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Newberg Community Hospital

Newberg, Oregon

April 24, 1979

The regular monthly meeting of the Newberg Community Hospital Commission was held in the Conference Room of the hospital on Tuesday, April 24, 1979. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Bob Hurford, at 6:00 PM with Andy Anderson, Bill Dolan, Dr. Stan Kern, Virginia Ostlund, Ernie Smith, Don Tarlow and Don Wilson present. Also present were Mayor Elvern Hall, Terry Mahr, City Attorney, Dr. Leonard Silvers, Chief of Staff, Agnes Haugen, Director of Nursing, Hank Lewis, Tripp Childs and Karen Ferguson from H. C. F. C. and Nick Thoennes and Milt Robins of the administration; Bob Collamore of the Newberg Graphic was also present.

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Nick Thoennes as the "acting Executive Director of the hospital, Dr. Stan Kern as a new board member and Dr. Leonard Silvers as the new Chief of Staff.

The minutes of the regular March meeting and the special meeting of April 19, 1979 were approved.

The March financial statement was presented and discussed.

Nick Thoennes reported that St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center was working with Terry Mahr to get the management contract completed. He reported that most of his time the first two days had been spent working on the Certificate of Need with Lindley Jackson of Hospital Building and Equipment Company.

Representatives present from Health Care Financial Consultants presented their program for publicity for the next few weeks. After this presentation it was the consensus that we should dispence with the proposed bumper stickers and proceed with a large sign across main street, a sign in front of the hospital and a thermometer showing the progress of the fund drive in front of the City Hall. They also announced that Les AuCoin would tour the hospital at 10:00 AM on May 12, 1979.

The board suggested that they get more information in banks about the fund drive and request that the churches publicize the fund drive through bulletins and the pulpit.

It was suggested that the hospital auxiliary call the voters to remind them of the bond election and Terry Mahr stated that Health Care Financial Consultants could not be involved in influencing voters on the bond issue. However, it would be permissable to present facts of bond issue in local banks.

A motion was made by Don Tarlow that the board request approval of the city council for H. C. F. C. to disseminate information about the bond issue and that this information be channeled through the

City Attorney. Seconded by Stan Kern and passed.

Terry Mahr announced that the hospital bond issue would come before the voters on May 22, 1979. At the same time the voters will be voting on sewer bonds, the city budget and the school budget. He also stated that there was a possibility that these bonds could be sold to Farmers Home Administration. He was to give the Fm. H. A. application forms to Nick Thoennes.

Bob Hurford, Chairman of the Board, stated that the Board would go into Executive Session and exclude all members of the public. The Executive Session is being held under the authority of O. R. S. 192,660 (b) and (c).

Upon reopening the meeting, a motion was made by Ernie Smith that the letter to Health Care Financial Consultants, properly signed, be presented to the City Council for ratification. Seconded by Andy Anderson and passed.

The Director of Nursing reported that the presence in the hospital of the acting Executive Director the last couple of days had caused a little tension but that it was subsiding.

The Chief of Staff reported that he appreciated the appointment of a physician to the hospital board.

The minutes of the Joint Conference Committee were presented but it was noted that the information on the back page was the same as on the front. This was to be corrected and mailed out with the minutes of this meeting.

The need for signatures of a board member on checks was discussed. This was to be presented to A. John Montgomery, C. P. A., the City and Hospital auditor and Nick Thoennes.

A motion was made by Don Wilson that the application for staff membership of Frederick W. Jennart, D. O. in Neurology, be approved and that he be assigned to the active staff of the hospital. Seconded by Ernie Smith and passed.

A motion was made by Andy Anderson that the board approve the by-laws changes of the Medical Staff, copies of which are attached. Seconded by Ernie Smith and passed.

The Administrator presented the following informational items:

1. A check for $29,000.00 was received from Dorothy Hemphill as payment for the Upgrade System and T. V. Monitor for the x-ray department.

2. The State Health Planning and Development Agency approved our rates changes effective May 1, 1979.

3. Received good report from Public Health Laboratory after their annual inspection of our laboratory.

4. March of Dimes committee has agreed to pay about half of the cost of the Fetal Monitor.

5. Questionnaire regarding our self-survey has been received from Joint Commission.

6. It will be necessary to file a supplemental budget for both the General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund.

Andy Anderson reported that Tom Underriner, Administrator of St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center was interested in looking at the resumes received in response to our advertisement for an Executive Director.

Don Wilson encouraged all board members to read their recent issue of "Trustee" as there was an interesting article on hospital boards.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P. M.

Approved,

Robert Hurford
Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

C M Robins

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Secretary

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The Joint Conference Committee meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. by Dr. Silvers. Present were Drs: Silvers, Kern, and Abbott, Also present was Nick Thoennes, Acting Executive Director, Newberg Community Hospital, Mr. Robins, and Board Members Virginia Ostlund and Fr. Wilson. Also present was Mary Bardell, Medical Staff Affairs Coordinator.

The minutes of the previous meeting were gone over. The following corrections were made. Brim Construction was changed to A.E. Brim & Associates"..board to provide leadership and take directions towards decision to be made", was changed to "the medical staff to provide leadership and direction towards decisions to be made." There being no further corrections the minutes were accepted as presented.

Dr. Silvers welcomed Mr. Thoennes as new executive director and asked him if he would/give some information on his background. He noted that he has a Masters in HCA from University of Washington and a Bachelors degree in Building Theory and Practice. He noted that he served as assistant to the administrator of the University Hospital in Seattle and most recently as Assistant Building Director at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The certificate of need was discussed. Mr. Thoennes noted that Mr. Jackson from HBE is presently in the hospital working on the certificate of need application, and there are two basic questions that need to be answered (1) How many beds does the hospital want and (2) How many private beds does the hospital want. He noted that one solution is to cut back on the beds that are requested and when the percentage of occupancy increases go to HSA and apply for CN for more beds. He stated that HSA bases its decisions on historical data and gives very little weight to projected needs. He said thirty-five beds would be rubber-stamped by HSA with no problem obtaining a CN. He noted that to obtain a CN a completed. schematic plan must be available. The following questions were raised (1) What impact will private beds have on increased utilization of the hospital. (2) How many patients are we losing because we cannot offer private beds at this time. Mr. Thoennes noted that other hospitals are increasing private beds in new buildings by a rate of 30 to 40 percent. It was the general concensus of opinion that the medical staff and board would like to apply for 53 bed certificate of need and if they are denied would alter the present plan to make private rooms out of double rooms. Dr. Silvers noted that there is a projected need for 53 beds in the community.

   Mr. Thoennes noted that the hospital needs a long range plan to submit with its certificate of need application and we do not currently have one. Dr. Silvers noted that there is a long range planning commitee, however, it has not been functional. Fr. Wilson, who is the chairman of the long range planning committee, noted that he will see that the committee begins to meet regularly.

   There was generally a feeling of optimism that the CN could be obtained for 53 beds.

2. It was noted that Dr. Kern and Don Tarlow are working on the medical staff-board banquet.

3. Mr. Robins noted that the obstetric committee had recommended the Corometric Fetal Monitor and this had been approved by the Executive Committee. Fr. Wilson made a motion to recommend that the Corometric Fetal Monitor be approved for purchase by the board, seconded by Mrs. Ostlund and passed.

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

1. Dr. Silvers noted that the medical staff would like conveyed to the board that they are concerned that$96,000.00 has been spent so far in trying to rebuild the hospital, however, they are not oblivious to the struggle it has been to get this program started. Fr. Wilson noted that actually quite a bit has been gained for the money spent, and most of the information is usuable and can be saved in overall costs.

2. Dr. Silvers noted that he had some reservations about the public notice stating that St. Vincent's Management would try to solve the physician shortage problem in Newberg, in that the medical staff is very concerned about the quality of physicians who come to Newberg and they want to be very active in the area of recruiting physicians. He said the physicians feel there is danger of physicians exploiting Newberg. The medical staff is only interested in physicians who are interested in the welfare of the hospital and the community, and want to be intimately involved in the process of selecting new physicians.

   Fr. Wilson recommended that the medical staff work out plans for physician recruitment and this will be brought up as an item of business at the next joint conference committee meeting. Dr. Silvers noted that he will bring this up to the executive committee and medical staff and come back with a plan. He noted that the physicians agree there is a need in this area and will recommend the type and number of physicians needed.

   Dr. Silvers thanked the board for sharing the information with him before it was released.

3. Mrs. Ostlund noted that there was a problem of a local physician hiring a hospital coronary care nurse after a great deal of time and effort had been spent by Mrs. Haugen recruiting her. Fr. Wilson made a motion that the medical staff be advised that the joint conference committee very firmly objects to any local physician directly recruiting hospital personnel to staff their offices. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ostlund and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard L. Silvers, M.D.
Chairman, Joint Conference Committee

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