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Minutes of November 10, 1949

The Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board held its regular meeting on November 10, 1949 in Clearwater at 9:40 a.m. These members were present: Mrs. Holland, Judge Marshall, Mr. Belcher, Mrs. Bartlett, also Director Williams.

The minutes of October 27 were approved.

Motion: Bills amounting to $2,584.30 were presented. These were moved by Mr. Belcher to be paid. Mrs. Bartlett seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Williams reported on several matters: (1) that the owners of the detention home for boys were doing all they could financially towards making certain additions and improvements and that the Board could speed matters up by advancing them money; (2) that an underprivileged girl recently sponsored by the Board at Montverde School was making a good adjustment; (3) that there were many inquiries for his "Understanding the Problem Child" course which starts November 18; (4) that he has met with the United Churches committee concerning their providing a part-time psychologist to take over the marriage and family counseling; (5) that the Junior League had voted $3,000 a year for three years for a part-time psychologist for the preventive project in the schools.

Dr. Williams brought to the Board the recommendation of the Personnel Committee for the position of negro probation officer and social worker attached to the Court. The person selected was Leonard Summers of Macon, Georgia.

Motion: Judge Marshall moved that the Board employ Leonard Summers for this position on a six-months' probationary period at a salary of $225 a month, services to begin as early as possible. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Miss Lovely, member of the staff, presented the case of a girl to show how a worker cooperates with other agencies in determining action to be taken in handling a case. She also pointed out other facilities needed in certain cases.

Representatives of the Child Guidance Clinic appeared before the Board to present immediate needs of the Clinic. They were: Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. McGeachy, Mrs. Gould, Miss Frances Belcher, Mr. Schleman, Mr. McAdams, and Dr. Haney. They asked the Board to make up the deficit they were facing of about $1,600 for the balance of the calendar year, though they still hoped to obtain a small amount of this from other sources. It was pointed out that
the Board had given them $1,700 of its last year's budget and had included a $6,000 item for them in this year's budget. Dr. Williams suggested giving them $1,000 to carry them over this year. Judge Marshall said that he could not see how the Board could include an item of $4,000 they wanted for their budget of next year, because this Board's budget had already been accepted. No action was taken. The Clinic invited a member of the Board to be a member of the Clinic's Board and Budget Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45.