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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF JANET LEE HORA AND DENNIS LYNN HORA

Upon the Petition of **JANET LEE HORA**	)	160
Petitioner-Appellant,	)	
And Concerning **DENNIS LYNN HORA,**	)	8-720 88-1110
Respondent-Appellee.	)	

Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Jones County (CD 41-0687), August F. Honsell, Judge.

Petitioner appeals certain provisions of the decree of dissolution. **AFFIRMED.**

Crystal L. Usher, Cedar Rapids, for petitioner-appellant.

Jon M. Kinnamon of Kinnamon, Kinnamon, Russo & Meyer, Cedar Rapids, for respondent-appellee.

Heard by Oxberger, C.J., and Donielson and Sackett, JJ.

OXBERGER, C.J.

Appellant-wife appeals from certain provisions of her dissolution decree. Specifically, she contends she should have been granted physical custody of the parties' minor son and if he should remain in the physical care of the appellee-husband, that the child support which she has been ordered to pay is excessive. Our scope of review is de novo. Iowa R. App. P. 4. We affirm.

Janet and Dennis Hora were married in October 1980. They have one child, Wayne, born August 5, 1983. Janet was twenty-seven years old at the time of trial. Janet is employed as a cook at R.B. Ditto's where she works about twenty-five hours a week at $3.35 per hour. She earns approximately $4,355 per year. Dennis was twenty-eight years old at the time of trial. He is employed as a farm mechanic for S & Z Ag. Equipment. His gross yearly salary is about $13,884 and his net yearly salary is $10,207. Dennis remains in the family home. Janet lives with her boyfriend in a mobile home.

The district court awarded the parties joint legal custody of Wayne. The court granted primary physical care of Wayne to Dennis. Janet was awarded liberal and reasonable visitation. Janet was ordered to pay $90 per month in child support. Dennis was ordered to pay $200 toward Janet's attorney fees.

In child custody cases, the primary concern in making the determination as to which parent shall be awarded primary care is the long-term best interests of the child. In re Marriage of Weidner, 338 N.W.2d 351, 356 (Iowa 1983); Iowa R. App. P. 14(f)(15). We utilize the factors enumerated in Iowa Code section 598.41(3), and in In re Marriage of Winter, 223 N.W.2d 165, 166-67 (Iowa 1979). We give weight to the fact-findings of the trial court especially when considering the credibility of witnesses. Iowa R. App. P. 14(f)(7); In re Marriage of Vrban, 359 N.W.2d 420, 423 (Iowa 1984).

This case is one in which both parents are capable of administering to the child's needs. The trial court found Dennis was better able to provide a more stable home for Wayne. Dennis works regular hours. Janet's work hours vary between day and night hours and are subject to change and expected increase in the future. Dennis has family in the area and the record reveals the family often gets together. Janet currently lives with her boyfriend. We find no adequate reason to reverse the court's award of physical care to Dennis. The parties are in close proximity and do not anticipate any problems with liberal visitation.

Janet also contends her child support obligation of $90 per month is excessive. When making determinations concerning child support obligations we consider the

factors enumerated in Iowa Code section 598.21(4). A voluntary reduction in earning capacity will not excuse a child support obligation. See Reed v. Reed, 260 Iowa 1166, 152 N.W.2d 190 (Iowa 1967); In re Marriage of Vetternack, 334 N.W.2d 761 (Iowa 1963). Janet works part-time as a cook at minimum wage. She also argues her child support should be reduced because she provides free day care for Wayne while Dennis works. Janet expects to increase her hours of work resulting in a small increase in income. Under these circumstances, we do not find a child support obligation of $90 per month to be excessive. We affirm the order of child support.

The trial court ordered Dennis to pay $200 toward Janet's attorney fees. Janet requests an additional $1,000 for her attorney fees on appeal. Attorney fees are not recoverable as a matter of right but rest within the discretion of the court and depend upon one spouse's financial needs and the other spouse's ability to satisfy them. See In re Marriage of Orgren, 375 N.W.2d 710, 714 (Iowa App. 1985). We order Dennis to pay $400 of Janet's attorney fees on appeal. Costs on appeal are to be split evenly among the parties.

AFFIRMED.