

Newberg Community Hospital

Newberg, Oregon

November 26, 1976

The regular monthly meeting of the Newberg Community Hospital Commission was held in the Conference Room of the hospital on Friday, November 26, 1976. The meeting was called to order by the vice chairman, Don Wilson, at 12:00 Noon with all board members present except Bob Hurford and V. G. Anderson. Dr. L. W. Inman, representing the medical staff, Virginia Millage, representing the hospital auxiliary, and Milt Robins, the administrator, were also present. dhuber@wni.com

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as mailed. The financial statement, which had been mailed, was discussed.

The equipment list, which had been prepared by the administrator from requests by the department heads, was discussed. The medical staff recommended six items with high priorities. They were a gas sterilizer, surgery table, hematology analyzer, portable x-ray machine, alarm for the Isolette and a stretcher with a Fowler capability (not necessarily in order of priority). The administrator reported that there was a possibility that monies for purchase of the x-ray machine and stretcher would be donated in the next few months.

A motion was made by Martin Redding that we proceed to purchase the hematology analyzer and gas sterilizer. The motion was seconded by Mildred Renne and passed.

Don Wilson requested that we give the list back to each department head so they could list their requests in order of preference. These would then be referred again to the medical staff to prioritize the entire list.

The administrator reported that the audit was not complete as yet as there was additional work to do on the inventory pricing.

The administrator reported that he had been over to see Dr. Pearson's new office and it appeared as if there was two or three more weeks work to do before Dr. Pearson could move in.

The administrator told the board that we should probably be looking for a third full-time cardiac trained E. M. T. for the ambulance. He stated that we should publicize the fact that our ambulance personnel are trained for cardiac emergencies, but this wasn't always the case when one might be off for illness, vacation, training course, etc.

The administrator reported that the maintenance department was in the process of changing outside locks to the hospital because of recent security problems. He also stated that the hospital was going to purchase an automatic door opener for the ambulance garage if the board had no objections.

The administrator reported that the Lonford Interconnect Telephone Company had been looking over the hospital with the possibility of installing their system which would incur a lesser monthly charge than we are presently paying to General Telephone.

The administrator reported that a proposal had been received from National Health Search in which they agree to provide physicians for the community at a cost of \$4,000.00 each to the hospital. This proposal was to be studied further by the administrator.

The administrator advised the board that it was going to be necessary to raise the salary of two x-ray technicians the first of January to be in line with the amount to be paid to a new employee in the department. This amount probably would have had to be paid on July 1, 1977 anyway.

The administrator received approval from the board to again have a Christmas party for employees and their spouses or guests.

A notice of a public hearing was read regarding a zone change in the property directly south of the hospital. The board had no objection to the change, which was requested by George Fox College, so it will not be necessary for anyone to appear at the hearing.

The Oregon Association of Hospitals in October requested that each administrator invite the prospective state legislators in his district to the hospital and discuss with them some of the proposed legislation which would probably be detrimental to the hospitals of the state. The administrator informed the board that the candidate for state representative, Bill Rutherford, was in our hospital and he attended the discussion at the McMinnville Hospital for the candidate for state senator, Tony Meeker.

The board tentatively approved the purchase of two walkie-talkies to be used by ambulance personnel at the scene of an accident. Emergency Medical Services would pay for 64% of the cost of these.

Don Wilson announced that Good Samaritan Hospital had a service which would come to the hospital and survey and make recommendations regarding the programs and services offered by our hospital, should it ever be needed.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,


C. M. Robins, Secretary