

Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary

Minutes of Called Meeting Sept 26, 1924

A called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary was held on Friday morning Sept 26th in the office. Those present were Mrs Helen Ladd Corbett, presiding, Mrs Wilcox, Mrs Kerr, Mrs Hunt Lewis, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Gillison, Mrs Wight, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Shevlin and Miss Prichard.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read showing a deficit at the bank Sept 1, of \$175.00 and bills unpaid to the amount of \$500.00. Miss Prichard reported that the deficit was due primarily to a budget inadequate to meet the needs of the unexpected increase in the work and to the necessary purchase of medical supplies for the next year. She stated that the number of patients this year would be about 3000 more than last year.

The statistical report showed an attendance for the month of 2264 patients.

Miss Prichard talked with Mr Herdman regarding the deficit and he stated that he felt that it was not surprising considering the increase in the work. He also stated that he thought we could borrow the amount necessary to make up the budget from the Community Chest. and return it later from the amount derived from the increased fees.

Miss Prichard reported that Dr Dillehunt and the Dispensary Committee of Doctors had met and talked over the project of increasing the number of small fees for patients who are able to pay something: this being the basis upon which most Dispensaries and Out Patient Departments of Hospitals are conducted.

The schedule of the Boston Dispensary and the Out Patient Dept of the University of California Hospital were reviewed and a proposed schedule of fees much smaller in amounts was adopted for this dispensary by the committee. It was moved by Mrs Bailey and seconded by Mrs Lewis that this schedule of fees be adopted by this Board.

The first of September we were informed that our appropriation of \$1000.00 from the County was exhausted. Dr. Cliff, County Physician, also stated to Miss Prichard that he had included the same amount for the Dispensary in his budget for this year and that it had been granted by the County.

A letter was sent to the City Council asking for an increase in their appropriation for next year, but Mr Barbour and Mr Mann told Miss Prichard that it would be impossible to grant us more at this time.

The Budget Committee, Mrs Ayer Chairman, submitted the budget which had been arranged for the year 1925 for the approval of the Board. The full amount of this Budget is \$20720.00 The amount asked from the Community Chest is \$ 10630.00.

It was moved and carried that we accept the Budget as prepared
The Budget Committee also recommended that we borrow the \$600.00
needed from the Community Chest.

It was moved and carried that we accept this recommendation.
It was decided that this called meeting take the place of the regular
meeting due the first Friday in October.

Signed Mrs Otis B. Wight,

Sec'y Pro Tem