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Minutes of January 26, 1950

Minutes of meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board held in the Court House, Clearwater, Florida, at 9:30 a.m., January 26, 1950. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holland with the following members present: Mrs. Mailande Holland, Mrs. Marguerite Bartlett, Mr. Floyd Christian, Mr. Henry Belcher, and Mr. Alfred P. Marshall: also Dr. Herbert D. Williams, director of the Board of Juvenile Welfare.

Minutes of the meeting of January 5, 1950 were read and approved.

It was reported that Dorothy Doremus, for whom the board had previously accepted financial responsibility, had returned to her home; that Alex Zumberis, for whom the board had previously accepted responsibility, had now been admitted to the Florida Farm Colony, Gainesville, Florida; that the lease agreement with the Pressley’s had been signed and that improvements on the house are now underway; that a joint meeting of the Child Guidance Clinic and the Juvenile Welfare Board had been set for February 2, 1950 in St. Petersburg.

Assistant Probation Officer Leonard Summers reviewed and gave a very interesting presentation of a change of custody case which he had recently handled.

Chief Probation Officer Edward E. Patrick appeared before the board to discuss the policy of handling runaway children. After a full discussion of this matter, it was moved by Mr. Christian, seconded by Mrs. Bartlett, and carried that the determination of the method of handling each runaway case be left to the discretion of the probation staff and the Juvenile Judge.

It was moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Christian, and carried, that the salary of Mrs. LaVoie be raised to $200.00 a month effective February 1, 1950.

It was moved by Mr. Christian, seconded by Mrs. Bartlett, and carried that a letter of appreciation be prepared by the director of the board and mailed to Dr. Paney for the many beneficial services which he has rendered to the youth of Pinellas County and to the efforts of this board.

It was moved by Mr. Christian, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and carried, that the expenses as listed in the agenda be approved.

Dr. Williams then discussed with the board plans of Future Floridians for raising funds to establish a recreation center in Bartlett Park, St. Petersburg, Florida. The Board agreed that Dr. Williams be permitted to render this group his services in a supervisory capacity.

Dr. Williams discussed the plans of Dorcas Chapter of W.C.T.U. to hold a music festival in St. Petersburg for the purpose of raising funds to build a home for employed colored girls. The Board felt that such a program would be of value and agreed that board members give individual aid where possible.
Applicants for case worker for the court to take the place of Mrs. Dame and for a psychologist to be used in the school program sponsored by the Board, were received. No definite action was taken thereon.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, same was adjourned.

Alfred P. Marshall