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Meeting of February 12, 1953
Held in Clearwater

Present were Mrs. Strickland, chairman; Commissioner Parry, secretary; Superintendent Christian; Judge Gardiner; Mrs. Holland; and Dr. Williams, Director.

The minutes of the meeting of January 22 were read and approved.

Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Strickland drew the attention of the members of the Board to the fact that Dr. Williams had completed five years service with the Board.

Mrs. Strickland mentioned the fact that the Independent, which has wide distribution in upper Pinellas, has not had good coverage of Juvenile Welfare Board meetings. It was pointed out that this was in part due to the fact that the meetings ran over the noon deadline for the Independent. The Secretary was instructed to keep the Independent posted on what was happening.

The Board discussed the status of Mrs. Harris's appointment as a member of the Board. She has been recommended to the Governor for appointment.

Motion: Expenditures
Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion to approve expenditures covered by checks No. 2983 to 3006 in the General Operating Account, and checks 356 through 363 in the In-School Counseling Account. Motion carried.

Dr. Williams informed the Board that its budget had to be submitted to the Budget Board by March 1, 1953. It was tentatively agreed that the Juvenile Welfare Board budget would continue to carry Mrs. Dame, Project Supervisor of In-School Counseling, her travel expenses, and the office expenses of the project. Mr. Christian promised to include in his budget the salaries and travel expenses of the two social workers. He also promised to continue the salary of the secretary for the In-School Counseling project. The unexpended balance of the present budget in Psychological Services will be carried over as a part of the 1953-54 budget of In-School Counseling. The Junior League has agreed to this.

Mrs. Strickland asked about the replacement for Leonard Summers, and Dr. Williams stated that he had written to the Atlanta School where Mr. Summers was trained and had requested information about possible candidates.

Judge Gardiner told about the emergency situation in the Juvenile Court regarding the need for replacement of Mr. Patrick and Mr. Summers. Judge Gardiner read a resolution (see copy attached) commending the faithful service of Edward E. Patrick to the City of St. Petersburg and the County of Pinellas over many years.

Motion: Resolution on Patrick
After considerable discussion, Judge Gardiner moved the adoption of the resolution eliminating the paragraph on the retention of Edward E. Patrick. Mr. Christian seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Director requested the Board to increase the salary of Rosanne Hagadorn, secretary.

Motion: Salary increase for Hagadorn
After discussion, Mrs. Holland moved that the salary of Rosanne Hagadorn be increased by $10 a month beginning February 15. Mr. Parry seconded the motion which carried.
Judge Gardiner submitted a letter to him from Miss Margaret Lovely regarding her dissatisfaction with the proposed interim increase in pay for her as acting chief counselor. Judge Gardiner explained in detail the need for appointing Miss Lovely as acting chief counselor and his desire to give some token recognition to the increased responsibility which Miss Lovely would be required to carry. The Director pointed out that funds were made available for this emergency situation by the Board of County Commissioners in their allocation of an additional $3000 to the Juvenile Court Budget and that the Judge would seem to have discretion in regard to the use of these funds for meeting the emergency created by Mr. Patrick's illness. The Juvenile Welfare Board pays the regular salary of Miss Lovely and Judge Gardiner indicated that he would take care of the additional compensation from the fund allocated.

Judge Gardiner and Dr. Williams told of finding a temporary replacement for Leonard Summers in the person of Vincent W. Mancuso but that because of the temporary nature of the job, it was necessary to pay Mr. Mancuso at the rate of $3600 a year in place of the $3400 being paid Mr. Summers. There was also the matter of some overlapping during Leonard Summers' vacation. The Director indicated that funds could be found in Vacation and Emergency Help and in Other Services and Emergencies to make up the difference for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion: Judge Gardiner moved and Mr. Parry seconded the motion that Mr. Vincent W. Mancuso be given a limited temporary appointment as assistant counselor at $300 a month effective February 9. Motion carried.

The Director reported that the Children's Service Bureau was carrying 7 children in Foster Homes who were being supported in part or entirely by the Juvenile Welfare Board. He also reported that the Child Welfare Unit had 37 children in foster homes as of the end of January. These children had received 1066 days of care which were paid for in whole or in part by the Juvenile Welfare Board.

The Director reported that Peggy Johnson had been returned at the end of January from the Florida Christian Academy because of her failure to adjust there.

The Director told the Board of receiving a list of publications disapproved by the National Organization of Decent Literature and stated that he had written for additional copies for use.

Dr. Williams reported on proceedings at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Public Welfare Association and told of the interest expressed there in the "Pinellas Plan" for Juvenile Welfare Services. He stated that he had been asked to organize a program on Community Teamwork in Meeting Welfare Problems for the Southeastern Regional Meeting in Jacksonville on September 30.

A letter was read from the Florida State University Dean of the School of Social Work. Dean Coyle E. Moore expressed the University's appreciation for the cooperation given by the Board and the School Counseling Project in training field work students in the graduate school of social work.

Dr. Williams again brought up the need for Homemakers in connection with the service to children in the County. The Board expressed its desire to have $3600 included in the Juvenile Welfare Board Budget for this service during the coming year.
A report from Miss lovely regarding the need for boarding school placement of Walter Williams in The Southern School at Camp Hill, Alabama was read.

Motion: School Placement Walter Williams

After discussion, Judge Gardiner moved and Mrs. Holland seconded the motion that the Juvenile Welfare Board underwrite the cost of board, room, and tuition for Walter at The Southern School at Camp Hill, Alabama with the understanding that the Court would require the parents to repay to the Board such amounts as the family could pay for his education.

It was reported that the cost of registration, books, and other incidentals was $55 and the regular board and room rate was $40 a month.

Motion: Adjournment

Mrs. Holland moved and Commissioner Parry seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned until the fourth Thursday in February. Motion carried.

Sidney S. Parry
Secretary
JOINT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Edward E. Patrick has served the City of St. Petersburg and the County of Pinellas, State of Florida, as a pioneer Traunt Officer, Probation Officer, Assistant Counselor, and Chief Counselor of the Juvenile Court; and

WHEREAS, Edward E. Patrick has for more than twenty-six years trained, treated, corrected and rehabilitated innumerable adults, parents, and children, immeasurably benefiting this community; and

WHEREAS, Edward E. Patrick has been a faithful, loyal and trusted public employee who gave unstintingly of self to the degree of sacrificing his own personal fortunes for the benefit of needy and dependent children throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Edward E. Patrick is one of those rare humble public servants who has devotedly and unselfishly helped a great number of underprivileged youth of the community; and

WHEREAS, Edward E. Patrick has been a tremendous influence in the making of this community as a better place in which to live, even to the extent of requiring personal sacrifice of his good wife and family.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the members of the Board of Juvenile Welfare, joined by the Judge of the Juvenile Court and the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County,

DO HEREBY RESOLVE that we go on record as expressing our deep and sincere appreciation for the many faithful years of public service, energy and time, above and beyond that ordinarily required in working with Juvenile Citizens; setting a high standard which others serving in a like station will find most difficult to attain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Juvenile Welfare, the Juvenile Court and the Board of County Commissioners in and for Pinellas County, Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Florida.

PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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