Newberg Community Hospital

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The regular monthly meeting of the Newberg Community Hospital Commission was held in the Conference Room of the Hospital on Friday, May 27, 1977. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Bob Hurford, at 12:00 Noon with all members present except Martin Redding and Mildred Renne. Virginia Millage, president of the hospital auxiliary, Durrel Belanger, Milo Ross, L. W. Inman, M. D., Chief of Staff, Justine Pfeiffer and Milt Robins of the hospital administration were also present.

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

Milo Ross, head of the George Fox Foundation, explained to the board some of the benefits and problems that might incur when attempting to form a hospital foundation.

The report of the committee on National Health Search was postponed until the June meeting.

The administrator reported that Mary Bardell, head of the Medical Records Department, had changed her mind and wished to stay at the hospital in that capacity. A motion was made by Ernie Smith that she be permitted to do so. Seconded by Virginia Ostlund and passed.

The administrator advised that it would cost between $1,800.00 and $2,000.00 to wire the hospital rooms for television sets.

A motion was made by Don Wilson that the 1976-1977 supplemental budget and the 1977-1978 budget as prepared be adopted (copies of which are attached). Seconded by Ernie Smith and passed. As the salary schedule had not been approved by the Personnel Committee, it was not acted upon.

The administrator reported that Don Whitely, the Police Chief at Hubbard, was interested in purchasing our old Chevrolet station wagon (ambulance) for use as an emergency vehicle. The administrator stated that even though we could use it here at the hospital as a run-about, it would be of more value to someone to be used as an emergency vehicle. The administrator was instructed to find out what the City of Hubbard would pay for this station wagon if they wished to buy it.

The administrator reported that the installation of the phone and paging system was almost completed and that the system was functioning quite well.

The administrator reported that the state legislature had passed new smoking regulations for hospitals and that they would become law when signed by the Governor. It will then be necessary to have designated smoking and non-smoking areas for patients, visitors and employees. He stated that it would pose quite a problem to find space to made the segregation necessary.

The administrator was instructed to replace the compressor in the kitchen air conditioning system rather than replacing the entire system.

The administrator mentioned to the board that we should consider redecorating the hospital in the near future.

The administrator reported that the paper for our two Apeco copiers was becoming more expensive all the time and that he was looking at various makes. Bob Hurford suggested that we check with Myrland Gilbert at City Hall before making any decision as to which one to buy if we decide to do so.

A motion was made by Don Wilson that the board approve the offer of the hospital auxiliary to buy a new stove for the kitchen. Seconded by Ernie Smith and passed.

The application having been approved by the Medical Staff, a motion was made by V. G. Anderson that the application for staff membership of Michael Spittel, M. D., 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 Don Wilson that we accept the Nursing Audit on Tonsillectomy as presented. Seconded by Virginia Ostlund and passed.

A motion was made by Don Wilson that the board approve the increase in the Daily Service Charge of $7.50 as proposed by the administrator. Seconded by Ernie Smith and passed. This would increase the semi-private room charge from $85.00 to $92.50.

Dr. L. W. Inman, Chief of Staff, advised the board that physician coverage of the Emergency Department on week ends was becoming a major problem and the board should study the possibility of hiring emergency room physicians. He also thought that we should probably consider the possibility of remodeling or modernizing the hospital so that we could be more competitive with the new and modernized hospitals in the near vicinity. This could possibily help to attract new doctors. The chairman requested that He and Don Wilson be permitted to be in attendance at the next Executive Committee of the Medical Staff so this could be discussed further.

After some discussion about meeting time, it was decided that the board should meet at 11:45 A. M. instead of Noon on the fourth Friday of the month.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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