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Meeting of February 8, 1951

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bartlett at 9:30 a.m. in the County Building, St. Petersburg, Florida, with the following members present: Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. Holland, Mr. Wick, Judge Marshall. Dr. Williams, Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board was also present.

Minutes of the meeting of January 25, 1951 were approved as mailed to the members.

It was moved by Mrs. Holland, seconded by Mrs. Strickland and carried that expenditures from General Funds represented by checks #1962 - 1980 inclusive and from the School Counseling Fund represented by checks #133 to #138 inclusive be approved.

Dr. Williams reported that he had attended a meeting yesterday of the Board of County Commissioners and various county agencies regarding establishing a central purchasing agency and that he had reported that the Juvenile Welfare Board, though purchasing very little, would be quite willing to cooperate in any such program.

Dr. Penningroth and Mr. Rivkind of the Child Guidance Clinic appeared before the Board to outline the general nature of their work, the Clinic's financial structure and its future plans.

Dr. Williams reported that as of January 30, 1951 there were 28 dependent children on the rolls of the Child Welfare Unit and that during December 1950 there were 10 dependent children on the rolls of the Children's Service Bureau for which the Juvenile Welfare Board is financially responsible.

Mrs. Bartlett reported that a meeting of the Special Legislative Advisory Committee had been held in the Courthouse in Clearwater last Tuesday evening and that at the meeting many matters of legislative interest were discussed. At the conclusion of her report it was agreed that the Juvenile Welfare Board advocate and support the following:

1. That the Legislature of Florida at its 1951 session make plans and provisions for activating the completed section of the Fort Hill school, which is designed for a negro girl's school, for the reason that there is a great need for such a school at this time.

2. That the 1951 session of the Florida Legislature give careful consideration to enlarging the facilities of the Florida Farm Colony at Gainesville which are now most inadequate.

3. That the 1951 session of the Florida Legislature give thought and consideration to amending the liquor laws of Florida, protecting children against being taken into bars or other similar places where intoxicating liquors are sold or consumed.

4. That the 1951 session of the Florida Legislature be urged to pass the Juvenile Court bill which has recently been prepared by a special committee headed by Mr. Roger W. Waybright of Jacksonville.

5. That should the 1951 Legislature fail to approve such bill our Pinellas County Juvenile Court Act be amended increasing the salary of the Juvenile Court Judge to $4,500 a year plus travel allowance at the rate of 7$\frac{1}{2}$ per mile.
6. That Pinellas County legislative delegation sponsor and pass a bill providing for the licensing of homes caring for children similar to the act now in effect for Hillsborough, County.

The matter of children born and kept at the Florida State Prison in Raiford was discussed and Judge Marshall was requested to bring the matter to the Florida Children's Commission at its next meeting for their consideration.

Dr. Williams read some correspondence with the Children's Service Bureau of St. Petersburg concerning some provision for furnishing adoptive services to negro children. He was requested to continue his efforts looking toward establishing such an agency.

Dr. Williams read a letter from the Community Welfare Planning Council, Inc. of Orlando inviting him to Orlando to counsel with them on ways and means of furnishing foster or detention home care to white and negro children. Upon motion of Mrs. Holland, seconded by Mrs. Strickland and carried, Dr. Williams was authorized to go to Orlando to attend such a session and that his expenses be paid by the Juvenile Welfare Board, if, of course, they are not paid by the Orlando agency.

Mrs. Bartlett informed the Board that she was calling a meeting of the Advisory Public Relations Committee to be held in the Juvenile Court Office in the Courthouse in Clearwater on February 15th, at 3:30 p.m. and requested all Board members to attend.

Dr. Williams read some correspondence with the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding our school counseling services which indicated that they did not thoroughly understand the financial situation. He was, therefore, asked to discuss this matter further with the Superintendent.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned to meet in Clearwater on February 22nd, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred P. Marshall

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