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The regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board was held in Clearwater on March 24, 1955.

Present: Mrs. Baya Harrison, Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary; Mr. Floyd T. Christian; Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson; and the Director, Dr. Herbert D. Williams.

The minutes of the March 3, 1955 meeting were approved as submitted to the membership by mail.

Motion: Mrs. Jackson moved and Mr. Christian seconded a motion, which carried, that expenditures for March 15 and March 30, 1955 as listed under checks #3909 through #3952 in the General Operating Account; checks #495 through #500 in the In-School Counseling Account; and check #21 in the Trustee Account be approved for payment.

The financial reports for the first six months of the fiscal year were discussed and it was pointed out that the foster care funds are overspent by $1,955.59 at the end of March.

A report of children in foster care for February showed 82 children in foster care during the month for a total of 2431 days at a total cost of $4,508.85

Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Harrison reported on the Legislative Hearing held in Clearwater on March 7, 1955.

A report from the Children's Service Bureau on the development and progress of Howard Johnson and Johnnie Brodnax was read to the Board.

A report from the Juvenile Court on the two Hall children was summarized by the Director.

Motion: Mr. Christian seconded a motion that the Juvenile Welfare Board continue support of the two children at the same rate for ninety days and then have another report from the Juvenile Court as to their progress. The motion carried.

The Director reported on a request from the Florida Probation and Parole Association to participate in a meeting to be held in Gainesville on May 9-10, 1955. He has also been requested to attend the Florida Conference of Social Welfare being held in Miami on May 11-13, and the Florida Psychological Association meeting in Orlando on April 28-29, 1955.

Motion: Mrs. Jackson moved that the Director be authorized to attend these meetings at the expense of the Board. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion, which carried.

The Director also reported on the Southern Regional Conference of Pre-School Children at Chattanooga on April 28-30, 1955 and requested approval for Mrs. Terrill to attend this conference, at the Board's expense.
Motion: Mrs. Christian moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion that Mrs. Terrill be sent to this conference. The motion carried. 

A clipping from the Times reporting on praise of Pinellas County's Youth Program by the U.S. Senate Sub-Committee to Investigate Juvenile Delinquency was read.

Activities Reports for February from the Director, Child Welfare Unit, Children's Service Bureau, and the Child Guidance Clinic were discussed.

The Board decided to schedule its April meetings for April 7 and April 21, 1955 and its first meeting in May on May 5 and the second on the fourth Thursday, May 26, 1955.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Kathleen E. Strickland
Secretary