

**Monday, April 21st, 2008, 7:30pm-8:30pm**  
South/Central end 1473 Brule Ave (near Bank/Riverside)

Present: Donna, Mary, Julia Mc, Julia D

Agenda:

1) Midwifery Practice Updates - from midwives or practice reps

\* waiting list numbers need updating on our website (August only month with waiting list)

MGO-no news

Madawaska: no news

MCO: Julia D spoke with Miriam from the Collective last Thursday and they do NOT want us to start a letter writing campaign right now. The Collective is planning to approach the OH very soon (before the summer) to talk about getting their practice (the Collective) privileges at the OH. They are hoping that they can have an answer before the hospital staff take their summer break from meeting. Their intent to is to approach the OH as professionals and see where that gets them. Once that happens, we may or may not need to write letters.

OVM: Kristen was recently interviewed. Getting more exposure is good. Prioritizing clients. Waiting lists. Doesn't think a form letter is great, but used as a sample and put time parameters on it.

Donna will ask for some information to put into letters from Kristin. Also a paragraph to explain the importance of writing the letters, find people who have been turned away.

Julia Mc will write up a sample letter. Donna will find from info from Kristin. It will be put on the website with a one week window.

Sage-Femmes: no news

2) Annual Midwifery Picnic

Sheila McIntyre has volunteered to sell onsies and to help out - she is the only one to volunteer so far.

**Looking for volunteers for the CSMC booth. Please contact Leslie.**

**Midwives looking for help with the picnic-Theresa at MGO is the contact.**

Question: Is there a reason why other practices aren't coming?

Answer: Some are waiting to finalize whether or not they are coming. OVM does their own picnic.

**Donna will ask Theresa about M&M and find out whether it is feasible to raise money that way.**

**Send out an email just for the picnic trying to get help**

3) NAC

Info has been shared with all those who have volunteered. It will be attended by media and there will be 2 photographers present. It is open to the public from 2 pm - 5 pm. The kit has been delivered. Sheila is selling onseies.

Leslie is contacting Wendy's former client today re: costumes, as that is the only thing left to organize. Wendy's client will be at the event herself.

4) Parkdale Market opening

The event is from noon - 4 pm, on Saturday May 10th. Kathleen Wilker is organizing our display at this event. **No response yet for additional volunteers, but I will re-post to the list.**

Kathleen suggested starting a petition to get people to support midwifery privileges. Get names and emails and we can hold onto the info until needed. Also a column to check if they are interested in midwifery information (CSMC)

5) Feedback Committee - any update?

Nothing new.

6) Info sessions - April & May - Mary Beatty

There was one last week, one next week and one in May and that's it for now.

\* CAPITAL PARENT May - look for Midwifery article -by Jane Whiting-there will be something in Capital Parent this week, tying in with mother's day and international midwife day.

• 7) There is a need for more involvement on a regular basis. The jobs are Coordinators needed for September 2008 - June 2009

- website coordinator
- meeting minutes
- meeting chair
- contact person for updates (Donna will do this)
- midwifery info session
- calendar organizer

8) Onesies

We now have onesies at the following locations:

Collective

Prescott-Russell

OVM

Extraordinary Baby Shoppe

Melz Kids Village (Spratt Rd, Ottawa, near Riverside)

Sweet Peach in Perth will sell also.

I am happy to order big-kid sizes for the picnic (and for the EBS to sell after) if most of us think people would buy them. I'll look into prices, etc in the next few days & get back to you before the next meeting. I was thinking about sizes 2,4,6 (but no bigger).

\* Erin at CEA to get onesies after NAC event, to sell at the MGO during her classes.

9) Website coordinator update-Mary is in the works to switch over.

10) Financial Report

bank account balance: around \$878

petty cash balance: around \$40

From a member:

a) Comfort and Joy provided me with two new copies of the book - Pregnancy and Childbirth Secrets. I thought perhaps they could be used as an door prize sometime when the consumers group has a table at an upcoming event. Info Session could be a place for prizes as people are just getting into. If there is any one who wants to donate a gently used book, please contact the CSMC.

b) Lulu.com offers people/organizations the chance to publish calendars. An outdoor club that I am part of gathered great pictures from its members and created a calendar for 2008. People were free to order the calendar off the website at a cost of \$12.95 US. Pretty reasonable price for the quality. The outdoor club was able to take a profit from the sale of these calendars. \$3-\$4 for each sale. I thought that the midwifery consumers group might be interested in doing something like this for a calendar in 2009.

**Is there someone who will organize a calendar for fall? (Donna & Julia Mc have volunteered) Also, if you want to submit photos, please ensure that if they are professionally taken photos, that it is cleared with the photographer.**

11) Canadian Women's Health Booklets have arrived - **please arrange for pick-up at a meeting or by contacting us to arrange otherwise (extra booklets are available if anyone would like a copy or copies)**

12) Poster ideas-maybe a poster contest for a new poster.

13) 2008 - 2009 meeting schedule:

Monthly meetings to finalize for 08-09-Same as this year? third Monday of every month-Mary's, Julia's and Wendy's office, rotation?

14) Next meeting: (last meeting before the summer)

**Monday, May 26th, 2008, 7:30pm-8:30pm**

Orleans, 820 Como Cres.

Agenda for may:

- poster contest for fall
- Calendar