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Mrs. Gilliland said she still felt like the amount should stay at the \$500. If we are trying to keep the number of un-insured down, she said, then we need to help take care of the employees.

"The employees of the hospital are the asset to the hospital," she said. "I feel that taking away \$50 per employee is not that much and is punitive."

When the health insurance information comes out, the board said they would like to know so there is more time to look at it. It would also be nice for the employees to have more time so they can make a decision without the pressure of having to make it immediately.

Mrs. Gilliland said the health insurance needs to be reviewed annually by the board. Mrs. John said the compensation can still be done even though the employees have already decided whether they want the insurance or not.

Budget

Mr. Lacy handed out the board budget for the coming year. This budget had been prepared to present to the commissioners as a request for the hospital board in the county budgeting process.

When he went to the commissioners, he asked for \$670,000. The cost report settlement for both Medicare and Medicaid is \$150,000 which is much less than the administrator was hoping for. The main reason for less settlement is changing payor mix - seeing more patients that are not Medicare.

Jerry Toler board president, asked why it is hitting the hospital more this year when looking back at the past five years, the volume hasn't changed that much.

Mr. Lacy explained that part is that the hospital is doing services such as obstetrics, county health and the Lifeline which are not allowable costs in the Medicare Cost Report. However these services are needed by the community.

The board said they did not want to plan for a service that is going to hurt the hospital and needed to keep this in mind as they look at the expansion project.

Financials

In reporting financials of the facility, Mr. Lacy said that the hospital continues to be in a weak position with cash.

The hospital owes itself \$560,000 to funded depreciation, he said, and the board is paying \$15,000 per month to help rebuild this.

The total patient service revenue was down for the month again due to charges and volume. Mr. Lacy reported that several cost to charge ratios need to be adjusted with rate changes where possible. The St. Francis Clinic was below budget on revenue for the month and the Bird City Clinic was above budget.

Statistics:

The overall volume in the hospital and clinics was down some for the month of May. The numbers were down at the Bird City clinic which is out of the ordinary but Erika Zimbelman said it was slower this month.

Tax credits/grants

Mr. Lacy said he had a phone message to call on the tax credits. The county, he said, should be finding out anytime if their application was accepted.

The facility was approved for \$90,000 on the Primary Care Clinic Grant and a portion of this is designated for prescription drug coverage.

Candi Douthit wrote a grant to the Sunflower Foundation for replacement of the ITV equipment and was awarded \$18,374.

Department reports

Deanna Grice, environmental services manager, includes herself, Donna Draper; Sue Rethke is working part-time in housekeeping and part-time in purchasing. They hired Ray Martinez of Bird City who is part-time and works from 1 to 6 p.m.

Every three months they shampoo the clinic carpets.

Mr. Toler said he was in the hospital and commented on the cleanliness and how clean the bathroom was beside the lab. He feels they do an excellent job!

Amelia Zuege, outpatient services/surgery manager, said she works with all the outpatient doctors that come to the hospital. She sets up their clinics, make sure the

patients have all their paperwork, lab work is done and contacts the patients. She also coordinates the nuclear medicine, mammography and DEXA scans. She has surgeries with Dr. Frankum and Dr. Uyemura. She also orders the medicine for the pharmacy.

Julie Brunk assists on surgery days, Dr. Johnson days and other busy clinic days.

Mr. Toler asked if she hears much complaining from the patients on surgery days? She said they do mention that it would be nice not to have to share a room, even though there is a curtain you can still hear what is being said on the other side. She said most are nice about it and they understand but just say it would be better not to have to share rooms. It would also comply with HIPAA regulations.

Mr. Toler asked if the doctors complain any on the size of the operating room or the facilities? She said the doctors are not really complainers but they do mention that it would be nice to have rooms to see the consults in instead of the emergency room. If the emergency room is busy then she has to try and find a room; sometimes that is the chapel.

If the operating room was bigger, it would help during c-sections as it does get tight in there with all the equipment and staff.

In other business

In other business:

- A letter was read from Shawn Alsup and his family that gave a memorial donation to the hospital from the Margaret Alsup Trust and Friends.

- County health nurse, Mrs. Bandel, attended the May 28 commissioner meeting to visit with them about the county employee program. She had just completed the physical tests and the labs were done in conjunction with the health fair.

Positive feedback was received from the commissioners and they would like to continue the program, encouraging other employees to participate.

Next meeting

The next hospital board meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, in the clinic basement.

Editor's note: The above information was taken from the unapproved minutes of the June 29 hospital board meeting.



HELPING CELEBRATE THE 100TH of Bertha Hilt, front, were Robert Keller, also seated; back row: Elton Keller, Louise Schlepp, Pearlina Rath, Elsa Potter and Sophie Zuege.,

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if she didn't use a pressure cooker, the potatoes wouldn't become soft. It was a hard life, she said.

However, she found time to crochet and embroider.

She came to the Good Samaritan Village three years ago. She thought being 100 years old was OK. Her aunt, Pauline Wagner was 105 and there are several other relatives who are also in their 100s.

She suffers from Parkinson's disease, has lost her hearing and is now having trouble seeing. She is confined to a wheelchair. Having been busy all of her life, she said she misses not being able to get up and work.

Because she can't hear, people communicate with her by writing which she reads with a magnifying glass. She communicates with her daughters by writing letters

regularly. She said she hopes that she doesn't completely lose her eyesight but had a big smile as she apparently is content with what happens.

Open house held

How many brothers and sisters would help celebrate your 100th birthday? Mrs. Hilt had two brothers present to help her celebrate at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis.

Bertha's nephew, Tom Keller, produced a slide show of her through the years accompanied with music that many family and friends enjoyed. Karen Hart played several of Bertha's favorite songs on the dulcimer. Birthday cake, cookies, homemade ice cream and punch were served during the afternoon. The celebration wasn't complete until everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Bertha. Her children, Alfred Hilt, Ruth

Appel, Ruby and Wes Garard, along with grandchildren, Gretchen and Shannon McCauley, Kevin Appel, Denise and Josh Shuey, and great-grandchildren Levi and Lyssa Shuey were in attendance. Nicole Basgall and children Ashland and Jaden accompanied Kevin Appel. Niece, Gail Hunter and husband Bob came from the Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Keller, Vinta Keller and Esther Brunswig, brothers and sisters-in-law of Bertha, helped make her celebration special. Cousins, Louise Schlepp, Pearlina Rath, Sophie Zuege, Haigler, and Elsa Potter, Stratton, Neb., were able to visit with Bertha during the day. Josh Keller, great nephew from Orlando, Fla., currently stationed at Fort Riley also helped Bertha celebrate.

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accepted contracts from Gloria Cassidy, Jennifer Krien and Sandy Smull, part-time grade school teachers; Dennis Friedrichs, industrial technology, grades eight through 12th and physics teacher; and Kaye O'Brien, kindergarten through grade 12 librarian. She is also the teacher of the seventh grade life skills class and the junior class magazine sales sponsor.

The board also accepted signed contracts for Scott Carmichael, principal, 2 years; and Superintendent Schiltz, 1 year.

Windows

The superintendent reported concerning the blue plastic on the large front windows at the high school. These windows are being replaced when the contractor noticed that the roof was sagging as the windows were being taken out. The process was stopped and Mr. Schiltz contacted Glenn Strait, the architect. After checking the plans, it was found that when the windows were put in as weight-bearing windows, the plan was up to code.

The windows will be replaced but there will be steel columns between each window to support the roof. The center window will be narrower to allow for the width of the columns.

Out-of-district students

The board accepted 12 out-of-district students who plan to attend St. Francis schools this year. They are Taylor Archibald, Tilyn Bell, Isaac and Connor Hathaway, Alexis Frink, Gus Jardine, Jade, Joslyn and Jacquelyn Ketzner, McKayla and McKenzie Taylor and Caleb Todd.

Dues

Board members had a copy of the formula on how Kansas Association of School Boards dues are figured. The dues for St. Francis is \$3,828 which was slightly less than last year's dues. Mr. Schiltz said the association keeps boards and administrations up to date on what is happening in the legislature. The dues for the Kansas Association of School Boards Legal Assistant is \$1,400. Mr. Schiltz said there are three or four lawyers that specialize in education laws. He felt that both were valuable services and the board agreed to pay the dues.

In other business

In other business: • The board accepted \$2,337 from the St. Francis Recreation Commission. This covers two-thirds of the cost of the summer weight program.

• The administrative secretary, Sharon Olofson, plans to retire in 2012. The board discussed plans to replace her.

• Clay Keller's term on the St. Francis Recreation Commission Board expires this year. • Dr. Miller will continue as a representative on the Kansas Association of School Board governmental relations network. Mr. Marin will continue to serve as a representative of the Northwest Kansas Education Service Center Board, Oakley.

Special school board meeting

The St. Francis Board of Education will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, July 26, in the board room at the high school where they will study and ask questions about the proposed budget.

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