

Newberg Community Hospital

Newberg, Oregon

February 28, 1977

The regular monthly meeting of the Newberg Community Hospital Commission was held in the Conference Room of the hospital on Friday, February 25, 1977. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Bob Hurford, at 12:00 Noon with all members present. Mayor Elvern Hall, Homer Hester, Dr. L. W. Innma, Chief of the Medical Staff, Virginia Millage, president of the hospital auxiliary, and Justine Pfeiffer and Milt Robins of the hospital administration were also present.

Don Wilson introduced Virginia Ostlund as a newly appointed board member and announced that Ernie Smith had been appointed for another three year term.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as mailed. The financial statement for January was presented and discussed.

A representative of National Health Search was present and explained to the board how their firm would attempt to procure doctors for Newberg. After some discussion, it was decided that Bob Hurford and Don Wilson should meet with the Executive Committee of the staff as soon as possible and get their views of the NHS proposal.

The administrator reported that Hil Trenbeath, who would retire on February 28, 1977, had requested that he be allowed to continue to accrue vacation time and sick leave while working part time after retiring. There is nothing in our present personnel policies which covers this. The administrator was instructed to find out from the city administrator if they had any such policy.

Homer Hester reported that Milo Ross could be present at our March meeting to discuss the formation of a hospital foundation.

The administrator again requested that the board seriously consider the possibility of hiring another full time EMT-2 or 3 trained in cardiac care for the ambulance. The administrator was instructed to get some cost figures together for the next meeting and have Ken Ochsner and Mrs. Rocha present to answer questions as to the utility of this person.

The administrator reported that, in addition to American Business Communications, he had received proposals from General

Telephone Company and Lonford Interconnect Telephone Company to install a better phone system and paging system in the hospital. After some discussion, a motion was made by Don Wilson that we have American Business Systems install a new phone and paging system. Seconded by Ernie Smith and passed.

The administrator advised the board that plans were underway to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the opening of the hospital on Sunday, May 1, 1977 and requested that the chairman appoint a board member or two to serve on the committee making plans. He appointed Mildred Renne and Ernie Smith.

The administrator reported that head nurses of the medical, surgical, obstetrical and emergency departments, through the Director of Nursing had requested additional salary. The board instructed the administrator to advise them that this would be considered at the next review of salaries before the July 1, 1977 raise in salaries is finalized. If they would not wait until then, a special meeting of the board would be called.

A motion was made by Ernie Smith that we proceed with the slab to the west of the conference room. Seconded by Mildred Renne and passed.

It was requested that the administrator have the equipment list prioritized before the March meeting.

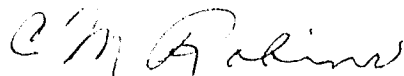
It was also suggested that the board should have working committees to assist the administrator in various aspects of hospital operation. The administrator was to have suggestions for these committees at the next meeting.

The administrator reported that the Joint Commission had again raised their fees for surveying the hospital.

Because of the lateness of the hour, the chairman decided to postpone the discussion of the hospital audit until later.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,



C. M. Robins, Secretary

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