

PEOPLES INSTITUTE AND PORTLAND FREE DISPENSARY

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

February 1924

The Annual Meeting of the Peoples Institute was held at the Institute's office, Fourth and Jefferson Streets, February 1, 1924 at 10:30 A.M. Present were Mrs Corbett, Mrs Ayer, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Wight, Mrs Rockey, Mrs Kerr, Mrs Devereaux, Mrs Hunt Lewis, Mrs Grelle Mrs Allen Lewis and Miss Prichard.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The statistical report for the month was read by Miss Prichard, showing an average of 104 visits a day.

Miss Prichard reported that many men had been sleeping on the floor in the Coffee Den, Second and Burnside, which Mrs Ayer said is against the City health regulations. The Salvation Army for some reason had been unable to provide sleeping quarters as they had been expected to do by the Community Chest. Mr Herdman told Mrs Felts, who attended a meeting yesterday, that he would provide sleeping quarters for ten men who come to us for treatment, at 25 cts a night for a month

The Annual Statistical and Financial Report was read by Miss Prichard

Total number of visits to all clinics - - - - -	29083
" " " individual patients - - - - -	9983
Average number of visits a day in all clinics - -	96

This is about 10% increase over last year.

The Obstetrical Clinics which are to be established in connection with the State Health Board and the V.N.A. will be opened the first week in February. A full time nurse is provided by the State Health Bureau from funds provided by the Shepherd Towner Maternity Bill and this nurse is placed on the staff of the V.N.A., who supervises these clinics. These clinics will naturally increase our general work.

The work is growing so rapidly that it seems necessary to begin to think and plan for the possibility of larger quarters. the thought is in the minds of many of the physicians that in time the U. of O. will erect a building to take care of its various branches and at that time the dispensary work will be taken care of there. This seems too remote to rely upon. We are the only dispensary in Portland.

Another necessity seems to be the need of a maternity hospital to care for married mothers who are not eligible to the County Hospitals because their husbands are earning something, and are still not able to go to the more expensive hospitals.

Miss Prichard gave the Financial Report for the year 1923, showing-

Bal. January 1, 1923	- - - - -	\$ 197.45
Received from State	- - - - -	630.00
" " City	- - - - -	2800.00
" " Community Chest	- - - - -	4843.00
" " Dispensary Fees	- - - - -	4439.72
" " Entertainment	- - - - -	524.00
" " Rebate on bill	- - - - -	19.00
Total Receipts		<u>\$13944.17</u>

Paid by co-operating agencies in addition to the above;

Multnomah County	- - - - -	\$ 950.00
Medical School - Salaries	- - - - -	6401.92
State Health Board - equipment	- - - - -	3289.98
City Health Bureau for Dental Clinic	- - - - -	2500.00
V. N. A. for T. B. Clinic	- - - - -	3500.00
Junior League for Orthopedic Clinic	- - - - -	2296.66
Total		<u>\$22108.56</u>

The Final Total of Expenditure by the Institute is,

\$13944.17
 22108.56

Final Total - - \$ 36052.73

This makes an average of \$ 3.56 for each patient cared for during the year

It was moved and carried unanimously that the appointment of Mrs George Gerlinger as a member of the Board be approved. Mrs Grelle was directed to write Mrs Gerlinger to that effect.

It was moved and carried that the Board approve the business transacted at the last meeting at which there was not a quorum.

Miss Prichard brought up the subject of extended fees for different treatments. Those who could pay nothing would still have treatment free. Other dispensaries have adopted this plan.

No other business to be transacted the meeting adjourned.