



SAFE MOTHERHOOD FOR ALL AUSTRALIA INC

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 4.30pm (EDST), on Tuesday 27 November 2018

AGENDA

1. Present Joan Garvin, Ellen O’Keeffe, Mary Kirk, Vanessa Bakker, Julia Willoughby, Declan O’Keeffe, Toni Hackett, Emma Baldock
2. Apologies Daniel O’Keeffe, Clare Wolski, Ian Howie, Robin Scott-Charlton, Marian Currie
3. Minutes: 2017 Annual General Meeting accepted by Mary Kirk, seconded by Toni Hackett
4. Reports:

President’s Report by the President - *Ms Ellen O’Keeffe*

- Presentation on the results of the Women’s Experience of Birth in Australia – The Birth Dignity Survey Report 2017 – *Listening to Women* - at the 9th Annual Obstetric Malpractice Conference, 8-9th August 2017.
- Contributed to the Having a Baby in Canberra website – Respectful Maternity Care Charter and Choosing a Health Professional.
- Attended the Federal Labor’s Status of Women Committee national conversation on gender equality – Setting the Agenda and raised transitioning to mothering as a road block on the path to gender equity.
- Presented on Respectful Maternity Care at the Having a Baby in Canberra Expo
- A invited member of the National Strategic Approach to Maternity Services Advisory Group –Members representing Safe Motherhood for All Inc.
- Submitted a submission - *Respectful Maternity Care* - to the consultation to inform the National Strategic Approach to Maternity Services. The submission was provided to Commonwealth Health Minister, Commonwealth Shadow Health Minister, Commonwealth Department of Health, and provided on the Safe Motherhood for All Inc. webpage.
- Met with Gai Brodtmann as part of the Equality Rights: Alliance Day of Delegation where we explored homelessness for women and the impact on women and children’s health and well-being.
- Ongoing raising awareness in social media.

- Establishment of a project working group to progress communities supporting women and families. The current body of work underdevelopment with Canberra Mothercraft Society is a workshop on achieving the best birth.

Thank you to all members who have work done during the year.

Treasurer's Report by the Treasurer – *Mr Declan O'Keeffe*

A financial statement for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 was presented. The balance of funds available as at 30 June 2018 was \$2,273.32

5. Election of Board Members.

- Vacant Board Positions – Catherine Bell elected to the board.
- President – To be considered at first board meeting in new year
- Vice President – Ellen O'Keeffe

7. Meeting closed – 1715