

HOPE, Inc.  
Board of Directors  
Minutes of July 14, 1971 meeting

Members attending were: Pete Sheldon, Larry Perlman, Josie Alden, Norma Lang, Maria (Suzy) Diaz, Issie DeNoyer, Brad Wilson, Lucy Ortega, Lucy Arns, John Schapp, Audrey Orlich and Henry Karpe. Greg Kusiak also attended the meeting.

Elections were held for the five Board offices. The results were:

President-----	Audrey Orlich
Vice-President-----	Maria Diaz
Recording Secretary-----	Josie Alden
Corresponding Secretary-----	Rose Bedell
Treasurer-----	John Schapp

It was moved and seconded that Greg Kusiak be appointed Executive Director of the Corporation, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kusiak explained that he had negotiated a lease with Mr. Elfred Jensen, owner of the storefront at 1035 South 16th Street, and that the lease is currently being drawn up. The terms of the lease are, roughly, that HOPE will put up \$2,000 toward the major remodeling costs, and deduct it from the rent at \$65 per month. At this rate, it would take 28 months to recover the investment. The lease will run for two years from October 1, 1971 to September 30, 1973, with an option for an additional year. The rental rate will be \$350 per month, heat included (\$285 per month for the first 28 months after deducting the remodeling cost.)

Following discussions of these terms, it was moved and seconded that the Board authorize Mr. Kusiak and Mr. Schapp to enter into a lease agreement so long as the exact terms of the lease do not vary greatly from the terms discussed with the Board. Passed unanimously.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the Wisconsin Regional Medical Program, Inc. be authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for HOPE, Inc. until HOPE's tax-exempt status is certified.

Mr. Kusiak explained that the proposal to the Striemke Foundation for \$3,000 for remodeling costs was rejected. The reasons were not clear, but Mr. David Huntington, the Administrator of the Foundation, indicated three possible reasons: 1) The Foundation has only limited funds remaining which it can disburse this year; 2) The Foundation has recently received many requests for funds; and 3) that an involvement with HOPE would require the Foundation to move into something of a new area, which it did not desire to do when its money was so tight.

Following considerable discussion regarding where HOPE should turn for these important funds, Mr. Kusiak explained that there was a good possibility that such funds could be obtained through special contributors to the YMCA, and that there was a possibility also that some funds could come from Model Cities. He explained that he had learned of this very recently, and for that reason couldn't provide the Board much good information about it. It was moved, seconded and passed that Mr. Kusiak and the Executive Committee be empowered to explore and to request and receive such funds, if necessary, without bringing the issue back to the Board first for formal approval.

It is expected, however, that the Board will receive a full report of the results of the Committee's activities.

It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the proposal submitted to the McBeath Foundation for \$19,956 be approved.

It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the certified accounting firm of Eugene Major and Associates, W156N5136 Pilgrim Road, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, 53051 be retained as the accountants for HOPE, Inc.

It was moved and seconded that the President appoint a special committee to examine and revise the Bylaws for presentation to the Board at "an early date." Motion passed. Volunteering for and appointed to the Committee were: Pete Sheldon, Brad Wilson, Suzy Diaz, Josie Alden, Issie DeNoyer and Lucy Ortega.

Dr. Perlman expressed a desire to have the Board informed of the results of the McBeath Foundation proposal and others prior to the regularly scheduled meeting on September 7. Other members of the Board also indicated such a desire. It was agreed that the Executive Committee, after learning the results of fund-seeking and other activities, would schedule a meeting before September to discuss the situation.

Mr. Kusiak and Mr. Sheldon discussed a meeting which they attended concerning the possibility of developing a city-wide coalition of health consumer groups. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Kusiak should attend meetings, but should clearly indicate that he cannot speak for HOPE without consulting with the Board on the specific issue. It was also agreed that Board members should feel free to participate in such a coalition, but that an effort should be made to indicate to other participants that the person speaks only for himself, and not for HOPE, Inc.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

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