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THE ALLENTOWN HOSPITAL  
LEHIGH VALLEY HOSPITAL CENTER

JOINT HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Minutes

January 15, 1987  
11:30 AM - Classroom I

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**Present:** Alyson Breisch, R.N.; G. John D'Aurora; Barbara Iobst; Carolyn Nippert; Robert J. Oriel, M.D.; Michele Rothermel-Kershner, R.N.; Robert Roeshman, D.O.; Ronald E. Wasserman, M.D.

**Guests:** Leslie Carboni and Sharon DeFelice, Hodkinson Associates, Inc.; Sue Traub, Planning and Design

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The meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM.

**UPDATE/LIBRARY PROJECT**

Sharon DeFelice and Leslie Carboni, representatives of Hodkinson Associates, Inc., distributed copies of a proposal for Library Furniture and its componentry for the Lehigh Valley Hospital Center Library. The items included in the proposal were detailed and, where possible, demonstrated by sample or by photograph. The design and specifications of the proposal were based on four criteria: safety, function, design and futuristic orientation.

Sue Traub asked if the proposal had been developed from scratch and also questioned the possibility of trading in present Library furniture. Ms. DeFelice explained that the proposal had been developed utilizing none of the existing furniture/componentry, and offered to investigate the possibility of trading in the existing furniture.

In reviewing the proposal and the design of the new Library, G. John D'Aurora noted that particular attention should be given to keeping the Library staff visible and accessible to the patrons of the Library. Mrs. Traub will look into altering the plans to accommodate this request.

Alyson Breisch noted that wheel chair accessibility within the stacks should be given consideration in the new Library. Mrs. Traub and Mrs. Nippert reported that there was ample room for a wheel chair to navigate within the stacks.

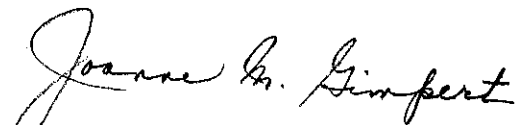
Robert Roeshman, D.O. offered his opinion of the proposal, from a physician's perspective. Dr. Roeshman noted he was very impressed with the proposed design of the Library. Dr. Roeshman emphasized that utilizing a "showcase" image, the Library can function as marketing tool to keep people coming back. He reported that Jefferson currently utilizes a design very similar to that which was presented and it works very well. The Library should be a visible part of operations and the proposal is in keeping with and compatible with what is needed. Robert Oriel, M.D., also expressed a receptive response to the proposal.

Mr. D'Aurora noted that with the Hahnemann affiliation, the Library will see a greater utilization. After considerable discussion, consensus opinion was reached by those in attendance that there is a need for a new image for the Library, and that we need maximum product for the dollars we spend. In addition, it was felt that physician support may be needed for this type of project.

Barbara Iobst recommended the above be discussed when the Chairperson, Mark Mishkin, M.D., was in attendance, and therefore formal recommendation was made to re-open the topic at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne M. Gimpert  
Recording Secretary