

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting

of the

Board of Directors of the Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary

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~~1927~~ *april* The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on 2nd. Those present were Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Devereaux, Mrs. Rockey and Miss Prichard. Those absent were Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Ayer, Mrs. Allen Lewis, Mrs. Shevlin, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Wight, Mrs. Grelle, Mrs. Gillison, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Hunt Lewis, and Mrs. Gerlinger.

Mrs. Corbett called the meeting to order that the regular business might proceed as usual, with the understanding that all action taken would be ratified at the June meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the Treasurer's report was read and accepted. The Treasurer's report showed a balance March 1st of \$123.17, with receipts amounting to \$1626.65, disbursements to the amount of \$1297.68 and a balance April 1st of \$327.97.

The Superintendent's report was read and accepted. The report showed a total of 1781 individual patients and 3102 visits to clinics with a daily average of 124 patients.

The Social Service report showed 632 interviews in office, 59 sent to private physicians, 67 sent to hospitals and 205 home visits. Miss Prichard spoke of the lack of care for sick and homeless men and the temporary provision that had been made by the Community Chest in allowing us to send them to the Columbia Hotel for lodgings and to Grandma's Kitchen and the Portland Commons for meals. A most inadequate method for caring for sick men. Something definite should be worked out to meet this need before another winter. This report also emphasized the need of an automobile, to be used in visiting many families living at long distances.

Miss Prichard spoke of the National Sight Conservation week, which is to be conducted here in Portland through the aid of the School Nurses. All school children to be examined to ascertain if medical attention is needed for their eyes. This service to be provided free by the eye specialists for those who cannot afford to pay.

Miss Prichard has arranged for the summer vacations. Both Miss Schrier and Miss Starkweather will be away through the month of June; they go to the convention in Detroit and two other nurses will take their places here.

Miss Prichard reported that Dr. H.M. Greene talked with her regarding the probable offer to the Peoples Institute, from the Masons, of space in their new Masonic Temple for the use of the Dispensary, free of rent. An offer was also made of the use of the old buildings now on the lot. Miss Prichard asked Mrs Rockey and Mrs Johnson to act with her in considering this offer. Mrs Johnson talked with Mr John Ainsworth and Miss Prichard conferred with Mr Robert Strong regarding the matter and the concensus of opinion was that it would not be wise to accept this latter offer, but that the former offer if made definitely would furnish a most wonderful solution to the problem of providing the necessary room for the Dispensary work.

Letters were read from the Social Workers Association of Oregon asking ~~asking~~ that this organization take out a membership in the Social Workers Association: also that we take part in the exhibit that is to be given at the time of the State Conference, May 31st, and that we notify Mr W. L. Brewster, chairman of their Legistative Department of any bills we are anxious should come before the next State Legislature.

Letters were read from the Portland Americanization Council, Mr Norman F Coleman Chairman, asking this organization to send a letter to Mr Frank Shull, Chairman of the Budget Committee of the City School Board, urging the Board to provide adequate support for the Americanization work in this city; also that this organization use its influence to persuade its members to register and to vote.

Letters were read from the Portland Federation of Women's Organizations asking that this Organization write letters to congressmen urging favorable action on certain welfare bills which the National Federation has approved; also asking that this organization appoint a chairman on motion pictures. These letters were discussed and the following appointments made by the president; Committee on Motion Pictures, Mrs Devereaux chairman, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Bailey. Legislative Committee, Mrs Ayer chairman, Mrs Rockey and Mrs Gerlinger.

Miss Prichard reported that Mrs Shevlin wished to resign as a delegate to the Federation of Women's Organizations and Mrs Gerlinger was appointed to take her place.

Mrs Wight was appointed as representative to the Americanization Council.

It was moved and carried that this organization should take out a membership in the Social Workers Association and Miss Prichard should continue as the representative.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.