

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES 2009

Monday February 16th, 7:30 - 8:30 pm—

Prescott/Russell Midwives' Office - EAST
2127 St. Joseph Blvd., Orleans

Chair - Leslie
Minutes - Leslie

Meeting attended by: Julia D., Karen, Gna, Stacey, Wendy Huculak, Leslie

1) Midwifery Updates:

a) **2nd new practice proposal (Open Circle Midwifery (Ottawa)):** Betty-Anne Daviss is submitting a new practice proposal and has requested a letter of support on behalf of CSMC - Robin Guy volunteered to draft the letter - thanks Robin!

b) **Barrhaven/Riverside South Midwifery Practice proposal:** Many, many thanks to everyone that has requested the template to support Jackie's new practice proposal!

c) Billing at the Montfort:

Karen has drafted a letter that was sent to those at the Dec. 2008 meeting for editing. It will be sent once editing is finalized. - **Gina to work with Karen on editing**

d) Practice updates:

- no updates received from Ottawa area practices; nothing to report
- 2 - 3 OB's may be leaving the Montfort, perhaps opening up spots for additional midwives

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StLVM - 3rd satellite office 'Gentle Beginnings'

LGM - no waiting lists

- feedback from Donna (consumer- midwifery practice liaison): practices not responding to requests for updates; does the CSMC want to continue with a practice liaison? do the midwifery practices want this?

Unanimous response was *please* continue seeking feedback from the practices each month, but don't worry if there is a lack of response. Wendy, a midwife at the meeting acknowledged receiving e-mails, but not responding. She feels that the practices aren't responding b/c there isn't anything really going on, practice-wise at the moment. Please continue, if willing. Keep the communication open.

Also a suggestion that if e-mail does not get a response, try calling, time permitting.

e) Lyne Proulx, Customer Service Representative, South Fallingbrook Community Centre, Orléans - she is looking for a doula and a midwife to present at a Infant Information Day that is being organized on **Friday May 29th**.

"Meet City of Ottawa and other local service providers. Come and see what east Ottawa has to offer babies newborn to 18 months old, from health care to recreation. Participate in a variety of seminars! Supervised play area for older siblings, gift bags & door prizes.
Registration starts March 12, 2009.

Takes place Friday May 29, 2009 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Doulas and/or midwives interested, please contact Lyne directly - 613-824-0633 ext. 221
lyne.proulx@ottawa.ca.

A suggestion was made to offer to host a midwifery care info session. Auramarina and Aaron both work full-time and are not available to do so weekdays, however if anyone is willing to host an info session, please do so. Auramarina and Aaron can assist with support and guidance in doing so.

2) LHIN - Sheila
no updates - Sheila will provide updates as necessary
Gina in touch with Sheila re: ideas for networking with LHIN's.

3) Finances (Leslie)

Bank Account: as of Feb. 15th, 2009: \$875.38

* Leslie has yet to deposit \$900 Orgasmic Birth Fundraiser income, and \$20 BACN cheque. Minus \$86 domain renewal cheque yet to be cashed.

Petty Cash - \$38.02

Many, many thanks once again to Susan Martensen, Andrienne Prest, Gina Merlin and Jackie MacNair.

*** Thank you cards to be mailed to these individuals - signed at meeting and thank you notes received by e-mail will also be included.**

4) Info Sessions

Many thanks to a colleague of Aaron Sawyer who has translated our poster into French (important for east-end sessions)!

Feedback: (Leslie)

20th Session (Brockville - Jan. 31st):

- proposed stipend: **\$50 honorarium was approved for Auramarina and Aaron for their time and dedication in travelling to Brockville and back - many thanks!**

Feedback regarding the Brockville info session was shared and discussed at the meeting.

21st Session (Orleans - Feb, 11th): good session, but dsappointingly low attendance

Plans for a May and a June info session - dates and locations to be confirmed at a later time.

5) Fundraising

a) - BACN monthly e-mail

Many thanks to our supporters!!!

The website listings are updated in as timely a manner as possible, to reflect our new subscribers, thanks to Mary & Mark

- no new subscribers in Jan.

- midwifery practices to be added as suggested at meeting

b) Annual Midwifery Picnic Fundraiser:

- **Gina coordinating - many thanks!**

- **buttons and possibly bags (50 - 100 to be available)**

- **request for volunteers to assist Gina sent to group**

- decision re: logo and logistics to be decided by Gina's volunteer committee to be brought to next meeting to approve funds to go ahead in time for picnic

Picnic Date: Sunday, June 7, 11:00 – 2:00, rain or shine

Picnic Info: Everyone Welcome! **Bring a picnic lunch and come join us for our annual picnic.**

Hosted by the Midwifery Group of Ottawa, and potentially CSMC

*****Are there any CSMC volunteers to assist Teresa in coordinating hosting the annual midwifery picnic, in celebration of midwifery and spring??*****

This year is **another milestone, celebrating 15 years of recognised midwifery.** Teresa hasn't started planning for more than the usual (ballons, cake, bring-your-own picnic) but maybe we can brainstorm together. We had a big hoopla for the 10th anniversary, and we could do something similar.....**Please let Teresa know if you could assist with making it bigger this year by contacting info@midwiferyconsumers.org**

Unfortunately, midwives from the other practices will not be attending, so their clients may choose not to come, **BUT THEY ARE WELCOME!!!!**

For those clients of the other practices, they may want to ask their midwives if/when they will be having a picnic.

6) Website:

*We always need updated birth stories for our website. Please send to Mary, website coordinator - mary.beatty@ocdsb.ca

7) Webhosting/e-mail

Rachel has volunteered to assist - many thanks!

10) Coalition for Breech Birth - Robin looking for any volunteers, interested in working with her on the Breech Birth committee. Just e-mail her directly, if interested.

(<http://www.breechbirth.ca/Welcome.html>)

11) Feedback Committee:

Just a reminder to consumers - if you have any feedback (positive and/or constructive) regarding midwifery care, but would prefer to not contact your midwifery practice with your feedback for whatever reason, you can do so, anonymously at:

CSMCfeedback@gmail.com

Donna and Kathleen, both midwifery consumers, compile the feedback received and then share it with all midwifery practices, anonymously.

12) Next meeting:

March 16th- Kathleen W's home -CENTRAL/WEST
55 Sherbrooke Ave, Hintonburg.

13) Of interest to members:

If you are living in Canada and pregnant with your first baby, please take 10 minutes to complete the online questionnaire and share your thoughts about maternity care in Canada.

The research team brings together leaders in Obstetrics, Family Practice, Midwifery, Nursing, and Doula Education/Practice from across Canada. The team has surveyed 2600 maternity care providers (Obstetricians, Midwives, Family Physicians, Nurses, Doulas), and now they want to hear from pregnant women.

Share your Attitudes and Beliefs about Birth and Maternity Care in Canada by participating in our National Study!

Click here: <http://www.maternitycare/women>

Principal Investigator: Dr. Michael C. Klein, Family Physician/Pediatrician

Study Coordinator: info@maternitycare.ca, 1-866-523-3360.

<http://www.maternitycare.ca/AttitudesandBeliefsStudy/Overview/tabid/63/Default.aspx>