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Minutes of August 28, 1952

Held in Clearwater

Present were Mrs. Bartlett, Chairman; Mrs. Strickland, Secretary; Mrs. Meador and Judge Gardiner. Dr. Williams, director, was also present.

There being no corrections, the minutes of the July 10 meeting were approved as submitted to the members of the Board by mail.

Judge Gardiner moved and Mrs. Meador seconded a motion that expenditures as shown by general operating fund checks 2730 - 2785 inclusive, and checks in the In-School Counseling fund 316 and 317 be approved. The motion carried.

After some discussion of a request by Mrs. Menabelle G. Dame for the Board to partially finance Sandra Shelton in the Montverde School (Amended September 11, 1952 to Florida Christian Academy), the following motion was passed:

Judge Gardiner moved and Mrs. Meador seconded the motion that Sandra Shelton be helped through the first semester by making available tuition and Board at the rate of $63 a month; that the case be reviewed at the end of the first semester with the idea of continuing to help Sandra through the second school term in this school year if her conduct and scholarship records are found to be satisfactory. The motion carried.

Dr. Williams read a letter from the Children's Service Bureau requesting assistance in the support of Howard, Carol and Virginia Johnson in foster care. The father's whereabouts are unknown and the mother is unable to finance the children completely. Judge Gardiner moved and Mrs. Meador seconded a motion that the Board assist in the support of the Johnson children not to exceed $172 for 90 days from the time of the application, July 14. The motion carried. At the end of each month the Director will report regarding developments in this case.

A discussion of the July financial statement brought out the fact that the Juvenile Welfare Board is operating without any deficit in any item in its budget as of July 31.

The Board entered into a discussion of the June and July activities reports of the Director and of the various agencies which co-operate with and are assisted by the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Dr. Williams reported that the number of children in foster care has risen during the past two months and now exceeds the average number which can be carried full time under budgeted Foster Home Care funds. He pointed out, however, that there has been some accumulation of funds in the previous months of the year and that the Board can anticipate no deficit for the remainder of this fiscal year in the boarding home or foster home funds. Judge Gardiner reported that one girl who has been under the care of the Board for some years off and on has now been transferred to Fort Lauderdale where the mother lives and where she is expecting to support the child in foster care.
After some discussion about the need for Homemaker Service as a way of keeping children with their parents and avoiding foster home placement and expense, the Board authorized the Director to call a meeting of interested agency executives to discuss the possibility of developing a program of Homemaker Service in Pinellas County to meet the needs of children in families temporarily deprived of the presence of the mother in the home during illness, emergency employment, or for other reasons, and where the family is unable to secure the assistance of relatives or domestics to provide needed care. Judge Gardiner moved and Mrs. Meador seconded a motion authorizing the Director to proceed with this plan. Motion carried.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Board will be held on the second Thursday of September if a sufficient number of the members of the Board can attend.

Kathleen Strickland