

Present: Merilyn Chambers, Jenni Churton, Joan Donley, Barbara Lodge,
Brenda Hinton, Linda Ivory, Glenda Aitken, Linda McKay,
Sian Burgess,

Apologies: Liz Gilbert-Grant, Marjet Pot, Nicholette Emerson, Vivienne
Straffon

Agenda

1. That the minutes of the last meeting be approved - moved Brenda
seconded - Linda
2. Registration - Some \$25 registrations are still being received.
Have all DMWs changed the figures in the material
they give to women? Sian & Rhonda to be reminded.
3. Inward Correspondence.
 - a) Auckland Hospital Board - A new maternity hospital and neonatal
facility is being planned for Middlemore. AHBA was invited to
submit ideas in writing or at a meeting on 16 September. Un-
fortunately we did not receive the letter till after this date.
However info has been passed onto Jenny Woodley and Sarah Hodgetts
suggesting that they make their views known to the planning cttee.
 - b) Homebirth Australian Conference - To be held in NSW 12 - 14 May
1989. Joan is planning to attend, Barabara L. may also. Linda
to write to New Plymouth group asking them not to schedule the
NZHBA conference for the same weekend.
 - c) Maternity Action - Letter from Lynda Williams informing us of the
setting up of the Auckland Womens Health Council and suggesting
that we affiliate. Brenda has been attending meetings on our
behalf but all women consumers are welcome.
 - d) Exathery - Letter/pamphlet from Liz Painter and Bridget Dansey
advertising their classes. Barbara L to contact them re advertising
in our newsletter.
 - e) Ella Wilson - looking for a sympathetic Dr for hb of her 2nd
baby - 1st born by C-Section. Not hopeful but have referred her
to Phil Railton.
 - f) Jenny Myers - sent in notes re being fit and healthy while pregnant
for use in antenatal classes - also offer of help with newsletter.
To be advised of newsletter collective meeting dates and invited
to assist with updating of 'A Guide to Healthy Pregnancy'.
 - g) Judi Strid - Thanks for donations to Feliz Barnett's defence
fund and update of relations with Whangarei AHB.
 - h) Royal NZ College of General Practice - enclosing booklet "Quality
in General Practice" with invitation from John Marwick to discuss

and respond to contents. Linda will send for more copies.

Treasurers Report - Read by Ian - Moved that it be accepted - Ian
 Seconded - Joan

General Business

1. Sian talked about the partnership she Rhonda and Veronika have set up. Some members of the West Ak Support Group felt that the antenatal "classes" that these DMWs will be running will undermine the West Ak Support Group classes. The meeting generally felt that the system set up by Sian et al was in the best interests of their clients and that the Support Groups would be able to adapt their function if it seemed their classes were becoming obsolete.
2. Homebirth Week - Preparations for picnic. Linda I is to send Linda Mc Kay the list of people who have offered to help with Homebirth week. DMWs will be asked to drop their booking lists into Linda's for photocopying - these people will then be phoned.
3. Barbara I has sent in an application to Telethon for funding for two projects - 1) Reprinting of "A Guide to Healthy Pregnancy" and 2) A research project comparing the long term outcomes on mental, physical, social etc wellbeing of children born at home and in hospital.
 Barbara also outlined preparations to date for a national mailout of information regarding homebirth. She suggested incorporating a Christmas card and is going to pursue sponsorship for this project.
4. Linda McKay is going to photocopy the artwork for the "Welcome Homebirth" badges and give it to George to see how many he can have put together before homebirth week.
5. Midwives negotiating fund. Brenda suggested that we revive the fund in view of the ongoing work Kelly Grovehills et al. have been doing. The midwives have recently been given a 50% increase in their fee for attending a woman in labour, Kelly is pressing to have this generalised throughout the fee structure and to put in place a mechanism for annual review.

Next meeting at Marjet Pot's 131 Haverstock St Mt Albert - 18 October