

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors  
of the  
Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary.

May 1924

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary was held on May sixth, in the office of the Dispensary, Mrs Helen Ladd Corbett presiding. Present were Mrs. A. E. Rockey, Mrs E. C. Shevlin Mrs W. B. Ayer, Mrs Otis B. Wight, Mrs E. L. Devereaux, Mrs George Gerlinger and Miss Prichard. Those absent were Mrs T. B. Wilcox, Mrs Allen Lewis, Mrs Thomas Kerr, Mrs E. C. Grelle, Mrs Gillison, Mrs Victor Johnson, Mrs Meredith Bailey and Mrs Hunt C. Lewis.

It was moved and seconded that the matter of endorsement of the proposed Convalescent Home Association be answered in the negative by a tactful letter conveying sympathy with the cause, but not assuming any responsibility for the enterprise.

It was moved and seconded that this meeting be the last one until October.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. The Treasurer's report showed a balance April 1st of \$327.97 with receipts amounting to \$1255.83. Disbursements to the amount of \$1426.70 and a balance May 1st of \$151.35.

The Superintendent's report was read and accepted. The report showed a total of 1702 individual patients and 3083 visits to clinics with a daily average of 114.

It was reported that Mrs Felts had finished her work and that Mrs Donald has taken her place in the Dispensary.

The report emphasized the need of scales for the Diabetic Patients and Miss Prichard suggested a plan of having an article in the paper stating this need. In response to her last appeal through the papers she received four requests for information regarding the sum required for the endowment of a bed for the Obstetric Clinic.

A letter from Dr Guy Strohm was read, wherein he agreed to pay the \$50.00 monthly rental for one year for another room in this building to enlarge his clinic space. The cost of the necessary repairs and alterations in this space will be about \$50.00. It was agreed, if necessary, to write a letter from the Board asking Miss Celia Swigert, the owner of the building, to meet this expense. It was moved and seconded that a letter of appreciation be sent to Dr. Strohm for his generosity.

A letter from the Community Chest was read which indicated that we are to receive 92% of the amount originally allocated to the Free Dispensary.



Mrs Ayer reported on the measure reviewed by the Legislative Council of the Social Workers Conference. One measure of interest was the proposed law that provides that in new additions to cities 10% of the space be reserved for recreational purposes for children.

Another measure was that \$10000.00 be provided by the Legislature for the State Department of Education, for the purpose of testing school children as to their mental capacity. The bill to be called a Bill of Research and Guidance.

The measure to make the kindergarten law mandatory rather than optional was endorsed in cities of the first class.

Mrs Gerlinger made a report on the Doernbecher Children's Hospital Guild which is to be organized to support the Hospital.

Miss Prichard reported from the Americanization Council that a letter had been written to the School Board as requested.

Meeting adjourned to the first Friday in October.

*Mrs Geo Gerlinger*  
*Secretary*