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Meeting of January 8, 1953

Held In Clearwater

Present were Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Jackson, Superintendent Christian, Judge Gardiner, Commissioner Parry, Secretary, and Dr. Williams, Director. In the absence of Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. Holland served as chairman pro tem.

Judge Gardiner showed members of the Board a beautiful new Bible presented to the Juvenile Court by Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson. The Bible was appropriately inscribed by Mrs. Jackson. The Judge and the Board expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Jackson for the gift.

The minutes of the December 11 meeting were read and were approved with one correction which had resulted from an omission in the next to the last paragraph of the minutes. The motion on boarding home rates should have read "other boarding home rates be increased on a sliding scale not to exceed \$15 per week."

Dr. Williams reported that discussions had been held with newsstand material distributors, and that the one for Florida had agreed to remove objectionable literature from the stands.

Motion:

Obscene
Literature

After general discussion, Mr. Christian moved that the Director secure from the National Organization for Decent Literature a list of objectionable material which should be eliminated from newsstand distribution, and that this be used tentatively as a standard for literature considered objectionable. The motion further directed the Director to look into the situation regarding the desirability of having a local committee which would take some responsibility for reducing the distribution and sale of obscene literature. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jackson and carried.

The Director reported that Mrs. Rosamond Allen, caseworker for In-School Counseling, had been added to the staff as of the first of January. This action was approved at the December Board meeting. He also reported that the Junior League had approved at a proper Board meeting the use of some of the contributed Junior League Funds.

The Director reported on Elaine Johnson, who has been unable to adjust either in her own home or in a foster home, and stated that the Children's Service Bureau and the Court Worker had recommended that she be placed in a boarding school. After seeing the girl, he concurred in this recommendation. Contact has been made and admission secured in the Florida Christian Academy at Boca Raton.

Motion:

School Financing
Elaine Johnson

Mr. Christian moved that the Board approve payment for her transportation to the school, and for her tuition at the school. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion which carried.

Motion: Mrs. Jackson moved that expenditures covered by checks No. 2938 to 2966 in the General Operating Account, and checks
Expenditures No. 344 to 350 in the School Counseling Account be approved for payment. Mr. Christian seconded the motion which carried.

The financial statement for December was discussed. It was noticed that the Board is keeping within its budget on all items of expenditures.

Dr. Williams gave figures and disbursements on the number of children in foster home care. He reported 8 children with the Children's Service Bureau, and 39 with the Child Welfare Unit for a total expenditure of \$2,315.12 during December.

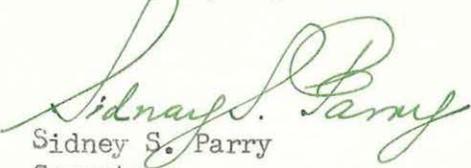
The Secretary read letters which were sent to Mrs. Bartlett and Mr. Summers expressing regret at their resignations. It was suggested that the service awards be given at a public meeting with representatives from other groups and the press present. The January 22 meeting was chosen for this occasion and it was agreed to hold the meeting in the County Building in St. Petersburg. The Director is to make necessary contacts and Judge Gardiner is to secure suitable space for the meeting.

An invitation from the American Public Welfare Association to Dr. Williams to accept membership on the Southeastern Regional Conference Committee was read.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved that the Director be permitted to attend
Director to a meeting of this Committee in Atlanta with expenses paid by
Atlanta the Board. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Jackson and carried.

Dr. Williams reported on a group of parents of defective children who have organized in St. Petersburg for the purpose of securing help for the children in the form of consultation and training. He stated that there has been a spontaneous development of these groups in many sections of the country and that they have been successful in some places in securing help. In the discussion, it was brought out that many of these children are not educable in the commonly accepted meaning of the term, but that most of them are trainable so far as habit patterns are concerned. It was also suggested that a program designed to help the parents of defective children might reduce the number of them needing to be committed to the State school for defectives and that outside help would be more economical than institutional help.

The next meeting of the Board, at which the award certificates will be presented, will be in St. Petersburg on January 22, to which other agency representatives and the press will be invited.


 Sidney S. Parry
 Secretary