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Nassau County Chapter, Physicians for Social Responsibility

Twelve physicians and other eligibles gathered at 8 pm, Wednesday night, January 6, 1982, at the Rockville Center home of Dr. and Mrs. James Bernstein to form a chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility. It was agreed that its area of responsibility would be Nassau County, N.Y., and information to that effect, including zip codes, will be prepared for forwarding to the national office.

The following officers were elected pro tem:

- Jack Lawrence, D.V.M., president
- Herbert M. Perr, M.D., vice-president
- Nathaniel S. Lehrman, M.D., secretary
- James S. Bernstein, M.D., treasurer

Specific ways to get the film, "The Last Epidemic," shown before medical groups were discussed and it was agreed that the best places would be established hospital or specialty society meetings. Those present will attempt to arrange for its presentation at Departmental meetings in hospitals they belong to, and in their respective specialty societies.

Mrs. Barbara Bernstein pointed out the importance of keeping the press continuously informed of all the organization's activities, and she and Dr. Perr will prepare a press release concerning both tonight's meeting and the meeting December 27 at Dr. Joseph's home which forty people attended. Mrs. Mildred Joseph will distribute the release to the various newspapers, including the local ones, rewriting the releases as necessary so as to emphasize local participation to ensure local publication.

Those present will seek to recruit additional members; membership cards and dues are to be sent to the president, Dr. Lawrence, and donations to the organization should go directly to the treasurer, Dr. Bernstein. It was agreed that a first task would be to raise \$300 to buy the film, \$30 from each of those present, so it could be shown easily. Many donated on the spot. After the print has been obtained, Dr. George Popkin will co-ordinate its scheduling.

Dr. Lehrman pointed out that showing the film alone might have a counter-productive psychological effect: of raising viewers' anxieties which could then turn to numbness, and immobility, if specific responsive actions did not follow. It was agreed that each showing would have a speaker prepared to suggest specific organizational action people could take. While federal regulations for tax-exempt status might limit slightly, this was not considered a significant impediment.

The meeting adjourned at 10 pm; the president will call the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted, *N. Lehrman*  
Secretary