

**Greater Houston Midwives' Alliance**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 14, 2017**

**I. Call to order**

**Camellia May** called to order the Membership meeting of the **Greater Houston Midwives' Alliance** at **12:05 pm** on September, 2017, at Bay Area Birth Center, 3210 Strawberry Rd, Pasadena, TX 77504.

**II. Sign-In Sheet**

Ashley Musil reminded members to sign the GHMA sign-in sheet. The following persons were present:

*Ashley Musil*

*Nanci Stanley*

*LaMonica Hollins*

*Camellia May*

*Jackie Griggs*

*Frances Jones Coleman*

*Afua Hassan*

*Amber Berry*

*Heather Barrett*

*Jumana Parkar*

*Catrice Harris*

*Stephanie Palacio*

**Students:**

*Tolani Ajibose*

*Sarah Trost*

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Ashley Musil read the August 2017 meeting minutes aloud. Camellia motioned to approve the minutes. Afua seconded the motion with unanimous approval by members.

**IV. Business Meeting**

- A. ATM Report:** No ATM report today.
- B. Hurricane Harvey Discussion:** Discussed midwives and clients who have lost housing, vehicles, and/or jobs due to flooding. Afua delivered babies for two other midwives and stated she is planning to purchase a generator for future preparation. Jackie is planning to contact "Houston Matters" to discuss how midwives handled the disaster. Camellia mentioned disaster planning and what we could do to prepare for the future.
- C. BIRTH Fair:** Ashley passed around the sign-up sheet for BIRTH Fair volunteers. Requested volunteers bring samples to the Fair. Also, create packs of three diapers tied with twine or string and bring along to insert rack cards into the pack and hand out to attendees.
- D. The Gathering:** Jackie spoke about The Gathering coming up in November. It's a combination of CNMs and CPMs getting together to relax and learn together. She also suggested that we have a gathering in Houston. The Gathering will be held November 3-5 in Ingram, TX. There is usually an auction, great speakers, and a few vendors. The MANA Conference is the same weekend.
- E. Midwifery Cruise:** February 9-14, 2018 is the Oceans of Opportunity Midwifery Conference and Cruise. Information is available at [oceansofopportunity.org](http://oceansofopportunity.org).
- F. Christmas Party:** The annual Christmas party will be held December 7 at 6 pm at Baba Yega's. Members should bring a wrapped, used book to exchange.
- G. NRP:** Camellia reminded members that NRP with Karen Strange is coming up November 15 in Kingwood. Register online at [karenstrange.com/workshopregistration/kingwood](http://karenstrange.com/workshopregistration/kingwood).
- H. Meeting Location:** GHMA meetings are planned to be moved to Alice Young library when it's available. It is a central location with plenty of parking. The October meeting will likely be at a building near Beltway 8 and Hammerly (Melissa Bates' father-in-law's business).
- I. Education Topic Today:** IUGR (Jackie Griggs and Stephanie Palacio)
- V. Next Meeting is October 12, 2017:** Educational topic: Zika Virus (Sherry Rumsey)

Meeting minutes submitted by Ashley Musil, Secretary