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PEOPLES INSTITUTE AND PORTLAND FREE DISPENSARY

Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting

December 1926

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary was held on Friday morning, December 10, 1926, in the office of the Dispensary.

Those present were, Mrs Corbett, presiding, Mrs Gillison, Mrs Rockey, Mrs Wight, Mrs Gerlinger, Mrs Bailey and Miss Prichard.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted, showing a balance of \$1000.01.

Miss Prichard read the statistical report showing total of 1035 individual patients for the month and 2755 visits, 81 patients sent to hospitals and 33 sent to private physicians, average number of patients per day was 105. Report was accepted.

Miss Prichard reported that a letter had been prepared in answer to the letter received from the Community Chest stating that our allotment for this year would be \$10760.00 which was \$2350.00 less than the amount asked for. This letter stated that a cut of this amount would mean that for the third time we must give up the addition of an extra Social Service Visitor which we feel is so necessary to the success of the work. It called the attention of the Community Chest Budget Committee to the fact that we did not receive our allotment for June and July of 1926, amounting to \$1524334 and asked that we be allowed to use whatever balance

we might have at the close of the year for this particular work.

Mrs Corbett had asked Miss Prichard to take this letter to Mr Herdman and explain the matter to him, which was done. He assured her that we would undoubtedly be allowed to use our balance which we hope to have at the end of the year and that he would confer with the Finance Committee of the Community Chest and let us hear from him later.

The report stated that Mrs Corbett was Colonel of a team of fifty workers for the Community Chest Drive and that they collected \$2810.00 which was \$1300.00 over their quota, also that 27 workers under her direction collected \$1100.00 on tag day.

Mrs Gillison reported on work done for the Oregon Tuberculosis Association in folding stamps and letters for their Christmas Seal sale.

Mrs Bailey reported on the attendance at the Community Chest lunches.

Miss Prichard requested donations for the Christmas Baskets to be sent to the lonely old people and also stated the need of a fund for the purchase of food scales for Diabetic patients who cannot afford to pay for them. Mrs Corbett donated the price of one scale.

A letter was read from Mr McNaughton, President of the Community Chest, expressing appreciation of the splendid work that had been done by all members on the drive and asking for suggestions as to methods that might help the campaign for 1928. Suggestions were made and will be listed and furnished to Mr McNaughton.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Signed by Irene Gerlinger,

Secretary Pro Tem

over in order to secure a more generous adjustment of these funds.

Mrs Corbett reported the conditions under which the teams were to work collecting funds for the Chest.

A letter was read from the Portland Community Chest saying a cut has been made in the amount we asked for. This was \$13110. and we have been tentatively allotted \$10760. Other restrictions under which this allocation is made were contained in this letter.

It was decided that a letter of protest against the proposed cut in our budget allowance for 1927 be sent to the Portland Community Chest Board, to be followed by a visit.

Miss Prichard said our crying need is for another paid worker in the Social Service work to investigate the cases more carefully and an automobile to facilitate the work.

Miss Prichard proposed the following plan, that beginning with the New Year we make a registration fee of 25cts for the first visit good for a certain period, to be determined on, and a charge of 10cts for each visit thereafter.

It was suggested that the word Free be dropped from the name of our organization.

Mrs Shevlin reported that the Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis would excuse our workers from selling stamps if they would give some time to folding stamps and putting them in envelopes, preparatory to mailing.

Mrs Corbett reported that the teachers of all the schools were giving a large party at the Elks building on November 20th trying to raise a sum large enough to equip a room at the Doernbecher Hospital.

Miss Prichard read the names of the workers on our Community Chest teams in District 49.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Helen T. Cayer
President

Bessie W. Grille
Secretary