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The regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board was held in Clearwater on December 16, 1954.

Present: Mrs. Baya Harrison, Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary pro tem; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson; Mr. Floyd T. Christian; and the Director, Dr. Herbert D. Williams; also present, Juvenile Judge-Elect, Mr. Charles O. Parks, Jr.

The Board welcomed Mr. Parks and expressed the hope that it would be possible for him to attend all meetings. Mr. Parks stated that he would attend whenever possible.

The minutes of the November 18, 1954 meeting were approved as submitted to the membership by mail.

Motion: Expenditures
Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion that expenditures as listed under checks #3775 through #3816 in the General Operating Account and checks #374 through #379 in the In-School Counseling Account be approved for payment. The motion carried.

The financial reports for November were explained by the Director and discussed by the members of the Board.

There was discussion of the reports of children in foster care and it was brought out that the November expenditures were slightly in excess of one-twelfth of the total budget.

A letter from Juvenile Judge-Elect Parks to the Juvenile Welfare Board was read and ordered filed.

Dr. Williams reported on a gift from the Needlework Guild of America, St. Petersburg Branch, to the children in foster homes and read a letter addressed to the Needlework Guild expressing the appreciation of the Child Welfare Unit and the Juvenile Welfare Board.

A letter from the president of the Florida Council of Juvenile Judges extending an invitation to the Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board to participate in the program at Jacksonville on February 24, 1955 was read.

Motion: Dr. Williams' attendance at meeting in Jacksonville
Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion that the Director be authorized to attend this meeting with expenses paid by the Juvenile Welfare Board and that the regular meeting date on February 24th be changed to make this possible. The motion carried.

Mr. Christian spoke of a meeting he had attended at which Mr. Al Block was a speaker on the subject of mental health in Florida. He suggested that Mr. Block be invited to speak before a group in Pinellas and that the Juvenile Welfare Board sponsor a meeting of interested groups sometime in January at which Mr. Block would be invited to address the groups. Dr. Williams is to make the arrangements.

Letters in response to the Short Seventh Annual Report were reported on by the Director.
The complete Seventh Annual Report was discussed and suggestions made as to changes. Following this,

Motion: Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion that the report be approved for release with suggested changes included.
Approval of Seventh Annual Report

The motion carried.

The Director was complimented on the excellent job of compiling the report.

In discussing legislative action necessary in the interest of meeting Pinellas County children's needs, the Director was requested to get in touch with the Legislative Delegation and ask for a hearing, at which time the recommendations of the Juvenile Welfare Board could be presented. It was also suggested that Mr. Cooperman be asked to draft a bill to accompany the presentation of the legislative recommendations.

The Juvenile Court reports for October were presented and discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until the second Thursday in January, January 13, 1955.

Kathleen E. Strickland
Secretary pro tem