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Meeting of October 30, 1952
Held in Clearwater

Present were Mrs. Strickland, chairman; Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Christian, Judge Gardiner, Mr. Parry, and Dr. Williams, Director.

Motion: Mrs. Holland moved that Commissioner Sidney Parry be elected secretary of the Juvenile Welfare Board. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Jackson and carried, with Mr. Parry casting a negative vote.

The minutes of the meeting of October 9, 1952 were approved as submitted to the Board membership by mail.

Motion: Mrs. Bartlett made a motion that the certificates of appointment to membership on the Board, presented by Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson and Mrs. John Strickland, be accepted with appreciation for their willingness to serve on the Board, and that the Director be authorized to draw checks in the amount of $10 each to the Secretary of State for the payment of these certificates. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Holland and carried.

Judge Gardiner discussed several of the Juvenile Court cases with the Board and pointed out the difficulty being faced by the Court due to the temporary closing to new admissions of the Florida Industrial School for Boys. There is an accumulation of four boys in the city and county jails awaiting admission to the Boys Industrial School. After some discussion, the Board suggested that Commissioner Parry visit the city jail in St. Petersburg and determine what provision is being made for the use of the boys' time while in jail, and bring back to the Board a report of conditions for the Board's consideration.

Motion: Judge Gardiner made a motion that the Board go on record expressing its deep appreciation for the faithful, earnest, and outstanding service of Mrs. Bartlett as chairman of the Board for the past two years. Mrs. Strickland seconded this motion. The Board also expressed its appreciation to Mrs. Strickland for her very efficient work as secretary of the Board. Mrs. Holland seconded the motion and both motions were passed.

Motion: Mrs. Bartlett moved that expenditures as covered by checks No. 2860 - 2877 in the General Operating Account, and No. 327 - 330 in the In-School Counseling Account be approved for payment. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion which carried.

Dr. Williams reported that the Load of Foster Home cases did not increase as much during this past year as had been expected so that the budget allocation for foster home cases was not completely exhausted. The increase in population had not been accompanied by the expected increase in the number of children needing care. He believed that this fortunate condition has been due to more adequate, prompt case work service in families before complete break-down occurred requiring foster care of children.

The year-end financial reports were examined by the Board and explained by the Director.
Motion: Agreement Between School Psychologist and In-School Counseling Service sponsored by the Juvenile Welfare Board and the Junior League, Mr. Christian moved that the Agreement as to Relationships Between In-School Counseling Service and School Psychologist, and the Revised Tentative Plan for Extended School Counseling Service during this school year be approved as presented by the Director. Mrs. Jackson seconded this motion which carried, Mrs. Bartlett dissenting.

A letter from Dr. Rothermel regarding the admission of children of Christian Scientists to day nurseries without physical examinations and immunization procedures as provided by Senate Bill 602 licensing day nurseries was read. After some discussion, Judge Gardiner moved that the Board concur in the opinion expressed by Dr. Rothermel regarding the desirability for retaining the law in its present form. Mr. Christian seconded the motion which carried. The Director was asked to write a letter to the Christian Science representative informing him of the action of the Board.

There was discussion of the need for separating the offices of the School Psychologist and the In-School Counseling Service and of the further need for working out a different arrangement regarding the use of secretarial time. Mr. Christian and Dr. Williams were directed to bring back to the Board a report of their conference with the staff of the two services for consideration by the Board.

The Board adjourned until the next meeting, November 13, 1952, in Clearwater.

Sidney S. Parry
Secretary