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Minutes of November 13, 1951 Meeting.

Present were Mrs. Bartlett, Chairman, Mr. Christian, Mrs. Strickland, and Judge Gardiner. Also present was Dr. Williams, Director.

The minutes of the October 11 meeting were read, discussed, and approved.

Dr. Williams reported on a meeting with the Upper Pinellas County Ministerial Association at which the Ministerial Association suggested that it would be better for their churches to try to develop a system of providing baby-sitters for parents in need of such services rather than to develop a nursery. He reported that the Executive Secretary of the United Churches of Greater St. Petersburg had told him that arrangements have been completed for the First Avenue Methodist Church to open a nursery on Saturday nights where parents may leave their infants by making reservations. The YWCA has also arranged for parents to bring the children to the building where they will be cared for during recreation periods of the parents.

Dr. Williams reported that the Florida Board of Control of State Institutions had been contacted by Senator Baynard in reference to the Mongoloid Child in which the Board has been interested, and that the Coordinator had written requesting help from the Juvenile Welfare Board. Dr. Williams reported that Mr. Lee, the Coordinator, was informed of the plans made for the child. Mr. Lee expressed his gratitude. It will not be necessary to carry out these plans as the baby died Saturday, November 10.

Upon motion by Judge Gardiner and seconded by Mrs. Strickland, approval was given for expenditures covered by checks 2346-2392 in the General Operating Fund and checks 226-238 inclusive in the School Counseling Fund. This motion was passed by the Board.

Mr. Christian moved and Judge Gardiner seconded a motion to set aside in a Special Trustee Fund the monies received as contributions for special purposes to comply with the suggestion of the State Auditor. This motion passed unanimously.

The Director recommended that the Director, Mrs. Dame, and Mr. Summers be authorized to attend the Florida Conference of Social Welfare at Miami Beach with expenses paid. Judge Gardiner moved and Mr. Christian seconded a motion to this effect and it was carried by the Board.

The Director informed the Board of a request from the Commissioner of Welfare of the State of Georgia and the Regional Director of the U. S. Children's Bureau that he make a study of the child welfare situation of the State of Georgia for the purpose of improving present practices and procedures. The Board expressed its willingness to have Dr. Williams carry out this assignment if, in his opinion, it seemed advisable to do so.

Mr. Christian made a motion which was seconded by Judge Gardiner and carried that contributions be made from the special trustee fund to the special Christmas fund in St. Petersburg and in Tarpon Springs, not to exceed \$50.00 for each place. The arrangements are to be made by the Director.



Mr. Christian moved and Judge Gardiner seconded a motion that the \$171.00 given to the Juvenile Welfare Board for recreational equipment be donated to the Bartlett Park Youth Center to purchase equipment, if such equipment is needed.

Dr. Williams, upon request of the Chairman, Mrs. Bartlett, reported on his meetings with the Visiting Teachers, and Mr. Christian reported that the visiting teachers were well pleased with the success of these bi-monthly meetings.

Judge Gardiner agreed to accept membership on the Board of the Child Guidance Clinic.

The Director gave the Board preliminary copies of the Fourth Annual Report to be read by the Board members and approved not later than Thursday, approval to be sent to the Juvenile Welfare Board Office. The Introduction and the Objectives sections were read and approved by the Board.

Mrs. Bartlett asked for suggestions as to names for membership to the Advisory Committees to the Juvenile Welfare Board. In the discussion that followed, it was agreed that the three committees as presently organized, namely the Legislative, Personnel, and Public Relations Committees, be continued with the present members remaining as members of these committees, except for those no longer representing the educational institutions due to graduation. This would apply, of course, to the student members of the Committees.

The Director reported on his weekly and by-weekly meetings with the School Counseling staff and the work of this organization.

Judge Gardiner explained the need of court orders for foster parents for their protection and the protection of the children in cases of dependency. This was emphasized as necessary in those cases where unstable, neglectful, or cruel parents are involved.

The inter-agency agreement between the Juvenile Welfare Board and the District #4 Welfare Board was discussed. Judge Gardiner moved and Mr. Christian seconded the motion that the agreement as submitted be approved and the chairman authorized to sign for the Board. This motion carried. (See copy in File)

It was agreed to hold the next meeting in Clearwater on Thursday, November 29.

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