Newberg Community Hospital

Newberg, Oregon

February 24, 1978

The regular monthly meeting of the Newberg Community Hospital Commission was held in the Conference Room of the hospital on Friday, February 24, 1978. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Bob Hurford, at 11:45 A. M. with all board members present except Tom Bowen and Joe Plews. Dr. Bill Inman, representing the medical staff, Virginia Millage, president of the hospital auxiliary, Terry Mahr, City Attorney and Justine Pfeiffer and Milt Robins of the administration were also present.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were approved including those of the Executive Session. The financial report for January was passed out and discussed.

The administrator reported that we had received a donation of $1,376.00 from the March of Dimes to purchase a combination labor bed-stretcher-and delivery table for the maternity department.

The administrator reported that he had received nine applications for Director of Nursing. The board decided to ask the Executive Committee of the staff to recommend four applicants to the procurement committee who would interview each and recommend one to the board.

A motion was made by Andy Anderson that the applications for renewal of staff priviliges for Reginald A. MacHaffie, M. D., Donald B. McKillop, M. D., Charles O. Mansfield, M. D., and Robert J. Moore, M. D. be approved. Seconded by Virginia Ostlund and passed.

The chairman appointed Tom Bowen, Chairman, and Joe Plews to act as the Budget and Finance Committee. They are also to serve on the hospital Cost Containment Committee as recommended by the Oregon Medical Association and Oregon Association of Hospitals.

The administrator reported that the cost of our laundry had gone up to 17½¢ per pound and inquired as to the possibility of requesting a bid from a McMinnville laundry. A motion was made by Ernie Smith that we continue with Mr. B's Laundry. Seconded by Don Wilson and passed.

After being recommended by the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff, a motion was made by Don Wilson that we have the cigarettes removed from the vending machine. Seconded by Virginia Ostlund and passed. The administrator announced that he was considering limiting smoking in the hospital to the front waiting room

room, one side of the Emergency Department hall, Room 102, one corner of the Dining Room and the Doctors' Lounge. He was to check with the Medical Staff for possible objections.

A motion was made by Don Wilson that we pay the annual dues of $50.00 for Terry Mahr to join the Oregon Association of Hospital Attorneys. Seconded by Ernie Smith and passed. The board also authorized his attendance at their annual meeting in Cottage Grove.

Terry Mahr was to check to see if our board members could be covered through insurance carried by the City in matters that may come up which would not be related to malpractice or liability.

The administrator reported that our malpractice and liability carrier, Farmers Insurance Group, now had an optional deductible plan available. By paying the first 50% of the first $10,000 of each loss our premiums could be reduced over $3,000 a year. A motion was made by Don Wilson that we adopt this deductible upon the approval of the City Council. Seconded by Ernie Smith and passed.

Dr. Inman reported that the Medical Staff had recommended that the board should appoint a public relations man for the hospital. The Chairman suggested that Don Wilson, the Administrator and Dr. Ellis B. Finch meet with Bob Collamore of the Newberg Graphic to see if he might be acceptable.

The chairman announced that we should proceed to have the reception for Dr. Maya Manka.

Dr. Bill Inman brought up the package deal he had been offered by Picker Corp. They quoted a price of $23,000 for the Portable X-Ray Unit, 29,000 for the Image Up-grade System and $77,164 for the System 80L (Ultra Sound). A motion was made by Andy Anderson that we send a letter with the signed quotation indicating our intent to purchase, but that we would be under no obligation to purchase if we could not get approval of our Certificate of Need or if, because of the renovating and remodeling program, funds were not available. Seconded by Virginia Ostlund and passed.

Andy Anderson announced that there was to be a public hearing on the Certificate of Need of Santiam Memorial Hospital in Stayton on Wednesday, March 1, 1978 if anyone was interested in going.

The administrator brought up the possibility of accepting credit cards (Visa, Bank America,etc.) for payment of hospital services. He was instructed to investigate further.

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The administrator brought up the need for a Stress-Tester and Monitor for the Crash Cart. It was decided to postpone any action on these and try to work them in with the equipment in the long range program.

The Audit was referred to the Budget and Finance for study and report to the board.

Terry Mahr stated that the change in ordinance setting up the hospital had referred to the ordinance committee of the City Council.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

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