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Southland Home Birth Association

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Hi,

First of all a large thank-you for the good turn out to our meeting with 10 people there - also 4 guys - a good improvement. The meeting was almost a disappointment with Mr Insull, the head Obstetrician/Gynaecologist being unable to attend. All was saved by the quick response from Ouedin HBA to our S.O.S and sending 2 Home Birth Videos

① Auckland video, showing 3 Home Births was followed by a lot of comments

② The Manawatu Birth, originally made as the husband was absent was thoroughly enjoyed

We hired a video & TV (\$35 / night) but next time with more notice and better planning someone may volunteer theirs - ANY OFFERS !!!

Prior to the videos we had our meeting where we formed the Southland Home Birth Association!, and after a bit of persuasion:

Tevsll - President / Chairman
Aly - Secretary
hois - Treasurer

Hopefully at the next meeting someone may volunteer to take over President / Chairman which will leave Tevsll free.

Fees were discussed and it was decided

\$10 / year - membership
\$20 booking fee / birth
\$5 equipment hire

Any donation of course will be gratefully received.

Fundraising was discussed, it was decided against a cake stall one because of how spread across Southland we are and two for so few of us it would be cheaper to just donate money instead. We have decided upon a garage sale for Feb/March, so look out for any good saleable stuff & bring to our next meeting.

Ally will write to local & nationwide organisations to ask for any donations of money.

A Bank account is to be opened with the Southland Savings Bank

We plan to open our own library so any donations of books relative to pregnancy, birth, womenhood & childhood will be gratefully accepted. Once our funds increase we hope to buy some more.

hois is definitely going to get her Home Birth as long as circumstances permit. DR Uercoe will cover Dr McKerchar while he's on holiday. So HORAY one up for us!!!

NEXT MEETING : 12th February 1986

7.00 pm 87 Melbourne Street

Bring a small plate for supper and meet the new arrival! Also bring membership fees, only paid up members will receive a newsletter in future!

Antenatal classes - concentrating mainly on exercises was a success, if there is any demand further classes may be organised.

The next CEA Otago meeting is:

10th February: Grieving, the unexpected outcome
7.30 pm 58 Royal Terrace, Dunedin \$2 fee