Juvenile Welfare Board Meeting: 1951: 01: 11: Minutes

Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.
The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mrs. Bartlett. Others attending were Mrs. Holland, Judge Marshall, Mrs. Meador, Mrs. Strickland, and Mr. Wick. Also attending was Mr. Henry Belcher, former Board member; also Dr. Williams.

The minutes of the December 14th meeting were approved as read.

Judge Marshall moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion to approve expenditures as covered by Checks #1914 - 1940 inclusive in the general operating fund, and Checks #118 - 125 inclusive in the School Counseling Service. Check #1932 was explained by the Director. The Board had approved this transfer at the beginning of October, pending receipt of tax funds in sufficient amount to meet current expenses.

The Board discussed with Mr. Patrick the proper organization and scheduling of time for his workers in reference to travel.

Judge Marshall explained the need for transporting a girl to a Catholic School in South Carolina. Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Strickland seconded a motion that the Board pay expenses from transporting the girl to this school. The motion carried.

After some discussion regarding future plans and needs in the light of the world, national, and local picture, Judge Marshall moved and Mrs. Strickland seconded a motion that the following statement be released to the newspapers as an explanation of the intentions of the Board at this time regarding legislation. (Copy in Files)

In a discussion of the activities report, the Board came to the conclusion that the reports needed more personalized case history material to accompany the statistical data now being submitted to the Board. It was suggested that the members of the Board have difficulty in explaining to the public the nature of the work unless they have concrete vitalized material for presentation. It was agreed that the various agencies would be asked to submit some case histories in brief form; to report on the kind of cases being served by their agencies; and to explain briefly why cases were closed. It was also suggested that they give reports on what takes place in a home visit, interview, etc.

It was suggested that a representative from the Child Guidance Clinic be asked to meet with the Board and discuss the kind of cases which they accept and the restrictions now obtaining with reference to accepting referrals.

Mr. W. Henry Belcher was presented with the first Service Award for his service to the Board. Judge Marshall presented the award for the Board with a short speech of presentation, and Mr. Belcher accepted with expressions of appreciation.

The School Counseling Service reports for the months of October, November, and December were accepted and approved.

Dr. Williams reported that the United Churches had stated that they could not continue contributing the $1,500 annually toward Dr. Voorhis's salary in connection with counseling for home and family life, after March of this year.

A letter from the County Attorney setting forth the basis on which the millage was levied in 1949-50 and 1950-51 was read, and his interpretation of Section 3 of the Act was discussed by the Board. It was suggested that Mr. Cooperman be asked for his opinion in regard to this matter.
It was suggested that the Budget Board be informed of what had taken place in connection with this difficulty about the millage levied and the deficit incurred resulting from the failure of the Board of County Commissioners to levy the complete millage as required by law.

Dr. Williams reported on his contacts with the papers in reference to recent publicity.

There was some discussion of legislation which needs to be brought to the attention of the legislative delegation, and the Director was requested to get more information in regard to this legislation.

The Board set January 25th in the Courthouse in Clearwater as the date for the next meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Meador