

12/c

PEOPLES INSTITUTE AND PORTLAND FREE DISPENSARY

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting

March 1927

---

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary was held at 10:00 o'clock on Friday morning, March 4th 1927 in the office of the Dispensary. There were present, Mrs Ayer, presiding, Mrs Rockey, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Gillison, Mrs Grelle and Miss Prichard.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was read and accepted: Showing a balance on hand February 28, 1927 of \$692.73.

Mrs Gillison reported that her committee had had a very satisfactory meeting with Mr Herdman, who told them that the Dispensary was under no obligation to raise our quota of the deficit (which is approximately \$800.00) That we could take the cut in our income and rearrange our budget to meet it, or if we wished we could try to raise the money. and added, that if raised, the money should not be turned into the chest, but should go directly into our own funds.

The Superintendent's statistical report for January was read by Miss Prichard showing one of the largest averages of patients that we have had, 131 per day.

Miss Prichard read the rearranged budget and submitted a plan to meet the two cuts in our income which amounted to approximately \$2800.00. Once more she gave up the extra visitor which makes a saving of \$780.00. An increase in the fees is another part of the



plan. The plan is to retain the registration fee of twenty five cents for for three months and to add a fee of ten cents for each visit.

Letters were read from various Free Clinics, Stanford University, University of California, San Francisco Polyclinic, Boston Dispensary, Rush Medical School and others, explaining their systems of fees.

The fees varied considerably, but in all cases there was the feeling that a small fee was desirable from every point of view and most important, first to preserve the self respect of the patient and second to aid in the support of the Clinic.

Each item in the former budget was cut to the extreme limit and we are allowed to use our balance from 1926 amounting to \$545.60.

The amount of the first budget was \$22900.00

The rearranged budget amounts to 21170.00

The amount asked from Community Chest was 13110.00

The final amount accepted from the Chest 9899.00

Miss Prichard explained that at the request of Miss Crowe, Superintendent of the Visiting Nurse Association, the visiting for the Prenatal clinics had been taken over by the Dispensary. This means about 70 visits a month which will be made by Miss Lynch, the Prenatal nurse, whose salary is paid, one half by the State Health Board from the Shepherd Towner Maternity Fund and one half by the Medical School.

The Junior League has volunteered Automobile services of two of their members to assist the nurse in making these prenatal visits. Miss Lynch wishes to arrange an exhibit of toy equipment to demonstrate to the mothers the proper arrangement of the home for confinement and the proper equipment for the baby. Miss Prichard stated that this would cost about \$28.00 and gave the opportunity for a special contribution.



14/2

The Unitatian Church has volunteered to do some sewing, making sterilizing pads, leggings etc.

The clinics are in need of approximately two dozen sheets and two dozen pillow cases.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that a ten cent fee be charged for each day's visit to those who can pay. Those who cannot will be accepted entirely free.

Miss Prichard suggested that a charge of not more than twenty five cents be made for night visits. Mrs Ayer asked Miss Prichard to discuss this matter with the doctors so that it could be discussed and decided upon in a subsequent meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Signed - Bessie H. Grelle,

Secretary.