate this.
- 11) CHEQUES RECEIVED FOR ADS IN NEWSLETTER from Weleda, N.Z. School of Yoga, Diaper Days.
- 12) GENERAL ENQUIRIES from Andrea Geraghty, Susan Thomason, Lesley West, Judith Adams, Monika Quartel-Billeter. Handled by Secretaries.
- 13) 13 REGISTRATIONS, 8 Subscriptions and 14 Orders. Handled by Secretaries.
- 14) PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED from Christchurch HBA, Nelson HBA, Northland HBA, Manawatu HBA, Tauranga HBA, Wellington HBA, Canberra HBA, Capsac, Caesarean Birth Group, West Auckland Health Forum.  
--Discussion about the need for an organised system with the international publications so that all who want to read them are able to. A large manila envelope to be passed around the committee, each member initialing it and passing it on.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

- 1) AUCKLAND AREA HEALTH BOARD: Brenda, Jenni and Sally wrote a submission on National Women's outpatient department upgrade. As the Health Board has now been dissolved there is scepticism about the attention to be given to this and other submissions.
- 2) KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION EARLY CHILDHOOD FAIR: We have written to them for more information, cost of stall etc.
- 3) WELEDA: Leaflets and supply cards organised by Barbara Lodge.
- 4) LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS to Helen Clark on becoming Minister of Health.
- 5) Thames Valley HBA: information sent on midwives and support services available.
- 6) CHRISTCHURCH HBA: ditto.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1) AUCKLAND WOMEN'S HEALTH LEAGUE: AHBA will pay affiliation fee to join.
- 2) HOMEBIRTH VIDEO needs redoing: editing is bad, sound, colour etc. all very poor.

- 2) (continued) Discussion about the need for a new movie. Possibility of advertising in Broadsheet or a Videomaker's magazine, as well as asking for Tenders from reputable videomakers. Sian has said that she knows of couples who are willing to be filmed in labour.. Further discussion about the need for a video that will not frighten couples, but will provide some basis for good discussion at antenatal classes. Perhaps 5 or 6 births to be filmed, and select portions that will be of interest. Voice-overs are perhaps better than just birth sounds...
- Australian Parents Centre cited as being good quality.
  - need a brief and advertisement.
  - Sian to speak to her friend at Elim College to come to next committee meeting.
  - we should apply to McKenzie Education Foundation for \$2000. Linda has forms.
  - perhaps apply to the Ministry of Women's Affairs for a grant.
  - need a rough estimate as to cost.
- 3) REPORT FROM DOCTORS AND MIDWIVES MEETING: Marjet told about the meeting's decision to write to NWH and other Obstetric Hospitals and ask for their NEONATAL Consent forms, and ask about their therapeutic and investigative procedures. AHBA will also write about this.
- 4) RESEARCH IDEAS: we should apply to Telethon etc for grants to use in research projects, i.e. effects of having a consultant on a woman's labour, or ultrasound effects on birth weights.
- Meeting to be held in April. Date not yet set. (Sian requests not the 16th)
- 5) ARTICLES FOR MAGAZINES: Sue Stover (journalist is willing to write an article for Metro, MORE, or NZWW on homebirth. Brenda to organise this.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$30.80 - Rennie's Illustrations - postage to doctors & midwives meeting  
\$200.00 - Central Ak Support group expenses  
\$251.01 - Rank Xerox - photocopying charges  
\$198.00 - Chris Cooper - Alternative Medicine stall charges  
\$100.00 - NZ Post - box rental  
\$47.30 - postage of booklets etc.  
\$86.33 - North Shore support group expenses  
\$39.20 - East Ak doctor's survey expenses  
\$137.50 - Flamingo key ring copying

GENERAL FUND - \$6553.45

MIDWIVES NEGOTIATING FUND - \$136.24 OD

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 18th, at 7:30 pm.

AT: Joan Donley's - 3 Hendon Ave., Mt. Albert.