

Greater Houston Midwives' Alliance

Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2019

I. Call to order

Camellia May called to order the Membership meeting of the **Greater Houston Midwives' Alliance** at **12:15 pm** on June 13, 2019, at Young Neighborhood Library.

II. Sign-In Sheet

Ashley Musil passed around the GHMA sign-in sheet. The following persons were present:

Midwives:

Ashley Musil

Camellia May

Melissa Bates

Rowan Twosisters

Mary Alice Martin

Chris Duffy

Jackie Griggs

Cathy Rude

Frances Coleman

Students:

Kristen Bowers

Mary Bratcher

Tonya Rose

Malea Hardeman

Dauida Flowers

Susannah Richardson

I. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Ashley read the April 2019 meeting minutes aloud. Camellia motioned to approve the minutes. Chris seconded the motion with unanimous approval by members.

II. Business Meeting

- A. **Financial Report:** Melissa Bates presented the group's financial report since the annual meeting last month was cancelled. Advertising budget was increased this year due to hiring a social media expert to manage our social media presence along with existing Google Ads campaign. Discussed PayPal fees which are charged when paying through the website for membership; however, if paying via PayPal to GHMAtreasurer@gmail.com, fees can be sent as "friend/family" with no additional fee charged.
- B. **ATM Report:** Cathy Rude gave the ATM Report. The ATM Conference was in April, and there was an ATM meeting there. The Conference made some money (didn't lose money), but wasn't a huge moneymaker. Cathy felt the conference was great, especially Melissa Cheyney, who will be at the MANA Conference in October as well. At the ATM meeting, they had a discussion on the ATM school seeking MEAC accreditation. It was decided two years ago to do so, yet no traction has been made. They set a deadline of July 1 to apply for MEAC accreditation. They had a Zoom meeting in which the education committee said they couldn't meet that deadline, so they will be having another meeting tomorrow to continue that discussion.
- C. **Upcoming Conferences:** Ashley outlined the various educational opportunities coming up, including MANA Conference in Austin Oct 31-Nov 4, TDLR Midwives Summit in Hurst July 26, Dallas Breech Workshop on Oct 9-10, Advanced Midwifery Workshop in The Woodlands June 27, Vital Statistics Conference in Sugarland (tomorrow), The Gathering Oct 5-6 in Palestine, AABC Conference in Orlando Sep 12-14, and ATM Conference in San Antonio in April 2020.
- D. **Announcements:** Camellia is planning to move to Arkansas next month. The group discussed her plans and thanked her for serving our community all the years she has been here.
- E. **Topics for Future Meetings:** Ashley requested the group make suggestions for future topic meetings. Melissa Bates suggested having our social media rep present on social media advertising. Jackie stated she

has a list of 14+ topics she would be willing to share, including prolonged labor and creating a policy on it. Camellia suggested having someone from the Newborn Screen program come speak again. Rowan offered to speak on Labor Whispering. The executive committee will work on developing the educational program for this year.

- F. **Education Topic Today:** Shoulder Dystocia Drill with PPH and NRP
- G. **Next Meeting is July 11, 2019:** Peer Review Meeting

Meeting minutes submitted by Ashley Musil, President