The Spring meeting of Maine Medical Librarians was held at Thayer Hospital in Waterville on April 30, 1971, at 1:30 P.M.

The following members were present:

- Mary Wandersee, Department of Health & Welfare, Augusta
- Marilyn Dean, A. R. Gould Memorial Hospital, Presque Isle
- Maide Eisenberg, Thayer Hospital, Waterville
- Ruth F. Warren, Webber Hospital, Biddeford
- Mary Jane Goer, Mercy Hospital, Portland
- Mildred V. D. Mathews, Maine Medical Center, Portland
- Eleanor C. Cairns, Maine Medical Center, Portland
- Dorothy Chadwick, Veterans Administration Center, Togus

Discussion concerning the most economical and best way for librarians to get together opened the meeting. A suggestion was made that it might be easier to have small area groups meet in various parts of the state, with one annual meeting combined. The advantage of this suggestion would be that each librarian would have less distance to travel, therefore less time would be spent attending. The disadvantage would be that small groups tend to lack cohesion and interest.

It was also suggested that since return postal cards were mailed to all, it would be of interest to the hostess if all cards were returned whether affirmative or negative.

The next meeting will be held in Biddeford on June 25th, with the Fall meeting at Presque Isle in October. These plans are tentative.

A revolving secretary selected from those present was decided upon so that those not able to attend would be informed of what transpired at the meeting.

Miss Cairns requested that all material requested on Inter-library loan be verified before being forwarded to Maine Medical Center. This does not have to be the Index Medicus. A bibliography at the end of a journal article or book may be used; give journal title with date, page and reference number.

Anyone who wants an unbound Index Medicus or needs unbound journals to complete volumes are asked to send list to Miss Cairns at Maine Medical and she will forward any available material.

Each person present mentioned a problem or requested information.

Subjects discussed were: How to interest Staff in using Library? Make friends with one doctor who is interested in the library and he will spread the word. The Hospital has to be sold the idea that the library is important.
Auxiliary groups can be helpful, not only in assisting in the library, selling library service and in providing funds for additional library material.

Orientation of new staff members was also discussed. Nursing students and staff have a 20-minute instruction period for each new group at one hospital. House officers in the larger hospitals are given individual orientation in materials available and the use of same.

No hospital had written policies or library rules. It was decided that each one should work on some suitable for his own hospital and bring fifteen copies to the next meeting for exchange.

Coffee and delicious sweets were served during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned to the library at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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