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Meeting of February 11, 1954
Held in Clearwater

Present: Mrs. Harrison, Chairman; Mr. Parry, Secretary; Mrs. Holland; Mrs. Jackson; Mrs. Strickland; Mr. Christian; and the Director, Dr. Herbert D. Williams.

Upon request of the Chairman, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Holland presided.

There being no corrections, the Minutes of the January 28, 1954 meeting were approved as submitted to the membership by mail.

Motion:
Expenditures

Mrs. Strickland moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion that the expenditures as listed for February 15, 1954 in checks #3413 through #3430 in the General Operating Account and checks #444 and #445 in the In-School Counseling Account be approved for payment. The motion carried.

The Board expressed its sympathy to Mr. Parry on the recent loss of his brother.

The financial statement covering the period October 1, 1953 through January 31, 1954 was discussed in some detail with special emphasis on the Foster Homes item. The Director reported the danger of a real deficit unless collections from parents and relatives could be reduced, or some combination of these two items, with a closing of intake, could bring about reduced expenditures.

Mr. Christian pointed out that there has been a tremendous increase in the number of children in the county in the past five years, and that a ceiling established on the basis of the child population in 1949 would, of necessity, be inadequate for 1954.

Mrs. Mildred B. Mount, Supervisor of Child Welfare Unit, State Department of Public Welfare, District #4, discussed the situation in reference to foster home care needs and the difficulty of returning some of the children to parents or relatives. She explained some of the procedures in sending children to other states and the need for placing some children for adoption rather than continuing foster home care for them.

Mr. Parry complimented Mrs. Mount's report as highly informative and intelligently presented.

Mr. Parry reported that the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Juvenile Welfare and Delinquency expects to report soon.

The Activities Reports of the Director, the Child Welfare Unit, Child Guidance Clinic, and the Children's Service Bureau for December were discussed. In this connection, the quality of staff in the social agencies was described as being exceptionally good in terms of training, personality, and experience.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the Board will be held on February 25, 1954 in Clearwater.

Sidney S. Parry
Secretary