

Minutes of Meeting of December 1927

The deferred monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary was held Friday morning, December 9, 1927 at 10:00 o'clock in the office, Fourth and Jefferson Streets.

Present were, Mrs Corbett, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Rockey, Mrs Chaney, Mrs Kerr, Mrs Honeyman, Mrs Gerlinger, Mrs Gillison, Mrs Devereaux, Mrs Grelle and Miss Prichard.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read by Miss Prichard and accepted. It showed a balance of \$1209.14 on October 31, 1927 and a balance of \$1234.90 on November 30, 1927 \$824.26 was received from Dispensary Fees. Miss Prichard estimated that by the end of December our receipts from fees would be about \$2000.00 more for the year than we have ever had before, due to the added fee for visits.

The statistical report was read by Miss Prichard, showing:

Total number of Individuals.....	1113
Total number of Examinations.....	1371
Total number Visits or Treatments	3019
Patients referred to hospitals.....	99
Laboratory Tests	719
Metabolic Rates.....	15
Sent to Private Physicians.....	41
Daily average of patients.....	116

A letter from the Community Chest Committee stated that we had received a tentative allocation of \$9767.00 Our request was for \$11305.00 This cut means that for the third time we must give up the extra visitor, which was asked for on half time only, with use of car, This leaves us \$738.00 short of our budget.

Each organization has been asked to underwrite 3% of its allocation, possibly 5%. If the Institute is allowed to use its estimated balance we probably shall not have to do further solicitation.

Miss Prichard reported that the use of the Quartz lamp and of the Infra Red Light had been most successful, over 200 lamp treatments

were given.

During October we received a large donation from the Portland Branch of the Needle Work Guild of America.

Miss Prichard made a plea for Christmas Good Cheer baskets for the lonely old people who have no one to look after them.

The Superintendent's report was accepted.

Mrs Lewis's report on Red Cross work was read and approved. The members of the Board this year gave their time at the Oregon Tuberculosis Association's office for clerical work in place of selling seals.

The appointment of Mrs David Honeyman and Mrs Henry Chaney as new members of the Board was unanimously confirmed by the Directors.

In April of this year a committee went before the City Council asking for an appropriation of \$6000.00 on the ground that the Institute has been doing a great deal of city work with a very small appropriation from the City. Receiving no reply from the Council, we have sent two letters to them asking what we could hope to have from the City. A letter was read from Mayor Baker saying that the Council had included an item of \$2800.00, which is the same amount we have been receiving, in their budget which has been submitted to the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission, which body must pass upon this budget.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that Miss Prichard and Mrs Corbett draft a letter to be sent to Mayor Baker asking for an explanation of his letter, asking why we have not received a larger appropriation and asking for another appointment with the Council to present our case.

Dr Myers, Assistant Dean of the Medical School told Miss Prichard that he thought everything in the Dispensary was running very well and that it compared very favorably with the best Dispensaries in the country.

A letter from the Portland Community Chest was read asking for suggestions concerning the work of the Chest.

Miss Prichard suggested that the house to house canvas be abandoned

and that , while still working together, the organizations raise the budget by annual subscriptions.

It was suggested that the Chest give up its aggressive methods, such as sending out special delivery letters etc, which have the effect of antagonizing the public. A general discussion followed, but no decision was reached.

Mrs Gerlinger reported an interview which she and Mrs Corbett had with Mr Frank Lonergan, who is chairman of the Boxing Commission, in which he said he would try and possibly would be able to give us about \$1500.00 of the Commission's money, this has to be submitted to the Mayor for his approval.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Signed, Bessie H. Grelle,
Secretary.

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